



**Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe
Programme Office in Dushanbe**

**Capacity Building of Young Researchers from Central Asia
and Afghanistan in Water Policy Studies**

OSCE Programme Office in Dushanbe (POiD) anticipates organizing its 3rd Capacity Building Workshop for young researchers in Water Policy Studies, which aims to develop a "critical intellectual mass" of researchers and professionals in the region. POiD will organize a 7-day scientific writing course with focus on water resources management and governance issues for the most talented researchers and academics from Central Asia and Afghanistan. The training course will take place in Dushanbe, Tajikistan on 21-27 July 2019. OSCE will cover the travel costs (from within Central Asia and Afghanistan) and provide per diem for the course participants.

Background

Water resources management in Central Asia and Afghanistan is one of the major drivers of economic development in the region. Often, the research and academic community of Central Asia and Afghanistan is actively engaged in water resource management initiatives leading to relevant policy studies.

Researchers and academics are closely interacting with policy makers from national and international agencies for the development of water resources management agendas on national and regional level. A significant contribution of the research conducted by Central Asia and Afghanistan institutions is well reflected in national water policy documents and transboundary policy frameworks. However, the research and academic community is not always well equipped with the essential structural and conceptual background required for the formulation of their outputs in international fora. This sometimes entails inferior results in comparison to the efforts.

Twelve (12) promising researchers and academics, two (2) from each country of the region – including Afghanistan, who are doing their research or focusing on water-related topics will be selected to partake in the workshop based on the criteria described in Eligibility section of the announcement. The selected participants will be guided on how to write up their scientific research findings on water resources management and governance for publishing in peer reviewed journals and other means of dissemination.

Aim

The aim of the training course is the enhancement of the scientific community in Central Asia and Afghanistan in the writing up of research for policy articles related to water resources research, management and governance issues of the region. As immediate result of the training, it is aimed that the participating researchers and academics publish their existing research in a Special Issue of the Central Asian Journal of Water Research (<https://www.water-ca.org/>). In the long run, it is anticipated that the participants contribute to the regional water cooperation and establishing sustainable transboundary water polices.

Target group

The training course is intended for Central Asia and Afghanistan PhD students (докторант, аспирант), PhD fellows (соискатели на аспирантуру, докторантуру), post-doctoral fellows, assistant professors and associate professors who conduct their research in water related issues and have a strong command of English language. Twelve (12) researchers and academics in total will be nominated as follows: 2 from Tajikistan, 2 from Kyrgyzstan, 2 from Turkmenistan, 2 from Kazakhstan, 2 from Uzbekistan and 2 from Afghanistan.

Eligibility

Applicants should:

- Be officially enrolled or graduated from a Master or PhD program (аспирантура, докторантура), post-doctoral fellowship or serve as assistant professor / associate professor in any accredited university of Central Asia and Afghanistan;
- Have a strong background in development studies, policy and law science, international studies, economics, engineering, environmental sciences and agronomy or related fields while their research should focus on one of the following topics: 1) water resources governance and policy at various—international, national, sub-national and local user—levels; 2) hydrology and water resources management; 3) drainage and irrigation; 4) climate change studies and disaster risk reduction.
- Have a good command of English;
- Have conducted their research and have started the writing-up process.

Application package

- CV in English with indication of 2 referees (maximum 3 pages);
- Motivation letter in English (maximum 1 page);
- Summary of their conducted research work in English, structured in: Introduction, Material and Methods, Results and Discussion (maximum 2 pages);
- 1 published or submitted research article in journal or conference in English or Russian (Optional).

Deadline

Deadline for submission of the documents is *April 30, 2019 until 17:00*. Semifinalists will be interviewed either in person (Tajik participants) or via teleconference facilities (other participants).

How to apply

Application package as one PDF file should be sent electronically to Ms. Tahmina Jumabaeva (Tahmina.Jumabaeva@osce.org).