

ACCELERATING CLIMATE ACTION THROUGH REGIONAL COOPERATION ON WATER, ENERGY, FOOD, AND ECOSYSTEMS

Date: **19 November, 17.00-19.00**

Venue: **Blue Zone, Nasimi Room**

With English/French/Spanish/Russian/Azerbaijani interpretation

Moderator: Ms. Giovanna Valverde Stark, Minister Counsellor, Climate Change special advisor, Former Ambassador and Permanent Representative in Kenya, Costa Rica



17:00 - 17:05 **Opening Remarks**

Ms. Umayra Taghiyeva, Deputy Minister of Ecology and Natural Resources of the Republic of Azerbaijan



17:05 - 17:35 **Panel: Perspectives on regional cooperation:**

Mr. Viorel Gutu, FAO Assistant Director-General, Regional Representative for Europe and Central Asia



Mr. Dmitry Mariyasin, Deputy Executive Secretary, UNECE

Mr. Bruno Pozzi, Deputy Director, Ecosystems Division, UNEP



Mr. Stefan Uhlenbrook, Director Hydrology, Water and Cryosphere, WMO

17:35 - 18:20 **Panel: Lessons learned from cross-sectoral cooperation:**

Ms. Claudia Müller, Parliamentary State Secretary, Ministry of Food and Agriculture, Germany



Mr. Arsen Zhakanbayev, Head of the Committee of Water Management, Ministry of Water Resources and Irrigation, Kazakhstan



Mr. Rafiq Verdiyev, Deputy Head of Environmental Policy Division, Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources, Azerbaijan



Mr. Nika Gogatishvili, Senior Policy Officer, Environment and Climate Change Department, Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture, Georgia



Ms. Gisele Bortolini, General Coordinator for the Promotion of Healthy Eating, Ministry of Development and Social Assistance, Family and Fight Against Hunger, Brazil



Mr. Vinay Nangia, Research Director - Soils, Waters and Agronomy, Resilient Agri-Food Systems, International Center for Agricultural Research in the Dry Areas, Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research



18:20 - 18:25 **Final reflections**

Mr. Alisher Mamadzhanov, Multilateral Governance Senior Specialist, GCF



18:25 - 18:30 **Closing remarks**

Ms. Nigar Mammadova, Member of the Parliament of Azerbaijan, COP 29 Organizing Committee



18:30 – 19:00 Reception