

**International assembly “Caspian Dialogue, 2022”**

**Program**

**Moscow. May 11, 2022**

**full-time and remote**

**The assembly is planned in face-to face format / physical meeting (cultural center Glav UpDK of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Russia) and in online.**

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| 09:00-09:50 am | Meeting of the participants and Special guests of the international assembly. Registration of participants.  Welcome tea and coffee. |
|  | Online presentation of photographic works "The Caspian is our home" |
| 10:00-10:30 am | **oppening of the intarnational assembley** |
| **Opening speeches** | **Viktor Kalyuzhny,** Chairman of the Presidium of the Council of “Science and Innovation of the Caspian Sea”, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Russian Federation |
| **Welcome speech** (to be confirmed) | **Sergey Lavrov,** Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation |
| **Welcome speech** (to be confirmed) | **Polad Bulbul ogly, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Azerbaijan to Russia** |
| **Welcome speech** (to be confirmed) | **Kazem Jalali, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the Russian Federation** |
| **Welcome speech** (to be confirmed) | **Ermek Kosherbaev, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Kazakhstan to the Russian Federation** |
| **Welcome speech** (to be confirmed) | **Batyr Niyazliev, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Turkmenistan to the Russian Federation** |
| 10:30-12:00 am | **PLENARY SESSION**  **"CASPIAN DIALOGUE – DEVELOPMENT IN NEW REALITIES "** |
| Discussion topic | * Developmental callenges of the Caspian dialogue after the signing of the Convention on the Legal Status of the Caspian Sea * International and interregional organizations in the Caspian region * Vectors of conjugation of country’s position in Caspian region * International cooperation in the field of joint research, monitoring of natural, technogenic and geological risks, promotion of innovative technologies in the Caspian region * Discussion of new formats of the Caspian dialogue and interstate cooperation |
| Session support and co-organizers  (invited) | Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation,  Association «Science and Innovation in the Caspian Region», Diplomatic Academy of the MFA of Russia |
| Location | **Cultural center Glav UpDK of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Russia** |
| Co-moderators | **Viktor Kalyuzhny,** Chairman of the Presidium of the Council of “Science and Innovation of the Caspian Sea”, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Russian Federation  (candidate for approval) |
| Invited talks | **Mikhail Petrakov**, Special Presidential Envoy for the delimitation and demarcation of the state border of the Russian Federation with neighboring CIS member states, Head of the Russian delegation to the multilateral negotiations on the Caspian Sea |
| Speeches  (invited) | * Russian International Affairs Council * **Primakov National Research Institute of World Economy and International Relations, Russian Academy of Sciences** * Azerbaijan Diplomatic Academy under the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Azerbaijan * International Institute of Khazar Sea Studies (IIKSS) * International Institute of Energy Policy and Diplomacy of MGIMO University (MIEP MGIMO) of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation * International Scientific Complex "Astana" * Diplomatic Academy of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation * Institute of the Caspian Sea (Turkmenistan) * Astrakhan State University |
| Invited to participate in the discussion | Leaders and representatives of the teaching staff:  Baku State University, Atyrau State University, Tehran University, Institute of International Relations of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Turkmenistan, Kazakh Abylai Khan University of International Relations and World Languages, Kazan Federal University, other scientific, educational and public organizations |
| Discussion of a new initiative | Establishment of the international competition "Clean Caspian" named after V. I. Graifer |
| 12:00 am-12:30 pm | **tea and coffee break** |
| 12:00 am-12:30 pm | Online presentation of photographic works "The Caspian is our home" |
| 12:00 am-12:30 pm | Face-to-face and online negotiations of the Assembly participants |
| 12:30-14:00 pm | **International Conference**  **"Let's save the Caspian"** |
| Discussion topic | * Convention on the Legal Status of the Caspian Sea, agreements and protocols in the interests of environmental protection and conservation of biodiversity * Ecosystem of the Caspian Sea - state and new challenges * The experience of countries in the implementation of state supervision, environmental industrial monitoring, scientific and public monitoring of the state of the coastline, marine environment and biota of the Caspian Sea in conditions of a decrease in its level * Climate agenda in the development strategy of the Caspian countries * Carbon regulation in the economies of the Caspian countries * ***Discussion of the prospects for organizing joint*** marine scientific research to predict possible changes in the ecosystem of the Caspian Sea * ***Discussion of the prospects for organizing joint*** integrated multi-level environmental monitoring of natural and technogenic parameters of the Caspian Sea (seismological, tectonic, geodynamic, hydrological, environmental, meteorological, biological and technological factors) |
| Session co-organizers (invited) | Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment of the Russian Federation, A.N. Severtsov Institute of Ecology and Evolution RAS, PP Shirshov Institute of Oceanology RAS, Caspian Institute of Biological Resources RAS, GOIN (Roshydromet), Federal Agency for Fishery (Rosrybolovstvo) |
| Location | Cultural center Glav UpDK of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Russia |
| Co-moderators | **Yuri Dgebuadze**, Head of the General Biology Section of the Department of Biological Sciences of the Russian Academy of Sciences, Chairman of the Russian Committee for the UNESCO Program Man and the Biosphere, Academician of the Russian Academy of Sciences, Co-Chairman of the Presidium of the Council Science and Innovation of the Caspian Sea  **Vyacheslav Rozhnov**, scientific director of environmental and ecological projects and international programs of IPEE RAS, president of the Teriological Society at the Russian Academy of Sciences, head of the RAS Permanent Expedition to study animals of the Red Book of the Russian Federation and other especially important animals of the fauna of Russia, scientific director of the Council “Science and Innovation of the Caspian ", Academician of the Russian Academy of Sciences |
| Invited talks | **Tatyana Butylina,** Head of the National Office for Relations with the Tehran Convention, Deputy Director of the ANO Center for International Projects of the Ministry of Natural Resources of Russia  **CASPCOM**  **Magomed-Rasul Magomedov**, Corresponding Member of the Russian Academy of Sciences, Professor, Doctor of Biological Sciences, Senior Researcher Caspian Institute of Biological Resources, Dagestan Federal Research Center of the Russian Academy of Sciences |
| Speeches | **SOCAR (Azerbaijan Republic)**  **PJSC LUKOIL**  **JSC "National Center for Space Research and Technology" (Republic of Kazakhstan)**  **Leopold Lobkovsky,** Academician of the Russian Academy of Sciences, P.P. Shirshov Institute of Oceanology of Russian Academy of Sciences  **VNIRO**  **National Institute of Oceanography and Atmospheric Sciences of the Islamic Republic of Iran**  **Zoological Institute RAS**  **Academy of Sciences of Turkmenistan**  **Olga Lavrova,** Head of Laboratory, Space Research Institute, Russian Academy of Sciences |
| Discussion of a new initiative | Organization of a joint study of the Caspian seal as an indicator of the Caspian ecosystem |
| Invited to participate in the discussion | Heads and representatives of authorities, scientific institutions of the Caspian countries, centers for the study and conservation of the Caspian seal, heads and experts of biosphere reserves of the Caspian countries, the Astrakhan branch of the Russian Geographical Society and the Dagestan branch of the Russian Geographical Society |
| 2:00-3:00 pm | **Lunch break** |
| 3:00-4:30 pm | **Panel discussion**  **"CHALLENGES AND PROBLEMS OF THE CASPIAN SEA IN THE INFORMATION SPACE OF THE CASPIAN STATES"** |
| 3:00-4:30 pm | **Expert platforms work:**  **• Legal status of the Caspian - have all the issues been resolved?**  **• Prevention of environmental disasters in the Caspian: interstate integration-joint scientific research-monitoring-responsible economic activity**  **• The level of the Caspian Sea. Reasons and predictions.** |
| Co-organizers | Council of "Science and Innovation of the Caspian Sea" |
| Location | Cultural center Glav UpDK of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Russia |
| moderators | under agreement |
| 4:30-4:45 pm | **tea and coffee break** |
| 4:45-6:30 pm | **CASPIAN DIPLOMATIC MEETINGS**  (under agreement) |
| Session co-organizers (invited) | Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation, Russian Academy of Sciences, Council of "Science and Innovation of the Caspian Sea", Association «Science and Innovation in the Caspian Region» |
| Location | Cultural center Glav UpDK of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Russia |
| moderators | under agreement |
| Planned activities | • introductory remarks by the representative of the Russian Foreign Ministry  • exchange of views at a round table of representatives of the diplomatic corps of the Caspian countries on “controversial” issues and new challenges left behind by the text of the Convention;  • hearing proposals for resolving "controversial" issues remaining behind the text of the Convention and answers to new challenges from representatives of scientific and public organizations of the Caspian region; |
|  | **Summing up the results of the Caspian diplomatic meetings, summary of the moderators** |
| 7:00-7:20 pm | Protocol photo session of the participants of the Caspian diplomatic meetings (possible for the participants of the face-to-face meeting) |
| 7:20-7:55 pm | Summing up the results of the Assembly. Adoption of the Resolution. Opinion exchange. |
| 8:00-9:00 pm | Cocktail |