

# Conference: Building Resilience for Wildlife and Communities in the Mountains of Central Asia – results and upscaling of the Central Asian Mammals and Climate Adaptation (CAMCA) project

## Provisional Agenda

Dates: 22–23 October 2025

Venue: Hyatt Regency, 191 Abdrahmanov Street, 720011 Bishkek, Kyrgyz Republic

Languages: English and Russian with simultaneous interpretation

Wednesday, 22 October 2025		
Time	Topic	Annotations
09:00–09:30	Registration	
<b>Opening of the Conference and High-Level Dialogue</b>		
09:30–10:00	Opening remarks by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ministry of Natural Resources, Ecology and Technical Supervision of the Kyrgyz Republic</li> <li>- Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources of Kazakhstan</li> <li>- Committee for Environmental Protection under the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan</li> <li>- German Embassy in the Kyrgyz Republic</li> <li>- United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) Regional Office for Europe and Central Asia</li> <li>- Secretariat of the Convention on Migratory Species (CMS)</li> </ul>	Welcoming remarks by high-level representatives will highlight the importance of regional cooperation, followed by a brief introduction to the Conference and a video on the CAMCA project.
10:00–10:30	Keynote Address: <i>The Future of Mountain Ecosystems under Climate Stress</i>	A GRID-Arendal expert keynote will outline key challenges and opportunities for mountain ecosystems under climate change.
10:30–11:00	Group Photo and Coffee Break	
11:00–12:00	High-Level Panel: <i>Ecological Corridors as a Climate-Smart Conservation Tool</i>	Following introductory remarks by UNEP, high-level representatives from Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, and Tajikistan will discuss ecological corridors as a tool to safeguard biodiversity and support climate-smart development, aiming to identify priorities for regional cooperation.



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12:00–12:30	CAMCA Project Overview: <i>Contributions to Resilience for Wildlife and Communities in the Mountains of Central Asia</i>	Presented by UNEP
12:30–14:00	Lunch	
<b>Technical Sessions of the Conference</b>		
14:00–15:00	<b>Parallel Session 1. Community Engagement in Climate-Resilient Wildlife Management</b>	<b>Parallel Session 2. From Planning to Practice: Managing Transboundary Ecological Corridors</b>
	This panel discussion will showcase community-based climate-resilient approaches for wildlife management and relevant CMS tools, while enabling participants to share challenges, solutions, and practical recommendations.  Facilitated by CAMP Alatoo (Plenary Room).	This roundtable session will examine governance, management, community involvement, and monitoring for developing a potential transboundary corridor between Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan.  Facilitated by UNEP (Conference Room 2).
15:00–15:30	Coffee Break	
15:30–16:30	<b>Parallel Session 3. From Local Assessments to National Policy: Lessons and Recommendations from the CAMCA Project</b>	<b>Parallel Session 4. Financing Pathways for Wildlife and Climate Resilience in Central Asia</b>
	This roundtable session will share lessons from piloting species and ecosystem vulnerability tools, explore options for scaling and policy integration, and develop recommendations for incorporating CAMCA findings into national climate and biodiversity conservation strategies.  Facilitated by CAMP Alatoo (Conference Room 2).	This panel will examine approaches to secure sustainable financing for biodiversity and climate adaptation in CAMCA countries, with stakeholders sharing lessons and outlining next steps for regional mechanisms.  Facilitated by the CMS Secretariat (Plenary Room).
16:30–16:50	Summary of Parallel Session Outcomes	Session leads will report back to the plenary on the key findings and recommendations from each parallel session.
16:50–17:00	<b>Closing of Day 1 of the Conference</b>	



Thursday, 23 October 2025		
Time	Topic	Notes
<b>Opportunities for Change: A Resilient Central Asia for Wildlife and People</b>		
09:30–09:45	Opening of Day 2	UNEP will provide a summary of key outcomes and discussions from Day 1 to set the stage for Day 2.
09:45–10:45	Country Session 1: Opportunities for Change	In country-based discussion groups, participants will identify opportunities for adopting tools and methods and strengthening community engagement, with a view to shaping practical next steps in each CAMCA country.
10:45–11:15	Coffee Break	
11:15–12:00	Country session 2: Sustainable Financing	In country-based discussion groups, participants will explore opportunities for building sustainable financing for biodiversity and climate adaptation that are applicable in each country.
12:00–12:20	The CAMCA Statement of Intent: Climate-Proof Protected Area Systems with Community Support and Sustainable Finance	This session will consolidate recommendations from the Conference into a joint communiqué, setting out shared priorities for climate-resilient protected area systems, strengthened community engagement, and sustainable financing in Central Asia.
<b>12:20–12:30</b>	<b>Closing of the Conference</b>	
12:30–14:00	Lunch	
<b>14.00–15.00</b>	<b>Transfer to the A Plus Business Center for the Special Event – UN International Day of the Snow Leopard</b> <i>(separate agenda provided)</i>	

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