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Welcoming Remarks: Stefano Gatti, General Director for Development Cooperation, Italian Ministry for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation

Keynote speeches:

- Kamal Kishore, Special Representative of the UN Secretary General – United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR)
- Moses Vilakati, Commissioner for Agriculture, Rural Development, Blue Economy and Sustainable Environment – African Union Commission
- Jorge Meza, FAO Representative in Brazil - FAO (tbc)
- Luísa Celma Caetano Meque, President – INGD - Instituto Nacional de Gestão e Redução do Risco de Desastres

Panellist speeches and discussion:

- Marco Riccardo Rusconi, Director of AICS - Italian Agency for Development Cooperation
- Jihane El Gaouzi, Head of Sustainable Environment Division – African Union Commission
- Luca Ferraris, President – CIMA Foundation
- Rita Almeda, National Director of Planning and Cooperation - INGD - Instituto Nacional de Gestão e Redução do Risco de Desastres
- Valerie Hickey, Global Director for Climate Change – World Bank

Moderated by: Antonio Piemontese, journalist at Wired Italy

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Aral Lake Follow-Up: Participatory Governance for Environmental Restoration

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Introductory speeches: Feasibility Study and an Operational Manual presentation

- Marco Riccardo Rusconi, Director of AICS - Italian Agency for Development Cooperation
- Massimiliano Panero, Vice President, Sogesid s.p.a.

Panel discussion:

- Dinara Ziganshina, Director, SIC ICWC - Scientific Information Center of Interstate Commission for Water Coordination in Central Asia (VTC), Uzbekistan
- Askhat Orazbay, Chairman, EC IFAS - Executive Committee of the International Fund for Saving the Aral Sea, Kazakhstan
- Gozel Atamuradova, Project Manager, UNDP - United Nations Development Programme (VTC), Turkmenistan
- Iskandar Abdullaev, Senior Researcher, IWMI - International Water Management Institute, (VTC), Uzbekistan
- Alim Sailybaev, CEO, Qazaq Carbon (VTC), Kazakhstan
- Sylvie Goyet Deputy Coordinator & Head of Environmental Activities, OSCE (VTC)

Q&A Session

Conclusions and Closing Remarks

Moderated by: Andrea Ghianda, Head of Communications, ECCO Think Tank



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Speakers:

- Marco Riccardo Rusconi, Director of AICS - Italian Agency for Development Cooperation
- Jérémie Pellet, Director General of Expertise France
- Antón Leis García, Director of AECID - Spanish Agency for International Development Cooperation
- Vanessa Graziottin, Executive Director of OTCA - Amazon Cooperation Treaty Organization
- Ritesh Sardjoe, Director for Environment, Ministry of Spatial Planning and Environment of Suriname

Moderated by: Sara Gandolfi, journalist at Corriere della Sera and expert in foreign policy and environmental issues