



# QACIS 2025

Quality Assurance in Compliance with  
International Standards in Turkmenistan

## Preliminary Agenda

### INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE "QUALITY ASSURANCE IN COMPLIANCE WITH INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS IN TURKMENISTAN"

29-30 April, Ashgabat, Turkmenistan

Venue: Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Turkmenistan



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DAY 1

29 April

Economy and  
the Role of Standards

13:00-14:00

14:00-14:10

Participants Registration  
Opening of the Conference

14:10-15:00

PLENARY SESSION:

**SPEAKERS:**

1. **Nokerguly Atagulyyev**, Deputy Chairman of the Cabinet of Ministers of Turkmenistan
2. **Miles Hansen**, President & Board Director, The Stirling Foundation (USA)
3. **Eric Livny**, Head of Turkmenistan, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD)
4. **Salih Ayvaz**, President of the National Accreditation Center (USA)
5. **Nurlan Kulbatyrov**, First Deputy CEO, QazTrade Center for Trade Policy Development of Kazakhstan

**HOST:** Vepa Malikgulyyev, "Halkara standart hyzmatlary" (HIL-TM) Quality Infrastructure Advisor

15:00-15:30

**Coffee Break and Networking**

15:30-16:30

PANEL DISCUSSION 1:

**THE ROLE OF INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS IN PROMOTING TRADE AND ATTRACTING INVESTMENTS**

- ⇒ E-exports: key success factors
- ⇒ SEZ Standards to foster Investment
- ⇒ Exports: Practical steps & tools for Turkmen businesses
- ⇒ Which standards facilitated the development of creative industry in Great Britain

**SPEAKERS:**

1. **Perhat Yagshyyev**, Deputy Minister of Finance and Economy of Turkmenistan
2. **Dr. Martin Smith**, Visiting Fellow and Creative Industries Expert, Goldsmiths, University of London (United Kingdom)
3. **Fabian Stachelin**, e-traid Founder, eCommerce (eBay) Expert (Switzerland)
4. **Jim Krigbaum**, Founder at 20/20 DC Export Services (USA, virtually)
5. **Beata Peksa**, EU Ambassador in Turkmenistan
6. **Yerbol Bukharbayev**, Head of Regional Office of World Free Zones Organization for Central Asia (Kazakhstan)

**MODERATOR:**

**Eric Livny**, Head of EBRD in Turkmenistan

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### PANEL DISCUSSION 2: AGRICULTURE

- ⇒ Global G.A.P.: Relevance for Turkmenistan and Central Asia
- ⇒ Organic certification types and IFOAM.
- ⇒ Environmental and social aspects in agriculture.
- ⇒ Experience of successfully implementing ESG principles in agriculture.
- ⇒ Market requirements in Europe and Middle East
- ⇒ Successful case for Global G.A.P. implementation at national farm

### SPEAKERS:

1. **Charyyar Chetiyev**, Minister of Agriculture of Turkmenistan
2. **Edite Strazdina**, GlobalG.A.P. expert (Latvia)
3. **Sanzhar Sultankulov**, Deputy Director at "Organic Holding" Association (Kyrgyzstan)
4. **Amal Isamukhamedov**, Managing Director, Control Union Quality LLC (Uzbekistan)
5. **Mohamed Gomaa**, QMS, Food Safety and Improvement Approaches Expert, ProSpection (Egypt)
6. **Yhlas Hudaynazarov**, Director, JSC "Miwe" (Turkmenistan)

### MODERATOR:

**Edite Strazdina**, GlobalG.A.P. expert (Latvia)

17:30-18:00

### Day's Summary

Brief Conclusions by moderators  
Announcement of the second day's program

19:00-21:00

### Gala Dinner (Hotel "Archabil")

## DAY 2

09:00-09:30

### Participants Arriving

09:30-10:30

### PANEL DISCUSSION 3: OIL AND GAS INDUSTRY

- ⇒ Requirements for contractors in the oil and gas industry
- ⇒ Implementation of ISO 9001, 14001, 45001
- ⇒ ESG sustainability standards
- ⇒ Successful case for implementation at national firm

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Sector-specific standards

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**SPEAKERS:**

1. **Myrat Archayev**, Deputy Chairman of the State Concern "Turkmengaz"
2. **Syazwan B A Ghani** – Head of the Drilling department, Petronas Carigali (Malaysia)
3. **Dmitriy Alaudinov**, Managing partner, URS REGISTRAR CA (UK)
4. **Nedir Agabayev**, General Director at the Financial Center «Ygtybarly» (Turkmenistan)
5. **Kongkona Sarma**, Sidona Green Consulting (UK) (ESG, Sustainability)
6. **Batyr Amanov**, Head of Marketing Department at Ynamly Yol Hyzmaty Enterprise (Turkmenistan)

**MODERATOR:****Oleg Strizhnyov**, Senior Consultant at Standart Hyzmat

10:30-11:00

Coffee Break

11:00-12:00

**PANEL DISCUSSION 4:****FOOD INDUSTRY**

- ⇒ Overview of international standards ISO/FSSC 22000, HACCP, Halal (GSO 2055), GMP.
- ⇒ The role and significance of these standards for promoting food exports from the CA region.
- ⇒ Market requirements in the Middle East, Halal standards, and their variations.

**SPEAKERS:**

1. **Begmyrat Atayev**, Chairman of the State Association of Food Industry of Turkmenistan
2. **Yunus Ete**, World Halal Summit Council President (Türkiye)
3. **Ihsan Ovut**, General Secretary at The Standards and Metrology Institute for the Islamic Countries (SMIIC) (Türkiye)
4. **Mohib Ahmed Khan**, CEO, ATYAB International Services - AIS (Sultanate of Oman) [virtually]
5. **Sahil Majid**, Technical manager - Health and Nutrition (Switzerland / UAE) [virtually]
6. **Aman Annayev** – General Director at Turkmen Galkan (Turkmenistan)
7. **Aizhan Naurzgaliyeva**, President of the Kazakhstan Association of Sugar, Food and Processing Industry

**MODERATOR:****Aizhan Naurzgaliyeva**, President of the Kazakhstan Association of Sugar, Food and Processing Industry

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Coffee Break

## PANEL DISCUSSION 5: TEXTILE AND LIGHT INDUSTRY

- ⇒ Overview of international standards Better Cotton Initiative, GOTS, OEKO-TEX, Fairtrade, SFA
- ⇒ The impact of standards on company reputation and consumer trust

### SPEAKERS:

1. **Togtamyrat Meredov**, Deputy Minister of the Ministry of Textile Industry of Turkmenistan
2. **Katharina Schaus**, Managing Director at “it fits - Organic Textile Partner” (Germany)
3. **Elif Yarasik**, Representative in Turkey, Global Organic Textile Standard (GOTS) (virtually)
4. **Tahmina Sayfulloeva**, Deputy Director and Better Cotton Programme Manager, Sarob cooperative (Tajikistan)
5. **Murtaza Umerlikov**, CHASE UNITED CA (Uzbekistan)
6. **Tungalag Lkhundevjamts**, Founder at Safety First Certification Services (Mongolia)

**MODERATOR:** Tungalag Lkhundevjamts, Founder at Safety First Certification Services (Mongolia)

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### Lunch

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Sector-specific standards

Standards for IT & Start-ups |  
Process Improvement  
Methodologies

14:00-15:00

## PANEL DISCUSSION 6: STANDARDS FOR IT & START-UPS

- ⇒ Key standards for IT growth and exports
- ⇒ Information Security Management Systems
- ⇒ Agile-based standards, process improvement methodologies (Lean Six Sigma, Kaizen, etc)
- ⇒ What do Start-ups need: Inspiration or Systems?
- ⇒ Digitalization, Automation and AI in corporate processes

### SPEAKERS:

1. **Nurmyrat Rejepov**, Deputy Chairman of the Agency “Turkmenaragatnaşyk” under the Agency of Transport and Communications of Turkmenistan
2. **Danill Maykovskiy**, Director at MCT Agency
3. **Zhenya Rozinskiy**, Founder of Mirigos Hiring Company (Silicon Valley, USA)
4. **Mohamed Gomaa**, Lean Six Sigma Expert (Egypt)
5. **Clynton Taylor**, Founder at BSIDE (USA)
6. **Dr. Martin Smith**, Visiting Fellow and Creative Industries Expert, Goldsmiths, University of London
7. **Umidjon Toshmamatov**, Head of Residents Department at IT Park (Uzbekistan)

### MODERATOR:

**Danill Maykovskiy**, Director at MCT Agency (Turkmenistan)

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## Trade, Standards, Certification and Accreditation in Central Asia

### CLOSING PANEL DISCUSSION 7:

#### TRADE, STANDARDS, CERTIFICATION AND ACCREDITATION IN CENTRAL ASIA

- ⇒ Prospects for certification and export in Central Asia
- ⇒ Non-tariff barriers within WTO accession: how compliance with international standards facilitates this process
- ⇒ Opportunities for integrating certification and laboratory services in the Central Asian space
- ⇒ Integrated efforts to promote CA exports
- ⇒ Conclusions and recommendations for businesses and government organizations

#### **SPEAKERS:**

1. **Ayna Soyunova**, Head of Department of the State Reference Center of the Main State Service "Turkmenstandartlary"
2. **Nurlan Kulbatyrov**, First Deputy CEO, QazTrade Center for Trade Policy Development of Kazakhstan
3. **Riad Ibragimov**, International Development Director at CERT International (Slovakia)
4. **Salih Ayvaz**, President of the National Accreditation Center (USA)
5. **Kassymkhan Kapparov**, Founder of EMC G Consulting Company, Founder of the Ekonomist Magazine (Kazakhstan)
6. **Shirley Dewi**, Senior Vice President, Quality Assurance and Client Services, IAPMO (USA) [virtually]

#### **MODERATOR:**

**Kassymkhan Kapparov**, Founder of EMC G Consulting Company, Founder of the Ekonomist Magazine (Kazakhstan)

16:30-16:45

#### CONFERENCE CLOSING

16:45-17:00

#### DOCUMENT SIGNING (different venue)

16:45-18:00

#### INDIVIDUAL MEETINGS (B2B AND B2G) AND NETWORKING

16:45-18:00

#### EXPRESS CONSULTATIONS ON INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS (ITSE BOOTHS)

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