

WORLD COTTON RESEARCH CONFERENCE-8

7-11 October 2024

Hotel Inter-Continental, Shakhrisabz Street 2, 100000, Tashkent, Uzbekistan

The World Cotton Research Conference-8 (WCRC-8) will be held jointly with the Biennial Research Conference of the International Cotton Genome Initiative (ICGI) from October 7th to 11th, 2024, at the Hotel Intercontinental in Tashkent, Uzbekistan.

WCRC-8, typically held once every four years in various cotton-growing countries, is scheduled for 2024, just two years after WCRC-7, to compensate for the time lost due to COVID-19. Previous conferences took place in Australia (1994), Greece (1998), South Africa (2003), USA (2007), India (2011), Brazil (2016), and Egypt (2022). The WCRC serves as a premier global platform for researchers and experts to exchange the latest advancements in cotton research and development.

The 5-day WCRC-8 program will feature the celebration of World Cotton Day on October 7th, 2024, followed by a 4-day technical program. This includes invited plenary lectures and keynote talks by renowned experts in cotton production and textile sciences. Attendees will have the opportunity to present their research through oral and poster presentations, and private and public sector institutions can showcase their latest technologies and products.

WCRC-8 is jointly organized by the International Cotton Advisory Committee (ICAC), the International Cotton Genome Initiative (ICGI), and the International Cotton Researchers Association (ICRA). ICAC, established in 1939 in Washington, DC, is an intergovernmental agency providing member governments with cotton-related information and policies. ICGI, founded in 2000, has been organizing biennial research conferences since its inception, with the first held in Montpellier, France, in 2002. ICRA, formed by ICAC in 2012, aims to promote research collaboration among cotton researchers worldwide.

DEADLINES

April 30, 2024: Registration (\$450, fully refundable for genuine reasons; researchers selected for sponsorship support will also be reimbursed)

April 30, 2024: Abstract submissions

June 30, 2024: Full paper submissions

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**Ministry of Agriculture of
the Republic of Uzbekistan**

WORLD COTTON DAY CELEBRATIONS

7 OCTOBER 2024



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**INTERNATIONAL
COTTON
ADVISORY
COMMITTEE**



HOTELS

Several hotels are available for online booking near Hotel InterContinental, Tashkent, Uzbekistan.

THE LIST OF HOTELS FOR FOREIGN GUESTS

★★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★★
Intercontinental Tashkent	Hyatt Regency	City Palace Hotel	International Hotel Tashkent	Le Grande Plaza Hotel	Mulberry Hotel Tashkent
Address: 2, Shahrissabz street Prices: 250\$-500\$	Address: 1A, Navoi street Prices: 230\$-3000\$	Address: 15, Amir Temur street Prices: 95\$-632\$	Address: 107A, Amir Temur street Prices: 116\$-260\$	Address: 2, O'zbekiston ovozi street Prices: 62\$-100\$	Address: 1A, Navoi street Prices: 45\$-70\$
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REGISTRATION FEES

FOR OVERSEAS PARTICIPANTS:

Online payment Early Bird US\$ 450: before 30 April 2024:

Online payment Regular US\$ 500: 1 May to 31 August 2024:

Online payment / Spot payment US\$ 550: 1 September to 7 October 2024

FOR LOCAL PARTICIPANTS

Local participants of Uzbekistan please get in touch with worldcotton8@gmail.com

REGISTRATION CANCELLATION POLICY

The registration fees are fully refundable for genuine reasons if the organizing Secretary is informed by email, on or before 1 September 2024 or if a visa has been rejected or with special approval of the Chairman of the Technical Committee who would examine the unforeseen circumstances for cancellation of registration. Researchers selected for sponsorship support will also be reimbursed.

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TECHNICAL TOURS

Technical tour to National Cotton Breeding Institutes and Genomic Centers during World Cotton Research Conference-8 & ICGI Joint Conference

10th October 2024

Visit the Center of Genomics and Bioinformatics

09:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

1. Introducing the daily activities of the Center.
2. A brief journey to investigate the operation of laboratories.
3. Introducing the field experiences of the Special Seed Increase Unit of the Center.
4. Coffee break

Visit the Scientific Research Institute of Cotton Breeding, Seed Production and Agrotechnologies

11:00 a.m. – 12:30 a.m.

1. Introducing the institute's activities in its main building.
2. Presenting the activities of the "Cotton Biotechnology" and "Cotton Biochemistry and Physiology" laboratories.
3. Learn about the activities of the "Cotton Germplasm collection".
4. Get acquainted with the demonstration field experiments organized by the institute.
5. Introducing the mini-factory for processing seed cotton raw materials.
6. Coffee break

11th October 2024

Visit the Institute of Genetics and Plant Experimental Biology

09:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

1. Introducing the daily activities of the Institute.
2. A brief journey to investigate the operation of laboratories.
Understanding the field experiences of the Institute.
3. Learn about the activities of the "Cotton Germplasm collection".
4. Coffee break

AKIS

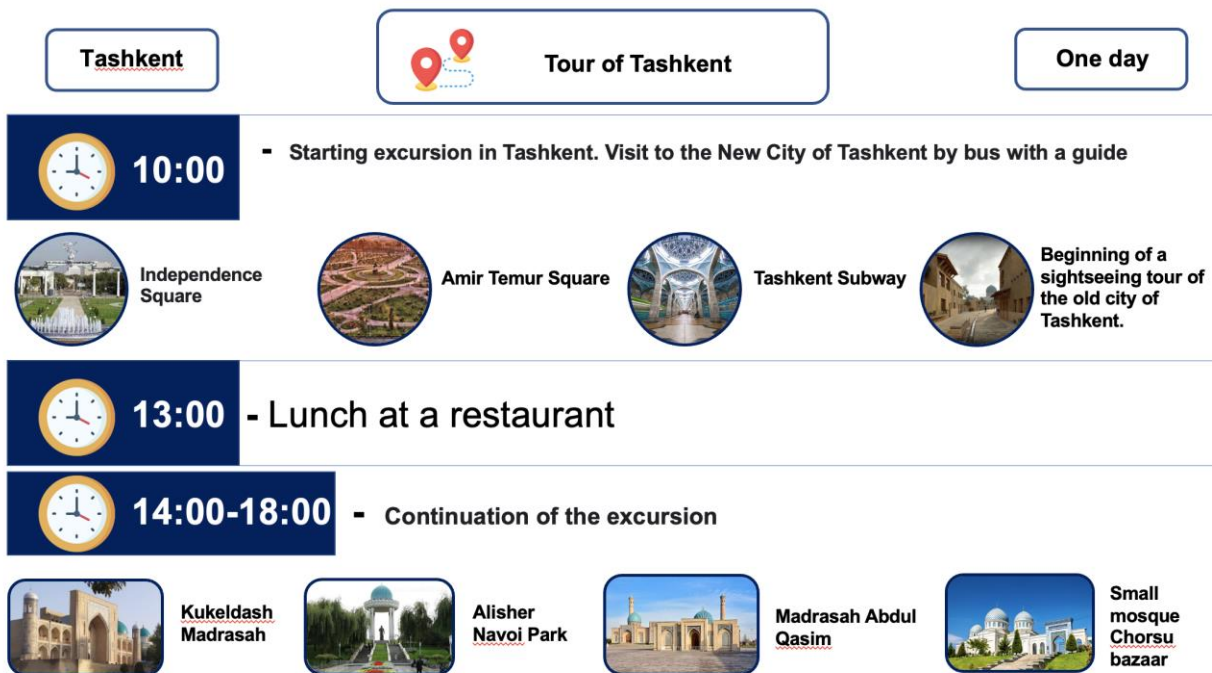
11:00 a.m. – 12:30 a.m.

1. Introducing the AKIS's activities in its main building.
2. Learn about the activities of the "Cotton council under the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan" in NCKIA (National Center for Knowledge and Innovation in Agriculture).
3. Introducing the "Agro & Food techno center" that serves to ensure food safety with international accreditation
4. Coffee break

TOURIST ATTRACTIONS

TASHKENT

Tashkent, the vibrant capital of Uzbekistan, offers a blend of rich history and modernity, making it a captivating destination for travelers. Explore the old city center, where the bustling Chorsu Bazaar delights with its colorful array of spices, textiles, and traditional crafts. Immerse yourself in the city's cultural heritage at the State Museum of History of Uzbekistan, showcasing artifacts from ancient times to the present. Marvel at the intricate Islamic architecture of the Hazrat Imam Complex, home to the stunning Tillya Sheikh Mosque and the historic Quran of Caliph Uthman. For a taste of contemporary Tashkent, stroll along Amir Timur Square, adorned with statues and fountains, or visit the Tashkent TV Tower for panoramic views of the cityscape. With its dynamic mix of old-world charm and modern allure, Tashkent promises an unforgettable experience for visitors.



SAMARKAND

Samarkand, nestled in the heart of Uzbekistan, stands as a mesmerizing tapestry of history, culture, and architectural marvels, making it a must-visit destination for travelers worldwide. Renowned as a UNESCO World Heritage Site, this ancient city boasts a rich heritage dating back over 2,500 years. Visitors are enchanted by the majestic Registan Square, adorned with its iconic madrasas adorned with intricate tile work. The Bibi-Khanym Mosque, once the largest mosque in the Islamic world, captivates with its grandeur and imposing beauty. Travelers can immerse themselves in the vibrant atmosphere of Siab Bazaar, offering a sensory delight with its array of spices, textiles, and local crafts. With its fascinating blend of Silk Road history, stunning architecture, and warm hospitality, Samarkand promises an unforgettable journey through time for all who wander its ancient streets.

Samarkand



Tour of Samarkand

One day



07:24

- Departure to Samarkand by high-speed train "Afrosiab" (economy/sedentary)
- ***train schedule is subject to change



09:37

Arrival in Samarkand,
(2 hours 13 minutes)



As exiting the station, guests are met by
a bus and a guide.



10:00-18:00

- Tour of Old Samarkand



13:00

Dinner



Registan Square



Mausoleum Gur-Emir
(Tomb of Amir Timur)



Shahi Zinda



Bibi Khanum
Mosque



Ulugbek Observatory



Mausoleum of St.
Daniel



18:32-20:47

18:32 Departure to Tashkent by high-speed train "Afrosiab"
***train schedules are subject to change