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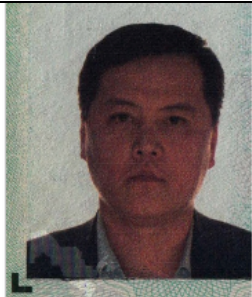

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	<p><b>Mr. Zokir Ishpulatov, Director</b>  <b>Department for Water Resource Management and Sustainable Use</b>  <b>Ministry of Agriculture and Water Resources</b>  <b>Republic of Uzbekistan</b></p> <p>Mr. Ishpulatov holds a master’s degree in water resources and land reclamation from the Tashkent Institute of Irrigation and Land Reclamation in 2009. He is the Head of the Department in the Ministry of Agriculture and Water Resources of the Republic of Uzbekistan. He is responsible for organization of management and effective use of water resources. Prior to his work at the Ministry, he served as a Chief Specialist of the Department of Topographical Survey in the Surkhandarya Regional Hydrogeology Office under the Amu-Surkhan Basin Authority of Irrigation Systems, First Category Operator, and Head of the Reservoir Monitoring Department, Central Operations Control Center, Ministry of Agriculture and Water Resources of the Republic of Uzbekistan.</p>