Dear ladies and gentlemen!

On behalf of the Ministry of Water Resources of Uzbekistan and on my own behalf, I would like to welcome all participants and guests of the International Water Forum – Tashkent Water Week 2026.

Water resources in Uzbekistan have long been a key pillar for agricultural development and the nation's quality of life. Today, the climate change impact, leading to a decline in water availability both in our country and in the Central Asian region as a whole, is a serious concern and requires the region's states to develop and implement effective, well-coordinated mechanisms to address these challenges.

The Government of Uzbekistan is undertaking large-scale reforms to improve water use efficiency and provide the population with safe potable water.

The International Water Forum – Tashkent Water Week 2026, aims to bring together all stakeholders for a meaningful discussion of joint water resource management approaches and international cooperation in this area.

I wish all participants a very productive work at the Forum.

Sincerely yours,

Shavkat Khamraev,
Minister