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ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS

UNIVERSITY OF EDINBURGH, SCOTLAND, UK

Sep 2008-Aug 2010

- Qualification: LLM (Master of Laws)
- Major: International Law, Investment and Trade law, Environmental Law

BUKHARA STATE UNIVERSITY, UZBEKISTAN

Sep 2001-Jun 2007

- Qualification: BA in English
- Major: English, Literature and Comparative Linguistics

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

SENIOR LECTURER, Westminster Int'l University in Tashkent

Since Feb 2015

- Teaching areas: English contract law, insurance law, sports law
- Research supervision: commercial contracts, investments, insurance law, international law
- Course Leader for BA in Commercial Law course (2016-18)

SENIOR COUNSEL, Tethys Law Firm, Uzbekistan

Since May 2020

- Practice areas: Investments and Corporate Transactions (including M&A)
- Advising clients in chemical, energy and healthcare sectors.

LEGAL ADVISER, PPP Development Agency, Uzbekistan

Sep 2019-Apr 2020

- Legislative work: contributed to preparing PPP law amendments and decree of the Cabinet of Ministers on PPP implementation processes
- Transaction work: reviewed project documents, including concepts, tender documents and contracts for compliance purposes (energy, healthcare and road construction projects)

ASSOCIATE, PraeLegal Law Firm, Uzbekistan

Sep 2018-Aug 2019

- Corporate law practice: drafted contracts and company internal regulations for clients;
- Represented clients in cross-border negotiations and supported partners in structuring deals

POLICY ANALYST, Water Management Institute, Colombo Sri Lanka

May 2011-Dec 2014

- Researched, published and promoted transboundary water dialogue across jurisdictions
- Provided legal, institutional and technical support to governments in Central Asia, South East Asia and Africa
- Public relations work through projects in Europe, US, South America, and Africa

SHORT-TERM CONSULTANCY WORKS

LEGAL CONSULTANT, UNDP Regional Hub, Istanbul, Turkey *Jan-Dec 2018*

- Advised national consultants and key stakeholders to draft national legal frameworks on access to genetic resources and benefit-sharing in Kazakhstan and Tajikistan
- Presented reports to the government officials in Astana, Kazakhstan; and Dushanbe, Tajikistan.

ACADEMIC ADVISOR, Novosibirsk State University, Russia *May-Nov 2017*

- Advised the Faculty of Law on setting up a postgraduate programme on international commercial law
- Delivered series of lectures for postgraduate students on international investment and trade law

LEGAL EXPERT, Bioversity International, Rome, Italy *Jul-Dec 2017*

- Advised UNEP-GEF project in understanding current legal and policy framework in Uzbekistan for the implementation of access and benefit-sharing mechanisms for sustainable use of biodiversity in agricultural production
- Prepared a report on the implications of the Nagoya Protocol in national legislation

EXTERNAL EXPERT, Ministry of Energy and Water, Afghanistan *Feb-Mar 2016*

- Advised the Ministry on its international law and transboundary water governance programme;
- Delivered a series of lectures at the Afghan Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Kabul for policy makers, diplomats and water management specialists

PUBLICATIONS

- **Firdavs Kabilov** (Jan 2018) “Local Water Management in Tajikistan: Legal Framework”, *Central Asian Journal of Water Research (CAJWR)*
- Alexander Platonov, Kai Wegerich, Jusipbek Kazbekov, **Firdavs Kabilov** (2014) “Beyond the state order? Second crop production in the Ferghana Valley, Uzbekistan”, *International Journal of Water Governance* 2, 83–104
- Oliver Olsson, Kai Wegerich & **Firdavs Kabilov** (2012) “Water Quantity and Quality in the Zerafshan River Basin: Only an Upstream Riparian Problem?”, *International Journal of Water Resources Development*, 28:3, 493-505
- Kai Wegerich, Jusipbek Kazbekov, **Firdavs Kabilov** & Nozilakhon Mukhamedova (2012) “Meso-level Cooperation on Transboundary Tributaries and Infrastructure in the Ferghana Valley”, *International Journal of Water Resources Development*, 28:3, 525- 543

LANGUAGES

- English – *proficient user*
- Russian – *proficient user*
- Uzbek – *native speaker*

INTERESTS: Avid reader: history, philosophy, international relations; World traveller; passionate about geography and cultures; Music: amateur guitar player; Sports: basketball lover.