

International Forum Partnership for Sustainable Development: Green. Digital. Smart

Hall of the Executive Authority of the Dushanbe, Tajikistan



On April 14, 2026, at the Hall of the Executive Authority in Dushanbe, **Dr. Angelica M. Baylon**, **External Relations Office Director from the Maritime Academy of Asia and the Pacific (MAAP)**, took part in a high-level international gathering, representing higher education institutions. The event brought together prime ministers, ministers, UN officials, the UI GreenMetric World University Rankings chair, and rectors and presidents from at least **56 countries**. During the program, Dr. Baylon was surprised to see her name listed as the next speaker, following three rectors from Pakistan, Turkey, and Russia. In her welcome address/message, she said protocol was observed and talked about collaboration and partnerships and expressed her heartfelt gratitude to the Republic of Tajikistan, acknowledging its deputy prime minister and ministers, the IUTE rector, and UI Greenmetrics for the wonderful event that provided a venue for 56 countries present to collaborate.

In addition, **Dr. Baylon** was recognized as a **consultant for the Asian Development Bank (ADB)** in Tajikistan and served as an invited resource speaker in two international sessions out of six of the prestigious parallel events held from April 14-18, 2026, at different venues.

Gratitude was extended to the vice rectors of the IUTE, **Dr. Zulfiya and Dr. Farhod**, as well as **Rector Asrorzoda Ubaidullo Sattor**, for organizing a highly relevant and impactful gathering of rectors and leaders from 56 countries, with approximately **500 participants** in attendance.



INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF TOURISM AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP OF TAJIKISTAN
PROGRAM
OPENING CEREMONY OF THE INTERNATIONAL FORUM «PARTNERSHIP FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT: GREEN. DIGITAL. SMART»
to be held on April 14, 2026, at 10:00
at the Hall of the Executive Authority of the Dushanbe

AGENDA

8:30–09:30	Coffee break
9:30–10:00	Registration of participants
10:00–11:55	Official opening ceremony
12:00	Closing of the official opening ceremony

09:00–10:05 MODERATOR: Director of the Research Institute for Sustainable Development and Green Economy of the University, Doctor of Economics, Professor **Sharofzoda Farhod Razzok**

PROGRAM

09:05–10:15	Opening remarks by the Rector of the International University of Tourism and Entrepreneurship of Tajikistan, Doctor of Economic Sciences, Professor Asrorzoda Ubaidullo Sattor
10:15–10:25	Welcome address by the Deputy Prime Minister of the Republic of Tajikistan Dilrabo Mansuri
10:25–10:40	Welcome address by the United Nations Resident Coordinator in Tajikistan Mrs. Parvathy Ramaswami
10:40–10:50	Welcome address by the Minister of Economic Development and Trade of the Republic of Tajikistan Abdurahmonzoda Abdurahmon Safarali
10:50–11:00	Welcome Address by the Deputy Chairman of Dushanbe City Ismoilzoda Nurjahan Jamshed
11:00–11:10	Welcome address by the Chairperson of the Committee of the Majlisi Namoyandagon of the Majlisi Oli of the Republic of Tajikistan on Science, Education, Culture and Youth Policy, Barno Saidvalizoda Saidnabi



11:10–11:20	Welcome address by the First Deputy Minister of Education and Science of the Republic of Tajikistan Homid Hoshimzoda Hasan
11:20–11:35	Welcome address by the Chair of UI GreenMetric Universitas Indonesia, Dr. Vishnu Juwono
11:35–11:40	Welcome Address by the Rector of Khushal Khan Khattak University, Islamic Republic of Pakistan, Dr., Professor Muhammad Tahir
11:40–11:45	Welcome Address by the Rector of Sakarya University of Applied Sciences, Republic of Türkiye, Dr., Professor Mehmet Sarıbyık
11:45–11:50	Welcome Address by the President of the Academy of Tourism and International Relations of the Russian Federation, Dr., Professor Olga Vyacheslavovna Pirogova
11:50–11:55	Welcome Address by the Director of the Maritime Academy of Asia and the Pacific, Philippines, Dr., Professor Angelica Baylon

11:55–12:00 CLOSING OF THE OFFICIAL OPENING CEREMONY

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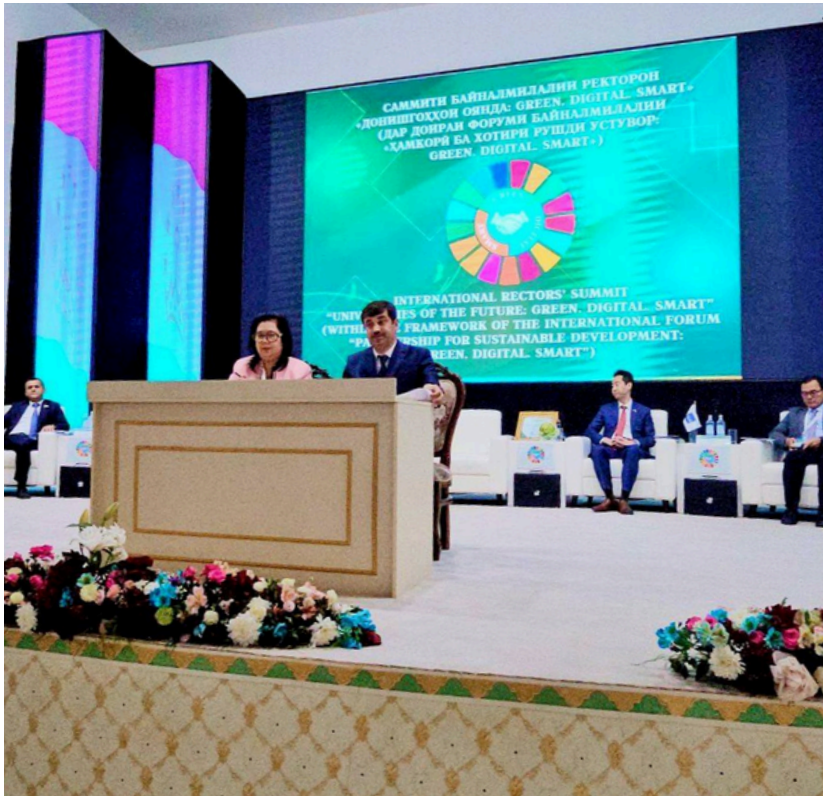
Traditional Lunch at Pilaf Center Dushanbe Sino 58 Str



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During the Rectors' Summit, a **Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)** was formally signed **on behalf of the Philippine Association of Extension Program Implementers Inc. (PAEPI Global)**, represented by its president and chair/president emeritus. The agreement, entered into with the International University of Tourism and Entrepreneurship (IUTE), was established for the benefit of its member institutions and reflects a shared commitment to key guiding principles under a collaborative framework.



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Traditional Lunch at the Istaravshan Restaurant at Dushanbe, Jami Avenue 9



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The **Navruz** celebration featured a presentation highlighting the achievements of the International University of Tourism and Entrepreneurship, showcasing its academic progress, institutional milestones, and contributions to international collaboration.



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Dr. Baylon also participated in a tree-planting activity that was conducted in Dushanbe, Tajikistan, with the Philippine flag represented as one of the 56 participating countries. The activity was assisted by student volunteers from the International University of Tourism and Entrepreneurship.

Dr. Baylon expressed her gratitude to the **female student volunteer, Noziya**, who took a special role in the event and expressed her commitment to take care of the newly planted tree within the university campus in the absence of Dr. Baylon. The gesture highlighted the spirit of environmental stewardship and international friendship fostered during the activity. Photo with the rector, Leo Valdez, of Holy Angel University, Philippines, a PAEPI Global member institution.



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The Rectors Club – Central Asia meeting, at the host institution IUTE, was co-organized by Almaty Management University.

The event gathered rectors from various higher education institutions across Central Asia and was led by the Deputy Minister of Education of the Republic of Tajikistan, together with the Rector of IUTE, Dr. Asrorzoda Ubaidullo Sattor.

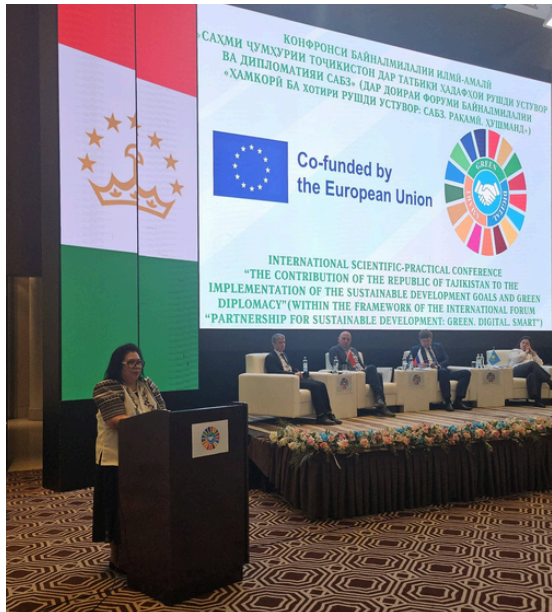
The meeting served as a platform for academic dialogue and regional collaboration among higher education leaders in Central Asia, with discussions focused on strengthening institutional partnerships and educational cooperation across the region.



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Dr. Baylon expressed her gratitude to fellow delegates, including **Dr. Cici Fero Chan** of Indonesia and **Vice Chancellor Mohammed Rashidul Kabir Kabir** of Bangladesh, for their active participation during the question-and-answer session and discussions. It was noted that this was the first meeting with them, and their attentiveness and thoughtful questions during the session were highly appreciated.



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At the closing session, commendations and questions from Tajikistan, Russia, Germany, Malaysia, India, Indonesia, and Bangladesh were recorded. **VC Mohammed Rashidul Kabir from Bangladesh (Intl Daffodil University) and Dr. Cici Fero Chan from Indonesia also provided their comments and questions, which Dr. Baylon responded to.**

Q1. Why should policymakers take the study seriously?

Policymakers should give serious consideration to the study because it addresses pressing global challenges such as trade inefficiencies, climate risks, and infrastructural gaps. The study also aligns with international priorities like sustainability and resilience, making it both relevant and actionable.



Q2. What is the biggest risk if the proposed model is not implemented?

The primary risk would be loss of opportunities. Without implementation, inefficiencies in global trade would persist, vulnerability to climate change would increase, and regional integration would remain limited. A lack of collaboration would result in fragmented and less resilient systems.

Q3. How are political and regulatory differences between Dushanbe and the Philippines addressed?

This is where green diplomacy plays a crucial role, as it provides a platform for policy harmonization, intermodal agreements, and shared standards. While differences exist, global frameworks such as the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals offer a common policy language that countries like the Philippines and Tajikistan can align with.

Q4. What makes the proposed framework different from existing trade and logistics models?

Most existing models focus primarily on economic efficiency or infrastructure. In contrast, the proposed framework integrates sustainability, innovation, and environmental governance –aligning with the overall theme of the conference. The approach goes beyond simply moving goods, aiming instead to create a resilient, sustainable, and future-oriented system.

Q5. Among the opportunities mentioned, which is the most feasible to start with?

The most feasible starting point is maritime education, training, and knowledge transfer because this approach requires lower financial investment, leverages existing institutional capacity, and delivers immediate, measurable impact, serving as a strong foundation for more complex collaborations.

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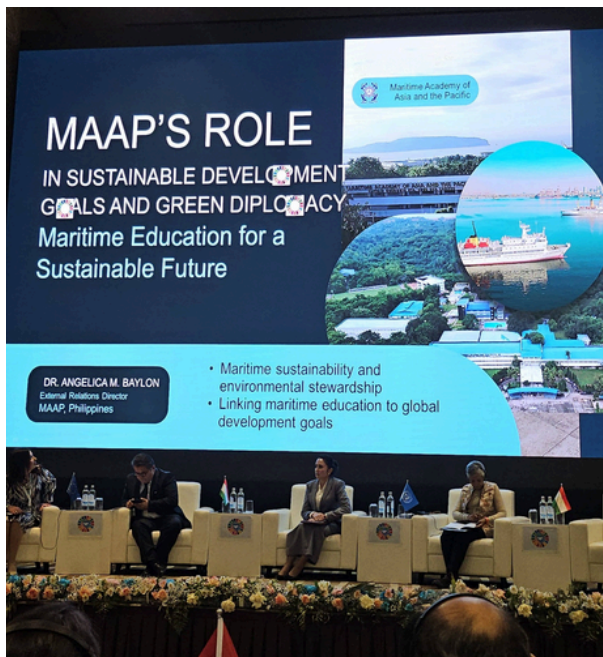
At the campus of the International University of Tourism and Entrepreneurship in Levakant, Dr. Baylon participated as one of the VIP representatives during a reception ceremony. On behalf of the Philippines, the delegate took part in a ceremonial signing prior to visiting the collection of books authored by Emomali Rahmon, President of the Republic of Tajikistan.



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On behalf of **MAAP President and IMO Maritime Goodwill Ambassador Eduardo Ma R Santos (VADM, AFP Ret.)**, the Maritime Academy of Asia and the Pacific (MAAP), **Dr. Baylon** was honored to share its role in advancing the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and promoting green diplomacy. The presentation, titled **“Maritime Education for a Sustainable Future,”** highlighted MAAP’s contributions alongside other invited and participating higher education institutions. The event was excellently hosted by the International University of Tourism and Entrepreneurship of the Republic of Tajikistan.



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At Kurushikabir Park, received a warm welcome from the National Values Festival. The exhibition featured representatives from the executive authorities of Dushanbe and the Shokhmansur District.



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The cultural program titled “**Friendship**” was held at the **Sadriddin Aini State Academic Opera and Ballet Theater**, bringing together distinguished guests including the **Minister of Culture of the Republic of Tajikistan**, as well as rectors from various higher educational institutions across the country. The event highlighted cultural exchange, unity, and collaboration among participating delegates.



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A warm reception and dinner were held at Yakkasaray Restaurant in Dushanbe, located along S. Sherozi Avenue.

The evening was marked by a warm atmosphere of hospitality and cultural exchange, reflecting the spirit of the gathering and the city's vibrant character in Tajikistan.



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