

## Seventh WCO Global Canine Forum

7- 9 September 2026, Tashkent, Uzbekistan

### Agenda

Day 0

6 September 2026

| Time  | Programme                              |
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| 17:00 | Cocktail reception / Registration (UZ) |
| 17:45 | Welcome remarks                        |

Day 1

7 September 2026

| Time            | Programme                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
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| 0               | Sign-in / Registration                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 09:30 – 10:30   | Opening of the 7 <sup>th</sup> WCO Global Canine Forum                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
|                 | Welcome Speeches and Keynote addresses by Heads of Hosting Administration and Executives of the WCO<br>- High-level government official of the host country (TBC)<br>- Akmalkhuja Mavlonov, Chairman of Customs Committee of Uzbekistan<br>- Ian Saunders, WCO Secretary General (or Representative) |
|                 | Group Photo                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
|                 | Coffee Break                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Topic 1:</b> | <b>WCO Canine Programme</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 10:15 – 11:15   | Sharing of Success Stories<br><i>Speaker: Farrukh Kakhkhorov (Customs Committee of Uzbekistan)</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 11:15 – 11:45   | Outcome and Deliverables of the Synthetic Drugs Detection Project on Canine Component (Regional and National Trainings and Canine regional meetings and forums)<br><i>Speaker: Keith Barker (WCO)</i>                                                                                                |
| 11:45 – 12:15   | Overview - WCO Regional Dog Training Centre Accreditation Standards<br><i>Speaker: Keith Barker (WCO)</i>                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 12:15 – 12:45   | WCO Illicit Trade Report Presentation<br><i>Speaker: Ying-suet CHEUNG (WCO)</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 12:45 – 13:45   | Working Lunch hosted by the Uzbekistan Customs                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |

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| 13:45 – 17:30 | Visit to Uzbekistan Canine Centre            |
| 17:30         | End of Day 1                                 |
| 19:00 – 22:00 | Gala dinner hosted by the Uzbekistan Customs |

## Day 2

8 September 2026

| Time            | Programme                                                                                                                                                                          |
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| <b>Topic 2:</b> | <b>New trends, challenges, and opportunities for canine units</b>                                                                                                                  |
| 09:00 – 09:20   | <b>New tendencies, challenges and opportunities for K9 services</b><br>Aleksei Cherkavskii, Head of WCO Regional Dog Training Centre<br>in Russian Federation, Moscow Region       |
| 09:20 – 09:50   | <b>International Cooperation and Partnerships in Canine Services</b><br>Zafar Olimkulov, Chief Inspector, International Cooperation<br>Department, Customs Committee of Uzbekistan |
| 09:50 – 10:30   | <b>New tendencies, challenges and opportunities for K9 services</b><br>Nobue KURANAGA, Assistant Supervisor<br>Japan Customs K9 Training Center                                    |
| 10:30 – 11:00   | Coffee Break                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 11:00 – 11:30   | <b>Presentation on New Latvia Training Facility</b><br>Valdis Bikovskis, Senior Customs Expert, Canine Unit<br>Customs Department, National Customs Board, Latvia                  |
| 11:30 – 11:50   | <b>New tendencies, challenges and opportunities for K9 services</b><br>Che Wenfang, Chief of the Office at the Ruili Detector Dog Training<br>Centre of China Customs              |
| 11:50 – 12:30   | <b>Overview of the Customs Canine Force</b><br>Franky Chan, Customs Canine Force<br>Hong Kong Customs                                                                              |
| 12:30 – 14:00   | Working Lunch hosted by the Uzbekistan Customs                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Topic 3:</b> | <b>Getting the Most from Your Canine Teams in Operational Environments</b>                                                                                                         |
| 14:00 – 14:30   | <b>Synthetic Cannabis – Operational Challenges</b><br>Prokop Balas, Customs Canine Handler<br>Czech Customs Administration Canine Training Centre                                  |
| 14:30 – 15:00   | <b>Remote Scent Detection</b><br>Martin Jeschke, Customs Canine Trainer<br>RDTC Neuendettelsau, Germany                                                                            |
| 15:00 – 15:30   | <b>Odour Extraction Devise</b><br>A.W. van. Empel, Instructor/Expert Detection Dogs<br>International Affairs, Customs Administration of the Netherlands                            |

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| 15:30 – 15:45   | Coffee Break                                                                                                                              |
| <b>Topic 4:</b> | <b>The Science Behind Canine Detection Capabilities. The Pros and Cons of Alternative Training Materials</b>                              |
| 15:45 – 16:15   | <b>CBSA and USCBP Pseudo Fentanyl Study</b><br>Jonathan Bouchard, Manager, Detector Dog Training Program<br>Canada Border Services Agency |
| 16:15 – 16:45   | <b>Novel Synthetic Opioids</b><br>Leza Adams, Chief Instructor, National Dog Team<br>United Kingdom Border Force                          |
| 17:00           | End of Day 2                                                                                                                              |

### Day 3

9 September 2026

| Time            | Programme                                                                                                                                             |
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| <b>Topic 5:</b> | <b>WCO Best Practice Compendiums for Canine Programmes: Best Practices and Guidelines</b>                                                             |
| 09:00 – 09:10   | <b>Compendium Overview:</b><br>Keith Barker, WCO Canine Coordinator                                                                                   |
| 09:15 – 09:30   | <b>Compendium on Animal Welfare:</b><br>Brett Matthews, Chief Instructor<br>Australian Border Force Detector Dog Program                              |
| 09:30 – 09:45   | <b>Compendium on Breeding:</b><br>Brett Matthews, Chief Instructor<br>Australian Border Force Detector Dog Program                                    |
| 09:45 – 10:00   | <b>Compendium on Canine Development:</b><br>Brett Matthews, Chief Instructor<br>Australian Border Force Detector Dog Program                          |
| 10:00 – 10:15   | <b>Compendium on Procurement:</b><br>Leza Adams, Chief Instructor, National Dog Team<br>United Kingdom Border Force                                   |
| 10:15 – 10:30   | <b>Compendium on Training:</b><br>Joshua Beliveau, International Trainer/Advisor<br>Office of International Affairs, US Customs and Border Protection |
| 10:30 – 10:45   | Coffee Break                                                                                                                                          |
| 10:45 – 11:00   | <b>Compendium on Operational Deployment:</b><br>Jonathan Bouchard, Manager, Detector Dog Training Program<br>Canada Border Services Agency            |
| 11:00 – 11:15   | <b>Compendium on Governance:</b><br>Tracie Jackson<br>Training and Technical Lead, Border Force Detector Dog Programme<br>United Kingdom Border Force |

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| 11:15 – 11:30 | <b>Compendium on Infrastructure:</b><br>Martin Jeschke, Customs Canine Trainer<br>RDTC Neuendettelsau, Germany                  |
| 11:30 – 11:45 | <b>Compendium on Information Technology:</b><br>Franky Chan, Customs Canine Force<br>Hong Kong Customs                          |
| 11:45 – 12:00 | <b>Compendium on Innovation:</b><br>Elyor Khakimov, Head of IT and Cybersecurity department,<br>Customs Committee of Uzbekistan |
| 12:00 - 12:30 | Official closing ceremony of the 7th Global K9 Forum                                                                            |
| 12:30 – 14:00 | Lunch hosted by the Uzbekistan Customs                                                                                          |
| 14:00 – 18:00 | Visit to cultural objects of Tashkent (sightseeing)                                                                             |
| 18:30 – 21:30 | Gala dinner hosted by the Uzbekistan Customs                                                                                    |