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Dr. Rovshan Abbasov received a doctorate degree in Environmental Sciences in 2003. In the last 20 years, he has been a consultant and researcher in numerous scientific and development projects. In 2005-2006, Rovshan Abbasov received a Junior Faculty Development Program fellowship and became a visiting professor at Michigan State University. In 2010-2012, Rovshan Abbasov was a Fulbright scholar at the University of California, Davis.

Rovshan Abbasov mainly specializes in environmental and water resources management. Ecosystem assessments, downstream-upstream linkages, ecosystem trends and environmental pollution have been his main areas of focus.

Working as a consultant at UNDP, Rovshan Abbasov was more involved in community-based ecosystem management, focusing on areas such as hazard management, climate change adaptation, ecosystem values, and climate change.

In the UNICEF organization, he was a consultant both in Azerbaijan and in Central Asia and mostly dealt with the issues of climate change mainstreaming in education, curriculum development, child-based disaster risk management. He is an author of the report named "Climate, Landscape analysis for Children".

In GIZ, Rovshan Abbasov took part in forest and land management projects. He has participated in many GIZ projects, such as ecosystem payments, integrated land management, participatory land management.

In recent years, Rovshan Abbasov has been closely cooperating with the Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources of the Republic of Azerbaijan and the State Tourism Agency. He directly participated in the writing of the nomination dossiers of Sheki reserve, Khinalig reserve, Hirkan biosphere reserve. He was the main author and administrator in the preparation of the nomination file of Zagatala biosphere reserve.

In 2019-2023, Rovshan Abbasov was CLA in the "Azerbaijan National Ecosystem Assessments" project implemented by UNEP WCMC and participated in the assessment of forest, mountain and freshwater ecosystems.

Since 2018, Rovshan Abbasov is an MEP member of IPBES and participates in the internal audit of various global assessments. He is also a member of the steering committee of the IPBES scenarios and models task force.

Since 2007, Rovshan Abbasov has been the Director of the Environmental Research Center of Khazar University.

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