2026 ANNUAL ACADEMIC CONFERENCE
of the China–Kazakhstan Joint Laboratory of Remote Sensing Technology and Application
and the
I Central Asia -China Symposium on Remote Sensing Technology and Applications
(First Circular)
Almaty, Kazakhstan, June 26–29, 2026

The China–Kazakhstan Joint Laboratory of Remote Sensing Technology and Application (RST&A) was officially inaugurated on March 27, 2024. Jointly established by the Al-Farabi Kazakh National University with Xinjiang Institute of Ecology and Geography, Chinese Academy of Sciences, the laboratory serves as an important platform for Kazakhstan-China scientific and technological cooperation under the framework of the Belt and Road Initiative.

The laboratory focuses on remote sensing technology and geographic information systems, with key research directions including ecological and environmental monitoring in Central Asia, climate change adaptation, and agricultural resource management. It is committed to providing scientific and technological support for regional sustainable development and improving people's livelihoods. In order to further promote academic exchange and strengthen regional and international collaboration, the Laboratory will host the **2026 Annual Academic Conference of the China–Kazakhstan Joint Laboratory of Remote Sensing Technology and Applications and the I Central Asia–China Symposium on Remote Sensing Technology and Applications**.

CONFERENCE THEME

Remote Sensing Empowering Sustainable Development in Central Asia – Ecological and Environmental Monitoring in Arid Regions and Collaborative Innovation

CONFERENCE TOPICS

Authors are invited to submit abstracts related to the following sections:

1. Remote sensing of ecosystems and environment
2. Climate change and arid regions
3. Agricultural and water resources monitoring
4. GeoAI and big geospatial data
5. Remote sensing of natural hazards

CONFERENCE FORMAT

The agenda includes invited keynote speeches, thematic presentations in parallel sessions, special symposia and technical training, poster sessions, and field excursions.

DATE AND VENUE

Date	Time	Activity
June 26, 2026	All Day	Arrival
June 27, 2026	Morning	Opening Ceremony & Keynote Speeches
	Afternoon	Parallel Academic Sessions
June 28, 2026	Morning	Symposia / Technical Training
	Afternoon	Field Excursion
June 29, 2026	All Day	Departure

ORGANIZATION

Organized by:

- China-Kazakhstan Joint Laboratory for Remote Sensing Technology and Application

Founding Institutions:

- Al-Farabi Kazakh National University
- Xinjiang Institute of Ecology and Geography, Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS)

Sponsored by:
- Department of Geography, Land Management and Cadaster, Faculty of Geography and Environmental Sciences
- Research Center for Ecology and Environment of Central Asia (Almaty), Chinese Academy of Sciences

PARTICIPANTS

We warmly welcome researchers, engineers, graduate students, and administrative personnel from China, Central Asia, and other countries who work in the fields of Remote Sensing and GIS, Ecology and Environment, Agricultural Resource Management, and GeoAI (Geospatial Artificial Intelligence) to attend the conference and submit papers for exchange.

REGISTRATION

Participants are requested to complete the **Registration Form (Attachment 1)** and submit it to the Organizing Committee by **March 31, 2026**. Information on registration fees will be announced in the Second Circular on the website geo-ca2026.com.

CONFERENCE LANGUAGE

The official working language of the conference is **English**.

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Detailed information regarding the specific venue, abstract submission, registration fees, transportation, and accommodation will be released in subsequent announcements on the website geo-ca2026.com. We look forward to the active participation of experts and scholars!

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM

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June 26–29, 2026

(RST&A, Almaty, Kazakhstan)

Prefix (Mr./Mrs./Ms.):	
First Name:	
Last Name:	
Affiliation / Institution	
Title/Position:	
Country:	
Phone number (preferably mobile number associated with one of the messengers):	
E-mail:	
Participant Category	☐ Regular participant ☐ Student / Young scientist
Presentation Type	☐ Oral presentation ☐ Poster presentation ☐ Listener
Proposed Section	
Abstract Title (if applicable)	
Need Invitation Letter	☐ Yes ☐ No
Participation in Field Excursion	☐ Yes ☐ No
Would you like to deliver a statement? If yes, mention the topic:	

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

Abstract Submission
Authors are invited to submit abstracts for oral or poster presentations.
Length: 300–500 words (excluding title and affiliations)
File format: DOC / DOCX

Abstract should include:
- background and objectives.
- data and methods.
- key results.
- scientific or practical significance.

Required structure:
- Title
- Author(s) and affiliation(s)
- Corresponding author e-mail
- Abstract text
- 3–5 keywords

Authors are solely responsible for the accuracy and originality of their submitted content.

Poster Submission
Poster size: A0 (portrait orientation)
Language: English
Recommended content:
- introduction and objectives.
- data and methods.
- results and conclusions.

Design requirements:
- minimum body text size: 24 pt.
- title size: at least 48 pt.
- figures and maps must be clearly readable.

A PDF version of the poster should be submitted **no later than 10 days before the conference**.

Important Notes
- Each participant may submit no more than two abstracts, whereas the presenting author.
- Detailed requirements are available in **Attachment 2. Abstract and Poster Preparation Guidelines**.

Upon conclusion of the conference, all works will be published in a digital collection of abstracts and sent to the participants.