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Progress report for 2017

1) Recap of the project objectives:

In accordance with the Memorandum on cooperation between the State Agency for Environmental Protection and Forestry (SAEPF) under the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic and the OSCE Centre in Bishkek of December 23, 2014 the following objectives set in front Aarhus Centre in Bishkek:

- interaction between environmental non-profit organizations, government agencies, local authorities, international organizations and other stakeholders;
- creation of informational-analytical and training materials, based on official information and research results for submission of an objective information to the public and systematic capacity building of all stakeholders;
- promotion of cooperation between environmental organizations and their potential partners among international and non-profit organizations.

2) Summary of activities

The OSCE Office in Bishkek financed our activities in 2018 in two stages: the first stage began from February 15 and ended April 30, and the second - from August 1 to December 31. In this regard, our report is also divided into 2 stages.

First Stage (February 15 - April 30).

Activity 1.2. "Holding an introductory meeting with local partners and presenting the work plan of the Aarhus Center in Issyk-Kul region"

A seminar was held in conference hall of Issyk-Kul Territorial Administration SAEPF on the theme "Informing the public about legal environmental rights is the basis of compliance with the regulatory legal acts of the Kyrgyz Republic." This seminar was jointly organized by SAEPF, OSCE Programme Office in Bishkek and Aarhus Center in Bishkek, where environmental officers from the region and community organizations were trained in the basics of applying environmental legislation to resolve conflict situations with environmental violators under the Aarhus Convention. The seminar was attended by the staff of the Issyk-Kul territorial department of the SAEPF, the Issyk-Kul department of the SIETS, the Issyk-

Kul regional center for development and education of the population, Alliance of NGOs of Issyk-Kul region. Training was conducted by staff and consultants-experts of the Aarhus Center in Bishkek. At the end of the seminar, the 2nd edition of the collection of normative legal acts of the Kyrgyz Republic for 2009-2016 was presented. This collection developed jointly with UNDP in the Kyrgyz Republic OSCE Center in Bishkek, SAEPF and the Aarhus Center in Bishkek. Collection includes all laws and codes of the Kyrgyz Republic, Decrees of the President of the Kyrgyz Republic, Decrees of the Government of the KR, instructions, regulations and other environmental protection measures for 2009-2016.



Activity 1.4. "Conducting two training events on the Aarhus Convention in the Issyk-Kul and Chui regions"

a) On March 13, 2017, a round table on “Application of the Aarhus Convention – Effective Environmental Management and Protection of Environmental Human Rights” was held. The round table was organized by Kyrgyz National Agrarian University, Global Water Partnership of Kyrgyzstan (GWP) and Aarhus Center in Bishkek with the support of the OSCE Center in Bishkek and the SAEPF. The main task of the round table was to tell the professors and students of KNAU, public associations and environmental services about the ongoing projects in environment sphere within the framework of the Aarhus Convention. On behalf of SAEPF, with welcome speeches were the State Secretary Erkebaev A.T. and the dean of the faculty of KNAU Samykbayev A.K., who marked the importance of holding this event and briefly described the activities of their organizations in the sphere of the environment and noted the cooperation in raising of ecological knowledge among the youth. Our partners and students of university made presentations. At the end of the round table, guests were invited to tour in water museum, which for today is the only museum dedicated to the water reserve of Kyrgyzstan.



6) On April 26, 2017 in the conference hall of the Issyk-Kul Territorial Administration SAEPF a round table on “The Preservation of Issyk-Kul Lake – the Basis of Welfare of the Population of the Region” was held with the participation of representatives of SAEPF, SIETS, NGOs, foundations, alliances and other NGOs in the region. The organizers of the event were the Aarhus Center in Bishkek, in cooperation with the OSCE Center in Bishkek and the KGZ-Water / Issyk-Kul Project, implemented jointly with the SAEPF with the financial support of the FinWater WEI Institute (Government of Finland). The main tasks of the round table were to discuss the preservation of the Issyk-Kul Lake, raise the issues of its ecological status and prepare proposals to state structures to take care of one the beautiful lakes of Kyrgyzstan. The deputy director of the SAEPF A. Ryspekov, the representative of the OSCE Center in Bishkek E. Paiziev and the manager of the project “KGZ – Water / Issyk-Kul” Ari Mäkelä took part in round table. In their speeches, they focused on problems in environmental protection in the region, raise attention of environmental services and in taking the necessary measures to prevent contamination of the lake. Representative of the SAEPF presented information on environmental activities in the region. The head of the Aarhus Center in Bishkek A. Nurbekov presented his presentation on the topic “Public Participation in Implementing Environmental Issues Based on the Aarhus Convention”. Project manager Ari Mäkelä made presentation on topic: “The main monitoring tasks within the framework of the project “KGZ-Water / Issyk “Kul”, implemented with the support of the Government of Finland “. Head of PF “Clean Issyk-Kul” A. Shamsutdinov told about the activities of PF. Head of the Issyk-Kul regional development center and the education of the population Koshekhova K.T. told about “Experience of the Issyk-Kul regional center for development and education of the population”. Executive director M. Mukambetov of Association of Legal Entities told about activities that made by alliance in region. The effectiveness of one-time measures to clean the lake’s coastal zone from domestic garbage and to consider the possibility of mechanized cleaning using advanced technologies as in developed countries were discussed. Individual representatives of public organizations made proposals on joint work in monitoring Issyk-Kul Lake, carrying out various environmental measures and informing the population about the ecological dependence of the region on the economic activity of a person. In the afternoon, an official ceremony of transferring the motor boat to the SAEPF balance acquired under the KGZ-Water / Issyk-Kul project. This boat is designed to optimize the process of environmental monitoring and data collection on the ecological condition of the Issyk-Kul Lake. Today this is an important aspect necessary for the proper development of the tourism sector, oriented not only to economic development, but also to social aspects, including the preservation of such a unique lake. In this regard, optimization of environmental monitoring system is one of the priority tasks of environmental protection.



Second Stage (August 1 - December 31).

Activity 1.9. "Round tables in Talas and Naryn regions on implementation of the Aarhus Convention".

a) On September 21, 2017 Aarhus Center in Bishkek held a round table in Naryn city on the topic “Practical activities of public organizations in solving environmental problems – the successful implementation of the Aarhus Convention”. Round table was participated by representatives of environmental services of the region, local authorities, public organizations, Naryn State University and independent environmentalists. The main objective of this event was to discuss the activities of public organizations in the region in addressing environmental issues and what methods they use.

Most of participants made their presentation on environmental problems in region and how they solve them. All speakers noted that in recent years, the activities of public organizations in the field of environmental protection are gradually decreasing, and the organizations themselves are discontinuing their activities due to lack of financial resources and support from partner organizations, and this leads, in turn, to a decrease in control over the public. In addition, the presentation was made by the head of the Aarhus Center in Bishkek, Adil Nurbekov who spoke about the work of the Center for 2 years, about the implementation of the Strategy for 2015-2018, about the plans for the future and the creation of partnerships for participation in solving environmental problems in the region. Normative legal acts of the Kyrgyz Republic in the field of environmental protection for 2009-2016 were presented to participants, which were collected by the consultants of SAEPF, UNDP in the Kyrgyz Republic, the OSCE Office in Bishkek and the Aarhus Center in Bishkek.



6) On October 3, 2017 in Talas, a round table on “Practical participation of public organizations – the key to the successful implementation of the Aarhus Convention” was held. The organizers of the event were the Aarhus Center in Bishkek, the Association of Public Ecological Organizations of Talas region with the support of the OSCE Program Office in Bishkek and Talas Environmental Protection Agency SAEPF. Participants were representatives of public organizations, Talas University, youth organizations, environmental services and independent environmental experts from the region. The main task of the roundtable was to receive information from representatives of the Talas region on measures taken to protect the environment, use of the recommendations and provisions of the Aarhus

Convention on the protection of their environmental rights, and the work of environmental services in the preservation of the environment. The main speakers were the head of the Talas SAEPF, B. Kadyrbekov, the executive director of the Association “Alliance of the Talas region” T. Momunbekova and the head of the Aarhus Center of Bishkek A. Nurbekov. After the presentation, many questions were asked to B. Kadyrbekov as the main executor of the implementation of environmental policy in Talas region on behalf of SAEPF. The questions were on different ecological problems and touched various problems of the region. Thus, representatives of the university raised the problem of an unsystematic approach to the implementation of planned measures for environmental protection, weak methodological and educational work with the population. Representatives of the youth organization “Aikol” raised the problem of building manufactory for the production of plastic bags in the residential area No. 95 in Talas. Issues of mismanagement of forest plantations along the roads, which were planted several years ago, were also raised; increase of heavy vehicles that violate the ecology of the region and affect human health; increasing debris in cities and villages and the lack of places to properly store them and much more. All questions were answered by stakeholders, and a discussion was held on the lack of a cultural attitude to nature. In the second half of the round table, recommendations were given by the staff of the Aarhus Center on the rights of application of the Aarhus Convention. It was suggested, in case of an urgent solution of problem, to contact office of the Aarhus Center in Bishkek and partners in Talas, in particular to the Association “Alliance of the Talas Region”. At the end of the round table, all participants were given collection of normative legal acts in the field of environmental protection 2009-2016, collected and replicated by SAEPF, UNDP, OSCE Programme Office in Bishkek and Aarhus Center in Bishkek.



Activity 1.10. "Establishment of the Aarhus Center in Cholpon-Ata in Issyk-Kul region"

On November 9, 2017, the branch of the Aarhus Center in Bishkek – Issyk-Kul Center was opened. The opening ceremony was attended by Ambassador, Head of OSCE Programme Office in Bishkek – Mr. Pierre von Arx, a senior program adviser of OSCE Programme Office in Bishkek – Nana Baramidze, Environmental Advisor – D.Prudtskih, deputy director of the State Environmental Protection Agency and Forestry Management of the government of the Kyrgyz Republic – A.Ryspekov, head of the state administration Issyk-Kul region – D.Imanaliev, head of the Aarhus Centre in Bishkek – A.Nurbekov, representatives of environmental services in the region, non-governmental organizations and the public.

After the official opening ceremony of the Center, a round table was held on the topic “Opening of the Issyk-Kul’s Aarhus Center – a step towards achieving the results of the basic principles of the Aarhus Convention in Kyrgyzstan”.



Activity 1.11. Organization of television programs on environmental issues

Information sharing and awareness-raising, along with environmental education, are important elements of public awareness and advocacy. Such activities help to facilitate public participation in the decision-making process, ultimately determining the direction of development and environmental conditions. Aarhus Centers play an important role in supporting public participation, as well as in educating and raising awareness through the creation of tools such as brochures, websites and others. OSCE Programme Office in Bishkek supported the development of television programs and the creation of a series of educational television programs in the field of ecology by the Aarhus Center and SAEPF. It was decided to create 4 videos on the activities being implemented by the Aarhus Centers of Kyrgyzstan under the Aarhus Convention and to provide viewers with the basic principles of the Convention - access to information, public participation and access to justice related to environmental issues. All videos were created by our partners from TV company "NTS" and are shown in December. And then a generalized video was produced from the materials of the previous 4 videos and will be shown early next year in the form of an informational story about the Aarhus Centers of Kyrgyzstan.



Activity 1.12. "Training of judges in regions on principles of Aarhus Convention"

Aarhus Center in Bishkek together with the Higher School of Justice of the Supreme Court of the Kyrgyz Republic, with the assistance of the OSCE Program Office in Bishkek, conducted

two trainings for local judges of Naryn (November 3, 2017) and Talas (November 10, 2017) on “Application of the principles of the Aarhus Convention in the consideration of judicial cases on environmental issues”. 20 judges of local courts, assistants and consultants of judges participated in the trainings. Trainers of this training were consultants of the Aarhus Centers of Kyrgyzstan, judge of the Supreme Court of Kyrgyzstan D.Arstanbaeva and an independent expert, lawyer V.Boltobaeva. The main goal of the training was to familiarize and educate judges about the principles of application of the Aarhus Convention in the consideration of court cases, as well as what legislative and regulatory acts were adopted in the legislation of the Kyrgyz Republic in the field of environmental protection in recent years. The training itself was divided into 6 sessions and included the following topics: “Review of the Aarhus Convention and normative acts of the Kyrgyz Republic in the field of ecology and environmental protection”, “The right to access to environmental information and the right to participate in decision-making that affect the environment”, “The right to access to justice”, “Competences of authorized bodies in the field of ecology and environmental protection” and “Best practice of application of the Aarhus Convention and national legislation in the field of environment and ecology. During the training, the judges received the necessary knowledge and answers to their questions. Upon completion, certificates were handed to all trained listeners and collection of regulatory acts in the field of environmental protection for 2009-2016, which were collected by the consultants of the Aarhus Center with the assistance of SAEPF, UNDP in the Kyrgyz Republic and the OSCE Program Office in Bishkek.



Activity 1.13. "Holding a round table to discuss the issue of proper use of natural resources in the Chui region"

On October 27, 2017 in the district of the Chui in Aral village Aarhus Center in Bishkek together with the Chui-Bishkek Territorial Department of Environmental Protection at SAEPF with the financial support of the OSCE Program Office in Bishkek held a roundtable on the theme “Participation of environmental services for the implementation of the principles of the Aarhus Conventions – the key to successful activities in the protection of the environment”. The main participants of the event were management staff, consultants, experts in the field of ecology and civil society. The main goal of this event was to inform about the progress in the implementation of environmental tasks by the state services of the region, discuss problems, and establish contacts between services in the successful and prompt resolution of problems in region. At the beginning of the round table, materials presented on the Aarhus Convention and on the work of the Aarhus Center in Bishkek in 2017. Head of the

Aarhus Center, Adil Nurbekov, spoke about the history of the accession of the Kyrgyz Republic to the countries that signed the Convention, about its basic principles and forms of reporting to international institutions. Then a presentation on the work of the Aarhus Centers of Kyrgyzstan and in particular about the Aarhus Center in Bishkek presented. In the second session of the round table, information about Chui-Bishkek Territorial Department of Environmental Protection activities was presented. Issues that discussed has particular importance in the work of environmental services. Thus, 3 topics were considered: a) the main criteria for environmental monitoring; b) activities in forestry and protected areas; c) the principles of state environmental safety and compliance with environmental issues. Employees of the services have studied the innovations in some regulatory documents, discussed and studied the correctness of their application, implementation problems and correct reporting. In addition, consultants-experts made their proposals, expressed their views on new changes in the NLA, and presented their recommendations. At the end, the participants discussed the main environmental problems, the need to inform about the work of environmental services through the media, to increase the frequency of such meetings with the participation of all stakeholders and to invite stakeholders for broad discussion on all issues in the field of environmental protection.



Activity 1.14. "Round table after the official opening of the Issyk-Kul Aarhus Center in Cholpon-Ata"

Ambassador, Head of the OSCE Office in Bishkek, Mr. Pierre von Arks, Deputy Director of the State Agency for Environmental Protection and Forestry under the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic A. Ryspekov, Head of the State Administration of the Issyk-Kul District D. Imanaliev started roundtable with welcome words. They noted the importance of opening a new office and expanding the network of Aarhus Centers. All speakers noted that the region has a number of problems in the issues of preserving the environment and it is necessary to take more serious and productive measures from both state and public. It is necessary to involve the entire community in decisive measures to protect the environment and create favorable environment for all residents and visitors of the region. Issyk-Kul's Aarhus Center can play a big role in this matter.

N. Baydaykova coordinator of the Aarhus Convention in Kyrgyzstan told about implementation of the Aarhus Convention in the Kyrgyz Republic. Head of the Aarhus Center in Bishkek A.Nurbekov presented to the participants of the round table information about the activities of the Aarhus Center in Bishkek, about the work done and about plans. He noted that Issyk-Kul's Aarhus Center would officially be a branch of the Bishkek office. The coordinator of the Issyk-Kul's Aarhus Center S.Tursunakunov acquainted the participants of the roundtable on the main directions of work and plans of activities that will implemented in the future. In the second part of the round table, the consultants of the OSCE Programme Office in Bishkek A.Alamanov and G.Borubaeva conducted a presentation on "The review of policy and institutional framework in the field of the environment and their financing in the Issyk-Kul region". They told the audience about the analysis carried out in the region and voiced their recommendations on improving financing for environmental activities from both the republican budget and local funds.

At the end of the round table, participants discussed issues of protection and cleanliness of Issyk-Kul Lake, work of the local state administration and local authorities in protection of environment, tasks of environmental services to improve environmental situation in the region, and its recommendations and proposals to the Issyk-Kul's Aarhus Center.



Activity 1.15. "A garbage-clearing campaign with the support of divers and local NGOs in the coastal village of Bostery in the Issyk-Kul District."

Ежегодно во всем мире в первой декаде сентября отмечается «День очистки водоемов», в ходе которого с участием государственных служб и общественности проводятся различные мероприятия по уборке от бытового мусора на имеющихся водоемах. К сожалению, в Кыргызстане данный День отмечается только любителями-энтузиастами экологических общественных организаций. Так, Орхусский Центр г.Бишкек со своими партнерами из проекта «KGZ/Вода-Иссык-Куль» и Добровольного Движения «Чистый Иссык-Куль» с 1 по 4 сентября 2017 года организовали различные мероприятия в Иссык-Кульской области, посвященные этому Дню.



Every year in the first ten days of September, the International Coastal Cleanup Day is celebrated throughout the world, during which various measures for cleaning domestic garbage in coastal zones are held with the participation of public services and public. Unfortunately, in Kyrgyzstan this Day is celebrated only by amateurs-enthusiasts of environmental NGOs.

The first event was a two-day marathon swim across Lake Issyk-Kul, which started on September 1 at 10.00 hours from the pier of the regional office of the Ministry of Emergency Situations of the Kyrgyz Republic in Cholpon-Ata, and ended on the morning of September 2 in Tammga village at Zheti-Oguz district. As a result, the marathon ended successfully and without incident, and the total length of the route was more than 65 km. Swimmers of the Voluntary Movement “Pure Issyk-Kul” participated in the swim, and they were accompanied by the rescue services of the region on the research ship “Moltur” and on high-speed boats. Marathon covered in the media by international television channel “Mir 24 (<https://mir24.tv/news/16265953/kyrgyzstanskije-daivery-pereplyli-issyk-kul>). It should be noted that the head of the state administration of the Issyk-Kul district, D.B. Ibrahimov, organized the departure of the participants. Participants were given a very warm welcome on other side of lake by local government of Zheti-Oguz district.

On September 4, in the conference hall of “Ak-Bermet” boarding house, a round table held on the topic “Support for the International Coastal Cleanup Day – a pledge for the Conservation of Natural Riches of Kyrgyzstan”. There were representatives of the public, local government, state administrations, environmental structures, international organizations and pupils from Bishkek and Cholpon-Ata schools. Deputy Head of the State Administration of the Issyk-Kul District M.S. Sarbagyshev, Advisor of OSCE Office in Bishkek D.Prudtskih and Deputy Director of the Issyk-Kul Territorial Administration of the SAEPF Kulataev M.M., spoke with welcoming words. The participants of the round table presented information about the work done by the Aarhus Center and the monitoring of the lake’s water quality within the framework of the KGZ / Water-Issyk-Kul project. Our guests from the Finnish Environment Institute presented materials on the problems of the use of microplastics in the world and the experience of the International Coastal Cleanup Day in the Baltic region. Director of the “Pure Issyk-Kul” spoke about the experience of organizing activities related to the purification of the Issyk-Kul Lake in the framework of the International Coastal Cleanup Day, and the results of the marathon swim conducted on September 1-2. At the end, the participants of the round table adopted an Appeal to the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic on the accession of the Kyrgyz Republic to the International Coastal Cleanup Day.

Parallel to the round table Festival-drawing competition was organized. The competition was among pupils of the Osmonov secondary school in Cholpon-Ata. The contest attended by up to 30 schoolchildren of various classes. Jury selected the winners, which included high school students from the high school with an ecological bias in Bishkek. Students also presented the materials prepared for their peers about environmental problems. The winners of the contest received valuable gifts. In addition, Aarhus Center passed books to library fund of school. At the end of the round table and competition, all took part in the cleanup of the coastal zone on the public beach of Cholpon-Ata. Divers of “Pure Issyk-Kul” collected and raised domestic garbage from bottom of coastal zone. This garbage taken out on a special vehicle to a municipal garbage dump.



Activity 1.16. "Revision of normative legal acts in the field of environmental protection".

Aarhus Center in Bishkek together with SAEPF, with the support of OSCE Programme Office in Bishkek, conducted a seminar on “Analysis of the Kyrgyz Republic’s legislation in the field of environmental protection and aspects of its improvement”, which was attended by employees of departments of SAEPF, representatives of public organizations and experts in the field of ecology. The presented material at the workshop prepared by a working group of representatives of SAEPF and environmental experts from Aarhus Center in Bishkek. The document included a brief analysis of all legislative acts in the field of environmental protection for compliance and need for amendments and changes. There are about 150 legislative acts in the field of environmental protection. The seminar presented an analysis of the main documents from among the Laws and Codes of the Kyrgyz Republic. The Head of the Department of Environmental Legislation SAEPF Kadoeva Zh.A presented this material. During the discussion, the participants of the seminar asked questions and made their proposals for amending the legislative acts. Particular interest and considerations were expressed in the Forest Code, Laws On Protected Areas, On Biological Diversity, On the Protection and Use of the Flora, On Wildlife, On the Ecological and Economic System of Issyk-Kul, and others. Each of the speakers noted the need to make amendments in order to remove the inconsistencies and duplication of different items of some legislative acts. It was also noted the need for the early adoption of the Environmental Code, which is being developed by the SAEPF. It was proposed to distribute this document to all interested parties for wide discussion and preparation of their proposals, and then to compile and develop a mechanism for their introduction into the necessary legislative acts. The distribution of this

document will help the Aarhus Center in Bishkek, and a working group headed by Kodoyeva Zh.A will conduct the generalization.



3) Information on achievements:

In the course of events that center held:

- 4 regional round tables with partners in Chui, Naryn, Talas and Issyk-Kul regions,
- 2 round tables on implementation of the Aarhus Convention in Chui and Issyk-Kul regions,
- opened the Aarhus Center in Cholpon-Ata, Issyk-Kul region,
- held events dedicated to the International Coastal Cleanup Day, during which organized a seminar for public organizations, a Festival of Drawings with the participation of schoolchildren and an action to clean domestic garbage from the coastal zone of Lake Issyk-Kul,
- conducted a seminar in conjunction with SAEPF on the analysis of environmental protection in the field of environmental protection,
- during the visit to the regions distributed to the partners collections of normative legal acts of the KR for 2009-2016, which gathered all the Laws, Codes, Decrees of the President, Government Resolutions, regulations and instructions issued in the field of environmental protection,
- information materials (literature, posters) developed jointly with the OSCE Programme Office in Bishkek, Aarhus Center in Bishkek, from our library distributed to partners in the regions
- conducted 2 training on access to justice for the judiciary in Naryn and Talas regions,
- established an information board near the office of the Issyk-Kul Aarhus Center, through which we will inform the public about activities in the framework of the implementation of the principles of the Aarhus Convention,
- our events were covered on the pages of information sites, on the pages of newspapers, information programs on TV and on radio channels.

4) Evaluation of the project, including problems and successes:

a) Positive sides:

- our partners in the regions actively assisted in conducting round tables and seminars, while they themselves presented materials about the events, using our experience and acquired knowledge in the process of joint work;
- Aarhus Center started functioning in the Issyk-Kul region, which will carry out various activities independently;
- materials are already posted on information board of the Aarhus Center in Cholpon-Ata, which is located near the Issyk-Kul office;
- the collection of normative and legal acts of the Kyrgyz Republic developed last year is distributed in the regions among our partners and environmental services, which will be used in daily work;
- trainings for the judiciary on the application of the principles of the Aarhus Convention in the consideration of judicial cases were held;
- Environmental actions were held with the participation of young people and the local population, which instill positive attitude towards nature;
- Establish and strengthen contacts with students, conducting together ecological seminars and lectures.

6) Problem sides:

- The information boards that was sent to the SAEPF have not yet been installed in the regions, which leads to a lack of constant awareness of the population on environmental issues in the field;
- need for opening library of the Aarhus Center in Cholpon-Ata;;
- continue consideration of the opening of Aarhus Centers in the regions (Talas and Naryn), due to the great distance from Bishkek;
- consider the possibility of employ an environmental lawyer to solve tasks related to advising citizens on the protection of environmental rights;
- start financing Aarhus Center at the beginning of the calendar year, as it is necessary to start the planned activities at the beginning of the year (February-March) and all the planned activities to be evenly carried out during the year.

5) Expected results:

- ❖ continue to work to strengthen interaction between government agencies and NGOs, PF and other non-profit organizations;
- ❖ database of NGOs, CBOs, PF and other non-profit organizations, as well as expert consultants who can assist in the transfer of necessary information and provide expert services in matters related to the environment;
- ❖ constantly disseminate information to the public and organizations interested in environmental issues through meetings, seminars, roundtables and other events;
- ❖ together with SAEPF we develop cooperation with state structures, we offer our ideas in the issues of environmental law of the society for effective collection of information in the field of ecology and environmental protection;
- ❖ with the creation of another Aarhus Center, we will quickly carry out activities and will be closer with the public in addressing various issues;

- ❖ our site is constantly updated and number of visitors increases every year;
- ❖ The conducted activities with young people give grounds to say that we have established permanent contacts with them and can count on their support in carrying out various activities.

Adil Nurbekov

Head of the Aarhus Center in Bishkek, December 31, 2017.