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### **ANNUAL ACTIVITY REPORT FOR 2021**

#### **1) Brief summary of project objectives:**

In accordance with the Memorandum of Cooperation between the State Agency for Environmental Protection and Forestry (SAEPF) under the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic and the OSCE Center in Bishkek dated December 23, 2014, the following tasks were assigned to the Aarhus Center in Bishkek:

- interaction between environmental non-profit organizations, government bodies, local authorities, international organizations and other interested parties;
- creation of information-analytical and training materials, based on official information and the results of studies, to present objective information to the general public and systematically increase the potential of all interested parties;
- fostering cooperation between environmental organizations and their potential partners among international and non-profit organizations.

#### **2) Short summary of the activities:**

The activity of the Aarhus Center in Bishkek, according to the signed contract with the OSCE Program Office in Bishkek, started on April 15, 2019 and ended on December 15, 2019. As in previous years, all the events organized by the Issyk-Kul and Naryn Aarhus Centers were funded through the Aarhus Center in Bishkek.

#### **3) Activities of the of Aarhus Centers network**

##### **Activities of the Aarhus Center in Bishkek**

**Activity 1.2. “Organizing a series of round tables on the state of the environment in Kyrgyzstan”**

##### **A) Round table in Talas region**

On May 26, the Aarhus Center in Bishkek organized a seminar in the Kara-Buura district of the Talas region. It was attended by representatives of the region’s environmental services, the regional state administration, the Talas department of the SCEC, public organizations, employees of the Kara-Buura natural park. The topic of the seminar was “Application of the Aarhus

Convention to inform civil society on climate change problems”. The main speakers were the head of the Aarhus Center in Bishkek A. Nurbekov, the director of the PF “Zhyldyz Transit” T. Momunbekova, the director of the natural park E. Kuluyev. At the beginning of the seminar A. Kydyrgychev, the head of the Talas territorial department of the State Committee for Ecology and Environmental Protection made a welcoming speech.



During the discussion, the participants of the seminar asked several questions, to which the speakers provided explanations. There were also requests to provide visual information in the form of posters and various booklets to familiarize the population of the district on environmental issues, to conduct educational trainings for employees of environmental services on new instructions and rules for monitoring the environment. At the end, the Aarhus Center donated environmental posters, books and environmental guides to the Kara-Buura Natural Park as an aid. In addition, for the clean up to be held on the territory of the natural park on June 1, inventory was transferred – gloves, bags, shovels and more.

#### **B) Round table in Chui region**

On June 3, 2021, at the Burana hotel in the Aral village of Chui oblast, a round table was held on the topic “Raising awareness of stakeholders on sustainable management and use of land resources in the context of climate change”. The public of the region, farmers and civil society of nearby places, representatives of land and pasture committees of the region, employees of ayil okmotu took part in the round table. The organizers of the round table with the support of the OSCE Program Office in Bishkek were the Aarhus Center in Bishkek, the Association of Land and Forest Users of Kyrgyzstan. The partner for the event was the NGO “Global Partnership of Kyrgyzstan”.



During the round table, information was provided on the activities of the Aarhus Center in Bishkek, on the ongoing work and planned activities. Then the representative of the National Association of Pasture Users of Kyrgyzstan “Kyrgyz Zhayty” made a presentation on “Sustainable pasture management in the context of climate change”. Besides, the representatives of the Association of Land Users and Forest Users of Kyrgyzstan made 3 presentations on the topics “Agroforestry-an innovative system of sustainable management and use of land resources”, “The management plan for pasture cattle on the territory of the State Forest Fund of Leilek forestry” and “Expansion and promotion of organic products of local small farmers and forest users of Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan to the markets of the European Union”. At the end of the presentations, several questions were asked and presentation materials were discussed. At the end, the participants asked the organizers to hold such a meeting again and took a photo as a souvenir.

### **C) Round table in Bishkek**

On June 17, 2021, in the conference hall of the Plaza Hotel, the Aarhus Center in Bishkek, together with the Global Water Partnership (GWP), with the support of the OSCE Programme Office in Bishkek, held a round table on “Raising awareness of stakeholders on the implementation of the SDG points”. The main task of the round table was to discuss the use of water resources in Kyrgyzstan. The round table was attended by employees of the State Water Resources Agency under the Ministry of Agriculture, Water Management and Regional Development of the Kyrgyz Republic, the Agency for Hydrometeorology under the Ministry of Emergency Situations, members of the Kyrgyz part of the Secretariat of the Chui-Talas Water Management Commission, the Association of Water Users under the State Water Resources Agency, representatives of public organizations, universities and civil society.



At the beginning of the round table, the head of the Aarhus Center made a welcoming speech and briefly presented information about the activities of the network of Aarhus Centers in Kyrgyzstan. The main speakers were the coordinator of the Global Water Partnership for Kyrgyzstan, K. A. Musabayeva, and the head of the Kyrgyz part of the Secretariat of the Chui-Talas Water Management Commission, G. S. Satymkulova.

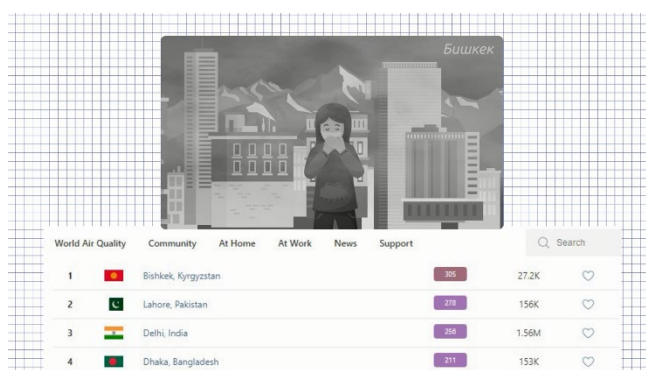
After the presentations, the participants of the round table discussed presented information materials presented and raised numerous questions and made some suggestions. At the end of the meeting participants made a group photo.

### **Activity 1.3. “Development of video reels on environmental issues”**

On the basis of the work plan, the Aarhus Center in Bishkek has developed three social videos on the issues of "Preservation of the environment of Kyrgyzstan", "Conservation of water resources of Kyrgyzstan" and "Preservation of atmospheric air in Kyrgyzstan". All videos were posted on



the websites of the Aarhus Center of Kyrgyzstan and our partners, on social networks Facebook, Instagram.



#### Active 1.4. Conducting a discussion on the water pollution on radio

#### Activity 1.5. “Organizing a public discussion on participation of women in environmental rights issues”

On August 25, 2021 in the hall of the Plaza Hotel, the Aarhus Center in Bishkek together with the NGO “Global Water Partnership”, with the assistance of the OSCE Program Office in Bishkek, held a round table on the topic “Participation of women in the implementation of the provisions of the Aarhus Convention in the field of ensuring environmental stability in the regions country”. At this event, issues of gender equality in the water sector of the Kyrgyz economy were discussed. The event was attended by representatives of the State Agency for Water Resources, the Agency for Hydrometeorology, State Committee for Ecology and Climate, Chui-Talas Water Commission, universities, NGOs and experts on water issues.



The main speakers were the head of the Aarhus Center in Bishkek with a presentation “Using the provisions of the Aarhus Convention in planning regional events”, K. Musabayeva – National coordinator of the NGO “Global Water Partnership of Kyrgyzstan” with a presentation “National policy and strategy on gender issues in Kyrgyzstan”. Chief Specialist of the State Agency for Water Resources with a presentation “Women specialists in the water sector of Kyrgyzstan: Education, experience and skills” and the representative of the GWP S. A. Turdakunova with a presentation “On the strategy of gender mainstreaming of the Global Water Partnership”. After the presentation, the participants of the round table asked a lot of questions and gave their suggestions for improving the attitude in gender issues for both civil services and the public. At the end of the round table, certificates of participants of the event were awarded on behalf of the organizers.

### **Activity 1.6. “Monitoring of the state of water resources and landfills of nearby cities”**

In September-October, the Aarhus Center in Bishkek, together with experts from the laboratory of the State Committee for Ecology and Climate, conducted annual monitoring of the state of the environment in Talas, Issyk-Kul and Naryn regions. This year, the monitoring of rivers flowing near the cities of Talas and Karakol, city garbage dumps of Karakol and Naryn were analyzed. These activities are aimed at a joint study of the state of the environment and nearby settlements near places where there are human waste.



After studying and conducting laboratory studies, the materials will be sent to the environmental services of the region, local self-government bodies. These data will be included in the database of the Aarhus Center in Bishkek for monitoring the state of the environment through annual monitoring of dynamics.

### **Activity 1.7. “Establishing a club of young ecologists in Talas region under the Aarhus Center in Bishkek”**

On September 24, 2021, a youth eco-club was organized on the basis of the Talas regional lyceum-a complex of foreign languages with the support of the Aarhus Center in Bishkek and the Association “Alliance of NGOs of the Talas region”. It consisted of students of school No. 4 of the city of Talas, teachers and students of the Talas Lyceum-complex, students of the Talas State University.



The head of the Aarhus Center in Bishkek A. Nurbekov, the chairman of the Association “Alliance of NGOs of the Talas region” T. Momunbekova, teachers of the Talas regional lyceum-complex of foreign languages spoke to the club members with parting words. All speakers wished the club to bear the name of the Ecologist with dignity, to propose and implement various ideas for



preserving the environment in a pure form in the region, to instill respect for nature among young people, and to be an example of a favorable attitude towards their land. T-shirts and caps of the Aarhus Center were distributed to the club members as a uniform of the club members and office supplies were handed over for work.

#### **Activity 1.8. “Round table with university students to discuss environmental issues”**

Today, on October 28, 2021, in the assembly hall of Bishkek State University named after Kusein Karasayev, a conference on the topic “Water. Climate. Youth”, dedicated to the upcoming global environmental forum CO-OP 26. This conference was organized by the Aarhus Center Bishkek, the NGO “Global Water Partnership” and Bishkek State University with the support of the OSCE Program Office in Bishkek. The conference was attended by Deputy Director of the State Agency for Water Resources of the Kyrgyz Republic A.S. Dzhaylobaev, Vice-Rector of BSU G.M. Murzakhmedova, Head of the Department of Economics and Ecology of the OSCE Program Office in Bishkek, Regional Coordinator of the GWP of Transcaucasia, Central Asia and Mongolia G. Nurmukhamedova, who made welcoming remarks to the participants of the conference.



After all the greetings, presentations were made. The first speakers were A.S. Dzhaylobaev and G.S. Satymkulova, the head of the Kyrgyz part of the secretariat of the Chu-Talas Water Management Commission, who provided information about their activities. The second was an expert in the field of climatology Z.Kretova, who made a presentation on a topic “Climate change: facts and figures”. This presentation was carefully heard by the student team, who showed keen interest. And the third presentation on the topic “The role of youth in actions to combat climate change”, presented by the regional coordinator of the Network “Youth of Central Asia for Water” (CAY4W) Ch.Aitakhunova completely captivated the audience. At the end of the conference there were speeches from the participants of the conference and questions of interest were asked, to which corresponding answers were given. After the closing of the conference, our speakers continued to give answers to questions in an already working environment.

#### **Activity 1.9. “Conducting environmental lectures for schoolchildren of Talas region”**

The Aarhus Center in Bishkek conducted an educational course in the Bakai-Ata district of the Talas region on the issues of preserving the environment in its purest form. 2417 students from 20 secondary schools of the region took part in the training. This training course was coordinated with the district education department of the Ministry of Education of the Kyrgyz Republic and was conducted as a class hour. During October, the trainer-consultant of the Aarhus Center in Bishkek, Turgun Momunbekova, delivered lectures to schoolchildren who showed interest in learning with attention. At the end of the course, an interactive game was held with some students via video communication and knowledge was consolidated in the form of question-answers.



#### **Activity 1.10. “Training of employees of the Ministry of Natural Resources, Ecology and Technical Supervision on the basics of the Aarhus Convention”**

In accordance with the letter of the Deputy Chairman of the Ministry of Natural Resources, Ecology and Technical Supervision of the Kyrgyz Republic in 4 (Chui, Naryn, Issyk-Kul and Talas) regions of the country in September-October, trainings were held for employees of the central office and territorial administrations of the MNRETS on informing and the use of the International Aarhus Convention (AC) in their direct environmental work.



The trainings were passed by employees of the department of environmental conventions and external relations of the State Committee for Ecology and Climate, territorial inspectors and environmental services, employees of nature conservation parks and reserves. For them, a complete package of materials on the Aarhus Convention, goals and objectives, provisions, rules and methods for the implementation of the Aarhus Convention in Kyrgyzstan, the rights and obligations of state bodies for the implementation of the Aarhus Convention, public participation in this process, the use of justice in resolving issues related to the observance of environmental rights were presented. During the training, everyone was provided with presentation materials, the booklet "Aarhus Convention", manuals and brochures on the use of Aarhus Convention and other materials.

#### **Activity 1.11. “Conducting an environmental competition among regional schools”**

In 4 regions of Kyrgyzstan, from September 22 to October 31, 2021, with the assistance of the OSCE Program Office in Bishkek, the Aarhus Centers organized and conducted an environmental competition “Nature and We” among secondary school students. The competition was held in 3



nominations: among students of grades 1-4 on the theme “The best drawing”, among students in grades 5-8 on the theme “The best product made from garbage” and among students in grades 9-11 on the theme “The best essay composition”. The purpose of this competition was to instill in children a respect for the environment, increase the ecological culture of the younger generation, develop sustainable skills for an environmentally responsible attitude to nature, and attract children to participate in promoting environmental protection. Children approached this competition with enthusiasm and creativity. Their works were displayed in front of schools in the form of an exhibition. Some schools have organized festive events with music and concerts.



Issyk-Kul



Talas



Bishkek



Naryn

#### **Activity 1.12. “Conducting capacity building of the staff of Aarhus Centers in Kyrgyzstan”**

In accordance with the work plan, from August 18 to 20, a training session was held in Cholpon-Ata for employees of the Aarhus Centers in Bishkek, Cholpon-Ata and Naryn. The purpose of this training was to train participants in the application of the basics of the Aarhus Convention, to increase their potential and get acquainted with the experience of colleagues. During the training, the participants received all the necessary knowledge of the fundamental principles of the Aarhus Convention, it's practical application in the performance of their duties and during the implementation of planned activities. At the end of this stage of the training, all participants consolidated their knowledge with the help of written tests.



#### **Activity 1.12. “Conducting regional contests on environmental journalism in Chui region and Bishkek city”**

The Aarhus Center in Bishkek with the support of the OSCE Program Office in Bishkek summed up the results of the environmental competition “Eco-Journalist 2021” among media representatives. This competition was announced on April 25, 2021 and was supposed to end by June 1, 2021. However, in connection with the Covid 19 pandemic and the political events that took place in Kyrgyzstan, the summing up of the competition had to be postponed, and the competition itself had to be continued until September.



Summing up the results of the competition was also timed to the professional holiday of journalists – the Day of Press and Information.

The terms of the contest were announced on the pages of the website “Network of Aarhus Centers of Kyrgyzstan” and our partners from public organizations. A total of 44 works were studied, of which 18 contestants were selected for the award in the nominations. All of them were divided into 5 categories:

- work on the pages of printed publications,
- work on the pages of online publications,
- work on TV or radio,
- work of eco-activists,
- the best team of the print edition.



All of them were awarded diplomas on behalf of the Aarhus Center Bishkek and the OSCE Program Office in Bishkek and a set of valuable gifts. After the award ceremony all participants took part in a tea party prepared by the organizers of the event.

## **Activities of the Issyk-Kul Aarhus Center**

### **Activity 1.15. “Organizing a series of round tables on the state of the environment in Issyk-Kul region”**

#### **A) Issyk-Kul Aarhus Center held a round table in Ak-Suu**

On May 20, 2021, with the financial support of the OSCE Program Office in Bishkek, in the conference hall of the Ak-Suu ayil okmotu of the Ak-Suu region, a round table was held on the topic “Implementation of the principles of the Aarhus Convention in the regions. Joint work with local authorities in solving environmental problems” organized by the Issyk-Kul Aarhus Center. The round table was attended by A. Bukarova, chief specialist of SIETS for the city of Karakol, Tyup, Ak-Suu, Jeti-Oguz districts, N. Orozobaev, leading specialist of the Issyk-Kul SAEPF, R. Sadyrova, deputy head of the Ak-Suu ayil okmotu, ayil kenesh deputies, heads of municipal services, members of women’s councils.



#### **B) Issyk-Kul Aarhus Center held a round table in Tyup**

On May 25, 2021, with the financial support of the OSCE Program Office in Bishkek, in the conference hall of the Tyup ayil okmotu of the Tyup district, a round table was held on the topic “Implementation of the principles of the Aarhus Convention in the regions. Joint work with local authorities in solving environmental problems” organized by the Issyk-Kul Aarhus Center. The round table was attended by A. Bukarova, chief specialist of SIETS for the city of Karakol, Tyup, Ak-Suu, Jeti-Oguz districts, S. Sadyrbaev – specialist of the Issyk-Kul SAEPF, K. Kurmanaliev – deputy head of the Tyup ayil okmotu, deputies of the ayil kenesh, heads of municipal services, members of the youth associations of the village.



### **Activity 1.16. “Conducting an environmental campaign with the youth of the region”**

On the occasion of the World Environment Day, the Issyk-Kul Aarhus Center addressed the Authorized Representative Office of the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic in the Issyk-Kul region with an initiative to hold a garbage collection campaign in the Issyk-Kul region. The representative office supported our initiative and sent letters to all the district state administrations of the Issyk-Kul region.



On June 5, 2021, this action was held in the Issyk-Kul region. The action in the city of Karakol began with a gathering of participants at the city stadium. The action was opened by 1-Vice-mayor of Karakol S.Oskonbayev, he congratulated the participants on the World Environment Day and expressed gratitude to the organizers. The action was held in parks, along city streets, in the courtyards of residential districts of Karakol, as well as on the beach of the village of Pristan-Przhevalsk. The similar actions were held in Issyk-Kul, Tyup, Ak-Suu, Jeti-Oguz, and Ton districts. Labor collectives of district administrations, ayyl okmotu, organizations-institutions, medical and health institutions actively participated, the total number of participants was about 1,500 people, and the fixed areas were cleared of garbage.



#### **Activity 1.17. “Training of representatives of ayil okmotu on environmental conservation”**

On August 26, 2021, in the conference hall of the Tyup District State Administration, with the financial support of the OSCE Program Office in Bishkek, a training was held on the topic “Normative legal acts of the Kyrgyz Republic in the field of environmental protection. Normative legal acts adopted by local self-government bodies “for workers of rural administrations and ayil keneshes of the Tyup region, organized by the Issyk-Kul Aarhus Center. The purpose of the training is to inform employees of rural administrations, ayil keneshes about the laws of the Kyrgyz Republic in the field of environmental protection, to improve their professional level in working with regulatory legal acts.



#### **Activity 1.18. “Conducting environmental monitoring in the region”**

On June 16, 2021, the Issyk-Kul Aarhus Center together with an expert consultant monitored the forests of the Ak-Suu region. Senior researcher of the Institute of Biology of the National Academy of Sciences of the Kyrgyz Republic, associate professor of Issyk-Kul State University Alexander Vitalievich Ivanov was involved in this event as a consultant. In the course of the survey of the forest area of the region, a large number of plantations were revealed that have signs of plant disease. This leads to a decrease in forest plantations and an increase in soil drying.



Recently, due to the cool weather, the number of tourists is not large and therefore there is little garbage. But despite this, as a result of the indifference to nature of some citizens, there are landfills with plastic bottles and plastic bags among the trees and along the rivers.

Based on the results of the monitoring, responsible staff of the natural park was provided with recommendations.

Then the monitoring of forests in the Kyrchyn gorge of the Issyk-Kul region was carried out. During the monitoring, problems of the state of forests due to diseases were discovered, about which no one acted. The fact was recorded and transferred to the responsible persons of the park for taking measures.



#### **Activity 1.19. “The clean-up on Issyk-Kul lake with the participation of divers”**

On September 18, 2021, an ecological cleanup dedicated to the World Cleanup Day organized by the Issyk-Kul Aarhus Center was held on the city beach of Cholpon-Ata. The cleanup was attended by the Ambassador, the head of the OSCE Program Office in Bishkek-Mr. A.Rogov, Mayor of Cholpon-Ata-B. Imanbekov, deputy of the Jogorku Kenesh KR – B.Turusbekov, divers of the “Clean Issyk-Kul” public fund, labor collectives of the State Institution No. 2 under the Office of the President of the Kyrgyz Republic, organizations and institutions of Cholpon-Ata. The purpose of the cleanup was to draw public attention to the problems of climate change, the impact of waste on nature, and the preservation of the cleanliness of Lake Issyk-Kul.





Divers of the “Clean Issyk-Kul” PF got about 1 ton of various garbage in 28 bags from the bottom of Lake Issyk-Kul, and those who participated in the garbage collection on the lake shore collected more than 1.5 tonnes of garbage. Then, with the financial support of the OSCE Program Office in Bishkek, the participants were given gloves and garbage bags. Then the participants of the event continued the clean-up work in the allocated and assigned areas.

A clean-up dedicated to the World Cleanup Day was held in all ayil okmotus of the Issyk-Kul region.

At the end of the clean-up, the Ambassador, Head of the OSCE Program Office in Bishkek, Mr. A. Rogov, visited the office of the Issyk-Kul Aarhus Center, where he exchanged views on the activities and work plans of the Issyk-Kul Aarhus Center.

#### **Activity 1.20. “Discussion of environmental issues by members of the Eco-club”**

On November 24, 2021 in Cholpon-Ata, in the conference hall of the Issyk-Kul Territorial Administration of the Ministry of Natural Resources, Ecology and Technical Supervision, with the financial support of the OSCE Program Office in Bishkek, a round table was held on the topic “On the implementation of the principles of the Aarhus Convention in the Kyrgyz Republic. Activities of the Issyk-Kul Aarhus Center for 2020-2021. Environmental problems of the region, ways to solve them” organized by the Issyk-Kul Aarhus Center. The round table was attended by representatives of the Issyk-Kul regional State Administration, youth and women’s movements, deputies of the Cholpon-Ata City Kenesh and teachers who are members of the Eco-club of Issyk-Kul region. The round table was opened by the manager of the Issyk-Kul Aarhus Center S. Tursunakunov, who told the participants about the purpose of the round table and gave detailed information about the activities of the Issyk-Kul Aarhus Center.

At the end of the round table, the following proposals were made for the education of young people: the installation of trash bins in schools for sorting garbage, the filming of social videos about the dangers of garbage, the organization of training for the heads of ayil okmotu, deputies of local kenesh to study new laws and codes on the transformation of land plots, the introduction of a ban on the use of cellophane bags, plastic bottles, on the protection of the purity of Lake Issyk-Kul.



## **Activities of the Aarhus Center in Naryn**

### **Activity 1.22. “Organizing a series of round tables in the region”**

#### **A) Round table in At-Bashy**

On May 28, 2021 in the Ak-Muz village of the At-Bashy district at the Boogachi secondary school, a round table was held on the topic “Implementation of the Aarhus Convention.” The round table was held with the support of the OSCE Program Office in Bishkek. The round table was attended by ayil okmotu staff, teachers, local residents and 11th grade students. The manager of the Aarhus Center in the city of Naryn Kalmuratov Samat opened a round table with a presentation on the activities of the Aarhus Center and also spoke about the work done to implement the Aarhus Convention for 2020. Then the lecturer of Naryn State University, Zhaparov Adilet made a presentation on sorting garbage and composting food waste. After that, senior researcher of the State Natural Park “Salkyn-Tor” Ismailov Umot made a speech. He spoke about the work done by the park staff, as well as about the future plans for the park. After the presentations, we moved on to an open discussion on the further action plans of the Aarhus Center in Naryn for 2021-2022. During the discussion, there were suggestions that such events should be held more often and in a larger format with the participation of more people. Representatives of Ayil okmotu expressed their gratitude and noted the importance and relevance of the issues that were risen. They are ready for close cooperation and joint work in the future.





## **B) Round table in Naryn**

On July 16, 2021, a round table on the implementation of the Aarhus Convention in the region was held in the conference hall of the Khan-Tengri Hotel in Naryn with the support of the OSCE Program Office in Bishkek. Representatives of the Department of Forestry of the Naryn region, the state nature reserve “Karatal-Zhapyryk” and the park “Salkyn Tor”, the environmental inspection, the Naryn State University, the enterprise of the city municipality “Taza Naryn”, etc. were invited to the round table. A total of 30 people took part. The round table was opened by the manager of the Aarhus Center of Naryn Kalmuratov S., who introduced the goals and work plans of the center. Then representatives of the State Committee for Ecology and Climate in the Naryn region Turdubekov K. and Abdraev T. made a presentation on the state of affairs in ecology and eco-education.

The participants of the seminar listened attentively and with interest to the presentations, asked many questions and expressed their views on the work in the field of environmental protection in the region. Several proposals were received from the participants.

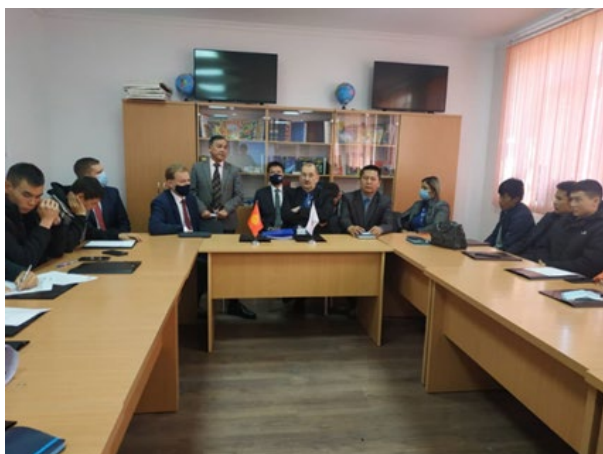


### **Activity 1.23. “Seminar for the students of Naryn State University and the University of Central Asia in Naryn”**

On October 12, 2021, during a working trip to the Naryn region, the head of the OSCE Program Office in Bishkek, Ambassador Alexey Rogov visited Naryn State University and took part in a meeting with the faculty and students of the university.

During the meeting, the rector of NSU Baigabyshev E.M. made a welcoming speech and briefly told about the university and familiarized with the activities of the university. Then the Ambassador spoke and presented information about the work of the OSCE Program Office in Bishkek. The next word was taken by the Dean of the ATF NSU Moldaliev E., who welcomed the delegation of the OSCE Program Office in Bishkek and expressed readiness to contribute to the work of the Aarhus Center. After him, the manager of the Naryn Aarhus Center S.Kalmuratov took the floor and made a presentation on the activities of the Aarhus Center and the events held in the region. NSU teacher Mamyrbayev Adilet presented the topic of how to properly compost food waste at home. After him, the lecturer of the University S.Omarova spoke and presented materials on climate change and the impact on the environment. After the presentations, several students of the university made their presentations as well as an invited student from the University of Central Asia, also located in Naryn. The meeting was held in a working environment and several questions were asked, which were answered by the presenters. Then the head of the OSCE Program Office in Bishkek, Ambassador A.Rogov visited the campus of the University of Central Asia,

where he got acquainted with the situation at the University, studied literature in the campus library, inspected the lecture rooms and met with university teachers.



#### **Activity 1.24. “Environmental campaign for planting trees with the youth of the region”**

On May 21, 2021 the Naryn Aarhus Center held a clean-up in the city of Naryn at site No. 4 "Kotormo". The purpose of this event was to clean up garbage in the Naryn region, as well as to familiarize local residents with the activities of the Aarhus Center in the city of Naryn. This event was held jointly with S. Naamatov Naryn State University. Local residents, students, teachers of the NSU and the Agrarian and Technical College participated in the clean-up. Before the start of the clean-up, the manager of the Aarhus Center for the Naryn region, S. Kalmuratov, briefly spoke about the activities and goals of the center. Then the teacher of the department of agrarian and technical disciplines Zhaparov A. made a presentation on the methods of sorting and recycling of garbage. He also told how you can make compost in households and about using it in gardening as a fertilizer.



After these discussions, all the participants moved on to the clean-up. The clean-up was held in a friendly atmosphere. More than 100 kg of garbage was collected. The locals were very pleased and expressed their gratitude and readiness to work together in the future.

#### **Activity 1.25. “Conducting environmental monitoring in the region”**

In October, monitoring of the state of the landfill in Naryn and nearby villages was organized. Experts from the laboratory of the Issyk-Kul Territorial Department of the environmental agency were invited to study the soil and water samples around the landfill. The results of the study were sent to local governments and the Naryn Environmental Administration for action.





4) **Expected results:**

- The implementation of recommendations based on the results of environmental monitoring by decision makers will be monitored
- During the round tables and seminars, proposals and recommendations were made to improve the state of the environment. These proposals and recommendations were recorded. Next year, these recommendations will be reviewed for their implementation;
- Due to the merger of several state institutions into a single Ministry of Natural Resources, Ecology and Technical Supervision, training of employees on the principles of the Aarhus Convention will continue;
- Meetings with students to discuss environmental issues and search for new proposals from young people will continue together with the teaching staff of universities;
- The possibility of establishing an office of the Aarhus Center in Talas region will continue to be considered;

**Adil Nurbekov**

**Head of “Aarhus Centre in Bishkek” institution**