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PROGRESS REPORT 2022

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 activities of the Aarhus Center in Bishkek, in accordance with the signed contract with the OSCE Program Office in Bishkek, began on April 15, 2022 and ended on December 5, 2022.

When developing the work plan, all activities were distributed in accordance with the task and possible deadlines for implementation. During the implementation of the program activities, 26 events were implemented, namely, 13 events by the Bishkek office, 5 events by the Issyk-Kul office, and 6 events by the Naryn office. One event (a training session for the staff of the MNRETS under the Aarhus Convention) was not held due to the protracted re-profiling of the State Agency into the Ministry and the re-certification of all employees of the new ministry..

Activity 1.2. Supporting the implementation of the Aarhus Convention by the Aarhus Centre in Bishkek

A) Round table in Talas region

On April 14, 2022, a round table was held at Talas State University on the topic “Solving current environmental issues and problems – the importance of the participation of the younger generation.” The round table was attended by students and teachers of the aforementioned

university, students of the Talas regional lyceum-complex, chairman of the Association “NPO Alliance of the Talas region”, deputy head of the Talas territorial department of the Ministry of Natural Resources, Ecology and Technical Supervision of the Kyrgyz Republic. The tasks of the round table were to raise awareness of students and teachers of Talas State University about the Aarhus Convention, as well as about the activities of the Aarhus Center in Bishkek.



The participants of the event actively participated in the discussion, asking interesting questions and sharing their opinions and ideas. The environmental problems of the region were discussed, including the problems of storage and disposal of waste, planting greenery in the area and environmental education. At the end of the round table, the head of the Aarhus Center in Bishkek expressed gratitude to the participants of the event and called for close cooperation. The participants of the round table showed great interest and enthusiasm. A group photo was taken at the end of the event.

B) Round table in Chui region

On May 28, 2022, the Aarhus Center of Bishkek held a visiting round table on the topic “Raising stakeholder awareness on sustainable management and use of water resources in the framework of the implementation of the Aarhus Convention.” This event consisted of 2 parts – the round table itself and practical exercises on the territory of the Orto-Tokoy reservoir.



In the first part of the event, the participants of the round table discussed issues related to the problems of water resources management in the region and the correct use of land plots for irrigation. At the beginning of the round table, the head of the Aarhus Center presented information about the activities of the organization, about the tasks for this year and joint activities with partners of the region. A leading specialist of the Water Resources Service under the Ministry of Agriculture Sadabayeva Zh. made a presentation, where she pointed out the work of the Agency

for the management of water flows, the work of WUAs on the use of water for their own purposes and the impact of climate change on the regulation and provision of water reserves. She also made a presentation on “Women specialists in the water sector of the Kyrgyz Republic: education, experience, skills”, where she spoke about the work of women in the State Agency for Water Resources (SAWR) and the problems of employment in the system.

After studying the condition of the reservoir, the employees of the SAWR gave explanations and answers to the questions raised during the round table. After the inspection, the participants of the event individually asked additional questions to the employees of the reservoir.

C) Round table in Bishkek

On June 17, 2022, the Aarhus Center in Bishkek, together with the Association of Land and Forest Users of Kyrgyzstan, with the support of the OSCE Program Office in Bishkek, organized a round table on the topic “Progressive technologies for efficient land use in the Kyrgyz Republic in the context of climate change and desertification in the UN International Year of Sustainable Mountain Development and The Year of Protection of Mountain Ecosystems and Climate Resilience in the Kyrgyz Republic”. This event was held on the day of the establishment in 1974 by the UN General Assembly of the Convention to Combat Desertification in countries experiencing severe drought and/or desertification. The round table was attended by deputy of the Jogorku Kenesh of the Kyrgyz Republic Kamila Taliyeva, Deputy Minister of Agriculture of the Kyrgyz Republic Murat Baidyldaev, representatives of departments and departments of the Ministry of Agriculture of the Kyrgyz Republic, scientific institutions, international, public and youth organizations, universities, the media, independent experts.



The purpose of the event is to disseminate and exchange experience in the field of management and use of natural resources in the context of climate change and desertification using innovative approaches and advanced technologies for the sustainable development of agriculture and forestry, ensuring food security, improving the environment and developing partnerships.

Activity 1.3. "Collection and issuing of regulatory legal acts of the Kyrgyz Republic in the field of environmental protection for 2017-2022"

The Aarhus Center Bishkek, with the support of the OSCE Program Office in Bishkek has developed, compiled and printed the 3rd edition of regulatory legal acts of the Kyrgyz Republic in the field of environmental protection for 2017-2022. This document is necessary for all specialists

in the field of the environment, public organizations and entrepreneurship. The circulation consists of 4 volumes, including the Decree of the President of the Kyrgyz Republic, the Resolution of the Jogorku Kenesh of the Kyrgyz Republic, Laws and by-laws of the Kyrgyz Republic in the field of environmental protection as of November 1, 2022.

Activity 1.4. Supporting the organization of a discussion on environmental issues in Kyrgyzstan and the Aarhus Convention on independent TV channel

The Aarhus Center in Bishkek, with the support of the OSCE Program Office in Bishkek and on the basis of an agreement concluded with NTS Production, on June 4 on the NTS TV channel organized and conducted a TV show dedicated to World Environment Day and Ecologist Day. The half-hour broadcast consisted of an interview with the head of the Aarhus Center in Bishkek and a demonstration of various video materials about the work of the Centers. This event was planned as part of the project implementation, related to the implementation of program tasks.



As part of the bonus from the TV channel, the next day an hour-long radio broadcast was organized on the Sanzhyra channel of the same company, in which the manager of the Issyk-Kul Aarhus Center S. Tursunakunov took part.

Activity 1.5. "Environmental monitoring in the Chui region"

From July 22 to 24, 2022, employees and experts of the Aarhus Center Bishkek, with the support of the OSCE Program Office in Bishkek, conducted water monitoring in the Ala-Archa and Alamedin rivers of the Chui region, affecting the environment and the well-being of residents of the capital. For this purpose, water was taken in the Ala-Archa River in the village of Baitik, in the area of the film studio and behind the Big Chui Canal near the village of Prigorodnoye, and in the Alamedin river – in the village of Arashan, in the area of the Vostok-5 microdistrict and behind the Big Chui Canal near the old bus station. i.e., water was taken at the entrance, in the center and at the exit of the city of Bishkek.



Laboratory studies of the state of water in the rivers were investigated by qualified specialists of the laboratory of the Ministry of Natural Resources, Ecology and Technical Supervision of the Kyrgyz Republic. The results of the analysis were handed over to interested parties from the Bishkek City Hall and environmental services (sanitary and epidemiological station, Chui and Bishkek regional departments of the MNRETS, the Ministry of Health and others).

Activity 1.6 "Training on the application of the Aarhus Convention for the staff of the Ministry of Natural Resources, Ecology and Technical Supervision of the Kyrgyz Republic"

It was decided to postpone this event to next year, since the reformation of the Ministry from the State Agency was delayed for several months and the recruitment of specialists to the newly formed ministry did not end until the appointed day of the start of training.

Activity 1.7. "Round table for students of the Faculty of Ecology of the University on the basics of the Aarhus Convention"

On November 10, 2022, the Aarhus Center Bishkek took part in a meeting with students of the Faculty of Economics and the Faculty of Geography, Ecology and Tourism of the Kyrgyz National University named after Balasagyn. The meeting was organized by the heads of faculties on the initiative of the Aarhus Center



During the meeting, the head of the Aarhus Center, Adil Nurbekov, informed the participants about the work of the network of Aarhus Centers in Kyrgyzstan, about the events held and plans for the next year. On the part of the students, the curator of the faculty and the 2nd year students gave brief information about their studies and ongoing projects. Also, the head of the Department of KNU made a brief informational speech and presented the materials of joint work in the field of attracting young people to solving environmental problems in the whole country.

Activity 1.8. "Eco-training course for schoolchildren of Kara-Buura district of Talas region"

For the 4th year in a row, the Aarhus Center Bishkek has been conducting environmental education courses among schools in the Talas region. This year the course was held among 26 schools of the Kara-Buura district.



In total, more than 15 thousand students study in the schools of the Kara-Buura district. 2553 schoolchildren took part in the environmental training course. They were presented with a training course on environmental issues in the region. The training was conducted by the expert consultant of the Aarhus Center T.Momunkulova. She informed the children about the state of affairs in the environment of the region, what environmental problems there are and how to participate in preserving it in a favorable form for everyone.

Practical classes in the form of games and contests were also held during the training. At the end of the course, the children were shown videos on the topic of ecology.

Activity 1.9. "Environmental competition among students of schools in 4 regions of the country"

In October 2022, the Aarhus Centers, with the support of the OSCE Program Office in Bishkek, organized a competition among school students in 4 regions of the republic, namely in the Chui, Naryn, Issyk-Kul and Talas regions. More than three thousand children of various classes took part in the competition. They were invited to take part in 3 nominations - for students of grades 1-4 for "The best drawing about nature", for students of grades 5-8 for "The best DIY from waste" and for students of grades 9-11 for "The best essay or essay about environmental problems".

The objective of these events was to instill in school students a respectful attitude to nature, treat it with responsibility and care, prevent environmental pollution and create all conditions for a favorable life. All the works were warmly received and appreciated by the parent committees, school teachers and members of the jury. The winners in each nomination received diplomas and valuable gifts. The works of the students who did not receive a place in the competition were not ignored, but the jury members felt that they should be rewarded. Additional funds were found for them by the partners of the Aarhus Center in the person of the Global Water Partnership of Kyrgyzstan and the Water Resources Service under the Ministry of Agriculture.



Activity 1.10. «Eco-campaign for cleaning household waste in the Chui region»

On June 11, in the Alamedin Gorge the Aarhus Center in Bishkek held a cleanup day dedicated to the World Environment Day and Ecologist's Day. This event was attended by students and teachers of the Kyrgyz National Agrarian University named after N.Scriabin, Kyrgyz State National University named after Balasagyn, representatives of the NGO "Global Water Partnership". Support for this campaign was provided by the OSCE Program Office in Bishkek, which organized transport, inventory and dry rations for all participants.



This event was held within the framework of the project implementation program and was of particular importance in educating young people to respect the environment. During the event, more than 50 bags of household garbage were collected. More than 40 people took part in the event.

During the campaign, vacationers with children joined the participants. After the cleaning was completed, the Aarhus Center handed over garbage bags and gloves to the tenants of the recreation area and vacationers for use for the necessary purposes.

Activity 1.11. "Production of a brochure on gender equality"

On October 15, 2022, a round table was held at the Plaza Hotel, where a brochure on the work of the NGO "Ayalzat Bulagi" in the dissemination of gender equality in Kyrgyzstan was presented. The round table itself was organized by the Aarhus Center Bishkek in partnership with GWP Kyrgyzstan with the support of the OSCE Program Office in Bishkek.



This brochure will be distributed to interested parties in order to get acquainted with the experience of this organization in assisting women in solving local issues and creating the necessary conditions for careful treatment of water resources. During the presentation of the presenters, the role of women's organizations in increasing the authority of women during decision-making and easing social tension in controversial water issues was discussed. At the end of the round table and the presentation of the brochure, the participants noted the need to disseminate the experience of women's organizations and the need for wider coverage of women.

Activity 1.12. "Eco-competition among journalists of Talas and Issyk-Kul regions"

At the beginning of September, the Aarhus Centers of Issyk-Kul and Bishkek held an award ceremony for the winners of an environmental competition among Issyk-Kul and Talas journalists. This competition was organized with the support of the OSCE Program Office in Bishkek and was held for 3 months from June to August. During the contest, works by media employees were presented in 3 nominations, namely, for "The best work on the pages of a newspaper", "The best work on the pages of online publications" and "The best work on TV or radio". In each nomination, the winners were determined by the 3rd place.



All the works of the winners were covered on the pages of the regional media and announced on the radio.

Activity 1.13. "Analysis of court cases in the field of the environment"

On December 2, 2022, a round table was held in the conference hall of the Plaza Hotel Bishkek on the topic “Environmental justice is a priority for the development of the Kyrgyz Republic. Analysis of court cases in the field of environmental protection”. It was organized by the Aarhus Center in Bishkek with the support of the OSCE Program Office in Bishkek and in cooperation with the NGO “Association of Judges of Kyrgyzstan”.

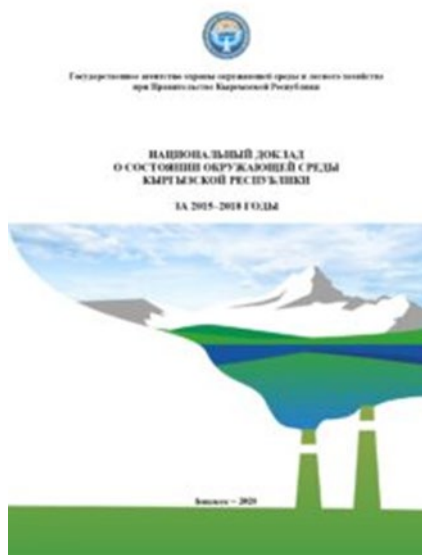


The main task of the round table was to discuss the existing organizational and legal issues when requests were received from citizens to protect their environmental rights from existing offenses. To this end, the experts of the NGO “Association of Judges of Kyrgyzstan” and consultants of the Aarhus Center in Bishkek prepared a report on the topic “The policy of environmental justice in the system of nature management and environmental protection – a priority for the development of the Kyrgyz Republic”, which was aimed at the need to revise the attitude of the judiciary when considering materials, taking into account knowledge in the field of environmental jurisprudence and international conventions.

Activity 1.14. "Updating data in the National Report of the Kyrgyz Republic on the Environment"

The last National Report of the Kyrgyz Republic on the Environment was adopted 2 years ago and during this time it became necessary to make adjustments on many indicative points. The Aarhus Center received requests to update some data and indicators from state and public organizations.

In the period of September-October, with the involvement of specialists from the MNRETS and the National Statistical Committee, a mechanism for obtaining and collecting indicators was worked out, as well as an analysis was carried out for inclusion in the National Report. All the work carried out by the experts was carried out at the required level and presented for clarification in the report. Then, all the data obtained and analyzed by information experts were entered into tabular indicators and today they are already fresh data. Currently, any specialist with access to the National Report can use this data for their work.



Activity 1.16. Round tables in Issyk-Kul region.

A) Round table in Balykchy city

On April 14, 2022 in Balykchy, in the conference hall of the Balykchy City Hall, with the financial support of the OSCE Program Office in Bishkek, a round table was held on the topic “The role of the public in the implementation of the principles of the Aarhus Convention. Interaction of state bodies and representatives of the public in solving environmental problems” organized by the Issyk-Kul Aarhus Center. The purpose of the round table was to inform the public about the principles of the Aarhus Convention, about the activities of the Issyk-Kul Aarhus Center, discuss the environmental problems of the Balykchy city and carry out relevant work with government agencies on the eve of the Day of Environmental Knowledge.



The participants raised such problems as environmental problems in the area of the Oil Depot, poaching, the resumption of the work of the ecological post at the entrance to Balykchy, cleaning the beaches, holding a competition among secondary school students in Balykchy to educate young people, sorting garbage.

B) Round table in the village of Ananyevo in Issyk-Kul region

On May 27, 2022, in the assembly hall of the Ananyevo village government of the Issyk-Kul district, with the financial support of the OSCE Program Office in Bishkek, a round table was held on the topic “The role of the public in the implementation of the principles of the Aarhus Convention. Prevention of environmental problems in the regions, a key factor in social stability”, organized by the Issyk-Kul Aarhus Center.



The purpose of the round table is to inform the public about the Aarhus Convention, about the principles of the convention, to discuss the environmental problems of the village of Ananyevo, to work together with government agencies on preserving the environment in its purest form. During the round table, the participants raised such issues as: obtaining a permit for cutting down trees, for fishing, increasing the number of jackals in the village of Ananyevo, checking the lands of the forestry due to tree disease, underwater cleaning of the rural beach, holding such round tables for wider coverage of environmental problems.

Activity 1.17. Conducting environmental monitoring in the Issyk-Kul region

On June 24, 2022, as part of the approved work plan for 2022, the Issyk-Kul Aarhus Center monitored the source of thermal waters of the Keremet Suu recreation area located in the village of Chon-Oruktu, Issyk-Kul region. The purpose of monitoring is to study the chemical composition of hot water entering and leaving the pool and determining its impact on the environment. During the monitoring, water samples were taken at two points entering and exiting the pool. An official notification was sent to the Oruktu ayil okmotu about the monitoring by the Issyk-Kul Aarhus Center. In this regard, the executive secretary of the Oruktu ayil okmotu E.Mukambetov and the director of the recreation area "Keremet Suu" Zh.Ashyrov took part in its implementation.



Based on the results of monitoring, conclusions and recommendations will be sent to local governments, the management of the recreation area and the relevant state bodies to take the necessary measures to improve the state of the source.

Activity 1.18. Conducting a training session on environmental legislation for Ayil okmotu (rural municipalities) employees of the Ak-Suu district

On June 15, 2022, in the village of Teploklyuchenka, in the assembly hall of the Ak-Suu district state administration, a training was held on the topic “Regulatory legal acts of the Kyrgyz Republic in the field of environmental protection. Powers of local self-government bodies”, organized by the Issyk-Kul Aarhus Center. Employees of ayil okmotu, ayil keneshes, deputies of Ak-Suu district took part in the training.

The purpose of the training is to improve the professional level of employees of ayil okmotu, ayil keneshes, training in the application of regulatory legal acts of the Kyrgyz Republic in the field of environmental protection.



The participants of the training were interested in such issues as responsibility for the disposal of garbage in unidentified places, for the burning of garbage and leaves, the amount of fines provided for these violations, who and how creates commissions to review such violations, how fines will be paid, preparation of documents for landfills.

At the end of the training, the participants answered post-test questions and voiced their suggestions. According to the results of the training, the participants were awarded certificates. Chairman of the ayil Kenesh of the village of Kerege-Tash E. Tultaev noted that during the training he received a lot of useful information and expressed gratitude to the organizers.

Activity 1.19. Organizing a clean-up campaign dedicated to the World Environment Day with the involvement of youth

On June 4, 2022, in the Kyrchyn gorge of the Issyk-Kul region, a garbage clean-up day was held, timed to coincide with World Environment Day and as part of the approved work plan for 2022 of

the Issyk-Kul Aarhus Center. The purpose of the cleanup was to collect garbage in the Kyrchyn Gorge, draw public attention to environmental problems, protect the environment and teach young people to take care of nature.

Residents of the villages of Temir, Kashat, Grigoryevka, Semenovka, schoolchildren and teachers of the district, as well as the staff of the Issyk-Kul Territorial Administration of the Ministry of Natural Resources, Ecology and Technical Supervision of the Kyrgyz Republic took part in the clean-up. A total of 111 people took part.



During the clean-up, the participants cleaned the bank of the Ak-Suu River and also carried out cleaning among the trees. As a result, about a ton of various garbage was collected.

Activity 2.20. "Carrying out an eco-campaign to clean up the garbage of Lake Issyk-Kul"

On September 24, 2022, the Issyk-Kul Aarhus Center, within the framework of the approved works for 2022, held a clean-up on the city beach of Cholpon-Ata. The subbotnik was attended by the staff of the Cholpon-Ata City Hall, employees of the OSCE program office in Bishkek, divers of the Clean Issyk-Kul Public Foundation. With the financial support of the OSCE Program Office in Bishkek, gloves and garbage bags were distributed to the participants. The participants of the action carried out cleaning in their assigned areas, divers of the Clean Issyk-Kul public foundation cleaned the bottom of the lake and collected 20 bags of various garbage.





Activity 2.22. “Round tables in Naryn region”

A) Round table in Ak-Talaa district.

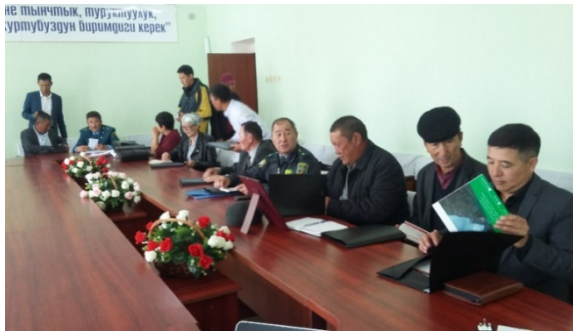
On April 19, 2022, in the village of Baetovo, Ak-Talaa district, Naryn region, with the support of the OSCE Program Office in Bishkek, the Naryn Aarhus Center together with the Karatal-Japyryk State Nature Reserve held a round table on the implementation of the Aarhus Convention. The round table was attended by the head of the apparatus of the state administration of the Ak-Talaa region Baysheriev M., representatives of the nature reserves “Karatal-Zhapyryk” and “Bugu-Marala”, heads of the district ayil okmotu, representatives of the forestry sector, the Ministry of Emergency Situations in the Ak-Talaa region and secondary school teachers. A total of 25 people took part in the event.



In conclusion, the participants expressed their gratitude to our center for the information provided about the work, the opportunity to express their opinions about environmental problems in the area. It was noted that the activity of the Aarhus Center is important for the residents of the district, as it raises urgent environmental problems. Many people heard about our center for the first time and it was suggested to establish contacts for consulting and further cooperation.

B) Round table in At-Bashy district

On May 14, 2022 a round table on the implementation of the Aarhus Convention was held in the village of At-Bashi in Naryn district in the building of the Akimat with the support of the OSCE Program Office in Bishkek together with the Karatal-Zhapyryk State Nature Reserve. The round table was attended by the deputy akim of the At-Bashy district, Abdyzhaparov Bolot, representatives of the Karatal-Zhapyryk, Bugu-Marala State Nature Reserve, ecotechnical inspectorate and the heads of aiyl okmotu (Kazybek, Karasuu, Ak-Moyun, Ak-Zhar, Bash-Kayyndy, At-Bashy, etc.), the Department of Emergency Situations for At-Bashinsky district and secondary school teachers. A total of 27 people took part.



During the seminar, representatives of the Karatal-Zhapyryk Nature Reserve signed an agreement on the rational use of natural resources with the heads of Kazybek and Kara-Koyun rural districts.

Activity 2.23. "Seminar for university students of Naryn region on the Aarhus Convention"

On November 10, 2022, with the financial support of the OSCE Program Office in Bishkek, the Naryn Aarhus Center held a seminar for students and teachers of the Agricultural and Technical Faculty of NSU on the topic "The role of youth in the implementation of the Aarhus Convention". A total of 26 people took part. During the seminar, information was presented on the activities of the Naryn Aarhus Center and the Department of the Institute for Research of Mountain Communities of the University of Central Asia. Also a researcher at the Naryn State Nature Reserve Kyrbashev Zh . He made a presentation on implemented projects with university students, gave extensive information about the prospects and plans of working together with students and with the Aarhus Center in the future.



Then the representative of the Karatal-Zhapyryk State Reserve presented a presentation on the activities of the reserve. It was very interesting and informative for the students participating in the seminar. They asked questions of interest to them, such as whether they can do their internship in these organizations and take part in events. Several joint events between NSU and nature reserves were also planned. Taking into account the interest of students in environmental problems, the manager of the Aarhus Center Kalmuratov Samat proposed to create an eco-club on the basis of the university.

Activity 2.24. Tree planting eco-campaign dedicated to Ecologist's Day

On April 30, 2022 the Naryn Aarhus Center together with the Karatal-Japyryk State Nature Reserve planted more than a hundred trees in the village of Orto-Saz, Naryn district, located 6 km from the city. Deciduous and coniferous trees were purchased with the support of the OSCE Program Office in Bishkek from the Naryn Forestry in the amount of more than 20,000 soms and planted on the territory of the secondary school named after Zholdon Salamatov. This school was

built in 2018 and the school grounds have not yet been landscaped. The event was actively attended by local residents, teachers, schoolchildren as well as volunteers of the club of peacebuilders “Impulse” of secondary school No. 2 named after V.P. Chkalov. In total, more than 30 people took part in the event. For active participation in the event, 15 participants were given T-shirts and caps with the logo of the Naryn Aarhus Center. In conclusion, the director of the school Almaz Botoyarov and the teachers expressed their gratitude to our Aarhus Center for the opportunity to plant greenery on the territory of the school. The event was covered by the local TV channel NTK.



Activity 2.25. "Meeting of members of the eco-club of Naryn region"

On November 16, 2022, a seminar on the topic "The role of eco-clubs in the implementation of the Aarhus Convention" was held at the V.P. Chkalov Gymnasium No. 2 with the financial support of the OSCE. The seminar was attended by members of the eco-club of this school, members of the peace club, the school administration represented by the school director R.M. Osmonov, the head of the educational part I.L. Vologda and teachers in the subjects of ecology and geography. There were 26 participants in total. The guests of the seminar were our permanent partners – representatives of the Naryn State Reserve, who presented their presentations on the activities of the park.



At the opening of the seminar, the manager of the Aarhus Center Kalmuratov S.K. spoke about the activities of his organization. The members of the eco-club prepared and presented a presentation about the club and the activities they have done. During the seminar, the members of the eco-club asked their questions, expressed their opinions, and their caring attitude to the environment was very noticeable. They also suggested holding joint events such as clean-up days, eco-actions, propaganda of garbage sorting and debate games on the topic of environmental protection. At the end of the meeting, teachers spoke, who expressed gratitude and willingness to work together. T-shirts and caps with the logo of the Aarhus Center were distributed to the participants of the seminar.

Activity 2.26 “Monitoring the state of the Naryn River by the Naryn Aarhus Center”

In June, experts from the Naryn Aarhus Center monitored the condition of the Naryn River. Laboratory studies were done by Candidate of Agricultural Sciences, Associate Professor Baibagyshov E.M. and Candidate of Agricultural Sciences, Associate Professor Mamytkanov S.A.



They conducted a study on the organic state of the river, the chemical state of water, the results of pollution and the impact on the well-being of the population of the region, the flora and fauna of the region, proposed recommendations for reclamation and other measures to reduce environmental pollution. Laboratory results were sent to interested organizations, including the mayor's office of the city of Naryn, the regional sanitary and epidemiological station under the Ministry of Health of the Kyrgyz Republic, Naryngorvodokanal and others.

Activity 2.27 “Joint seminar with Karatal-Japyryk Nature Reserve”

On August 25, 2022, with the financial support of the OSCE Program Office in Bishkek, the Naryn Aarhus Center together with the Karatal-Zhapyryk State Nature Reserve held a training seminar on the topic “Protection of mountain ecosystems of the Naryn region”. The seminar was held in the conference hall of the University of Central Asia.



During the seminar, several presentations were presented: a report on the work done by the Aarhus Center, research work on environmental protection of the nature reserve, the activities of the Son-Kol fishery. One of the interesting topics in the list of presentations was the activities of the nature reserve for international cooperation and environmental education. The topic of the implementation of the Ramsar Convention in the region and its criteria were also discussed. The participants actively discussed the issues of the seminar and made their suggestions, and the most active were awarded letters of thanks on behalf of the nature reserve.

3) Expected results

- Continued monitoring of the state of the environment near settlements;
- Meetings and holding round tables with the invitation of our stakeholders and partners to discuss environmental issues in the regions;
- Conducting seminars and trainings for our potential partners to increase capacity and gain knowledge, with the consideration of changes in document flow;
- Together with the teaching staff of universities, we will continue to hold meetings with students to discuss environmental issues and search for new proposals from young people;
- Strengthening the work on involving potential partners for the implementation of joint projects;
- Conducting trainings for partners from state environmental organizations on the application of the principles of the Aarhus Convention for their activities;
- Holding a seminar on gender equality in the application of the Aarhus Convention;
- Creation of environmental videos to highlight the state of affairs in nature and the attitude of mankind to the preservation of the environment;
- Conducting informational and educational classes among secondary school students to teach the right attitude to nature.
- It should be noted that the use of the "Kobo" system during various meetings, round tables, seminars and trainings fails and the effectiveness decreases when filling out feedback forms. There are many reasons – ranging from the lack of Internet, poor operation of mobile devices, etc. to banal misunderstanding and irresponsibility, so we cannot check the sending of information. In paper form, the opposite is true – people understand with responsibility how to fill out and our presence helps to answer the questions of the form.

Adil Nurbekov

Head of Aarhus Centre in Bishkek