

**International scientific and practical conference**  
**«Ancient Sogdiana: Past, Present, Future»**  
**October 18 2007**  
**Dushanbe, «Kayon» Hotel**

**AGENDA**

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| 09.00 – 09.20 | Registration of participants (distribution of information materials)  |
| 09.20 – 09.40 | Movie – “Sogdiana Way”  |
| 09.40 – 10.00 | Opening. Speaker: Mr. Rustam Babajanov, Consultant «Building Information Capacity for Local Governance»<br><b>Welcome speech:</b><br>- Farid Garakhanov, UNDP Resident Representative a.i.<br>- Suhrob Sharipov, State Advisor of the President of the RT, Director of the Strategic Research Center<br>- Ramazan Abdulatipov, Ambassador, Embassy of the Russian Federation in the RT<br>- On behalf of area and district administration   |
| 10.00 – 10.45 | <b>Reports:</b><br>1. «Yagnob valley: Complex problems of social and economic development»<br>- Mr. Khojamahmad Umarov, Professor, Doctor of science in economy, Head of macroeconomic sector макроэкономики, Institute of economy, Ministry of economic development and trade of the RT, Mr. Kholnazar Muhabbatov, Professor, Doctor of science in geography, Head of Department of regional economy, Institute of economy, Ministry of economic development and trade of the RT<br><br>2. «History of studying the Yagnob language and its actualite» Mr. Saifiddin Mirzozoda, PhD of Philology, Senior scientific officer, Institute of language and literature named after Rudaki under the Academy of science of the RT, Chairman of NGO «Revival of Yagnob», Bahriddini Alizoda, PhD Philology, Assistant Professor, Department of human science, Institute of civil servant training.<br><br>3. «Nature and geographic peculiarities and opportunities of the strategy on sustainable development of the Yagniv valley» Mr. Anvar Buzurukov, Area Manager UNDP |
| 10.45 – 11.00 | Discussion  |
| 10.55 – 11.15 | Coffee break  |
| 11.15 – 11.30 | Speech «Ancient Sogdiana – potential object of the world UNESCO legacy?» Mr. Alexei Butorin, President, Center of nature legacy under the Institute of geography of RF, Moscow, Russian Federation  |
| 11.30 – 12.45 | Speech «Iran mountains and recent efforts for the sustainable development of mountain regions» Mr. Abdollah Ashtari, Managing Director, Mountain Environment Protection Society (MEPS) Iran, Tehran   |
| 12.45 – 13.00 | Discussion  |
| 13.00 – 14.00 | Lunch   |
| 14.00 – 15.00 | Work in sections:<br>1. <b>Historical and linguistic</b> (Yagnob people: Language and History, Moderator Mr. S. Mirzozoda);<br>2) <b>Geological</b> (natural and anthropogenic factors of sustainable development of Yagnob river valley, Moderator: Professor Kh. Muhabbatov and Mr. R.  |

Muratov, PhD in Biology, Director, Institute of Forestry, Ministry of agriculture and environment protection of the RT)

**3) Strategies and mechanisms for conservation the ethno-cultural and natural legacy of Yagnob, ways of poverty reduction for Yagnob people**

(admin and legal, scientific, economic, international and etc., including via establishment the Yagnob nature and ethno park, Moderator: Mr. A. Buzurukov, Area manager, UNDP Mr. K. Kosirov, Director General of Tajik National Park and protecting territories)

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| 15.00 – 15.20 | Presentation of working groups, discussion  |
| 15.20 – 15.35 | Speech «Sustainable development of mountain regions of Altai» Mrs. Vera Klimova, Director, NGO "Kranitely Altaya", Chernovaya settlement, East Kazakhstan area, Republic of Kazakhstan  |
| 15.35 – 15.50 | Coffee break  |
| 15.50 – 16.00 | Speech «Realization of dreams» Mrs. Georgina Fullerlove, Teacher and Traveler, Great Britain  |
| 16.00 – 16.15 | Speech «Mountain and nature, sustainable development. On the example of Bulgaria» Ventsislav Zlatarev, Chairman, NGO "Friends Of The Mountain Society" Bulgaria   |
| 16.15 – 16.25 | Speech «Problems of tourism development and opportunities to solve them at the potentially perspective areas using the modern IT technologies» Mr. Dmitry Danduk, Director on Marketing, International Digital Systems Engineering", Ltd , Moscow, RF |
| 16.30 – 17.00 | Wrapping up, acceptance of appeals and applications   |
| 17.00 – 17.30 | Press conference – Photo session  |

At the conference were represented: Photo exhibition of Mr. G. Ratushenko, President's photographer and watercolor paintings of Mr. G. Shukurov