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UCA STUDENTS LEARNED ABOUT THE ECOSYSTEM APPROACH

Public Foundation CAMP Tabiat held a presentation of the project "Ecosystem –based Adaptation to Climate Change in High Mountainous Regions of Central Asia" (EbA) for students of the University of Central Asia (UCA). The presentation took place on May 15 in the village of Tusiya in Roshtkala district of GBAO during a workshop organized by UCA in partnership with CAMP Tabiat within the framework of the Earth and Environmental Science Program.

The seminar was attended by 36 students of the preparatory course of the Khorog campus of UCA from Tajikistan and a number of foreign countries, as well as their advisors and facilitators.

The presentation about EbA was made by the Director of CAMP Tabiat Umed Bulbulshoev. In particular, he informed UCA students in detail about the main goals and objectives of the project and explained to them the importance of such concepts as ecosystem services, sustainable management of natural resources, adaptation to climate change and mitigation of its impact.

The EbA project is being implemented by the German Society for International Cooperation (GIZ) in Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan on behalf of the German Government. In Tajikistan GIZ partner in the project implementation is CAMP Tabiat.

In the practical part of the event, participants interviewed local residents on topics such as "Ecosystem services in rural areas" and "Seasonal environmental calendar". After the discussion in separate groups, the students of UCA presented their vision of the basis of the ecosystem approach.

U.Bulbulshoev and CAMP Tabiat project assistant Shodikhon Mirzokhasanov answered numerous questions from students. As the participants noted, during the seminar they received a lot of new and useful information that will help them in choosing a specialty in UCA.

At the end of the seminar the participants visited one of the most historically significant and revered places of Tusiya village - the tomb of Shoburhon-Wali, a famous Muslim religious figure and a saint of the IX century. According to local residents, Shoburhon-Wali once initiated the construction of a network of irrigation canals in several villages of Roshtkala district, which is actively used to this day.

