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PROGRAMME
International Symposium
Pastoralism in Central Asia: Status, Challenges and Opportunities in Mountain Areas
Ak-Keme Hotel, Bishkek, 13-14 June 2011

MONDAY 13 June 2011

08:15 Registration

Co-chairs: Dr. Bohdan Krawchenko & Ms. Mira Arynova

09:00 Welcome and opening speeches

09:05 *Mr. Torogul Bekov, Minister of Agriculture, Kyrgyz Republic*

Mr. Isakov Esengul, Deputy Head, Committee on Land and Water Resources and Ecology, Parliament member of Kyrgyz Republic

09:25 *Dr. Bohdan Krawchenko, Director General, University of Central Asia*

09:40 *Ms. Mira Arynova, Regional Coordinator, NCCR North-South*

09:50 Announcements

10:00 Keynote presentations including discussions

10:00 Mountain agro-pastoralism in Central Asia, *Dr. Carol Kerven, Director, Odessa Centre, UK*

10:30 Coffee break

11:00 Pasture reform in Kyrgyzstan: Problems and solutions, *Dr. Abdimalik Egemberdiev, Director of Kyrgyz Pasture Department*

11:30 Development policy and practice regarding mobile pastoralists in Africa, *Prof. Leif Manger, Department of Social Anthropology, University of Bergen, Norway*

12:00 The Need for Enabling Policies and Innovative Practice in Rangeland Management and Pastoral Development in High Asia, *Dr. Yi Shaoliang, Manager, Natural Resources Management, Aga Khan Foundation, Afghanistan*

12:30 Presentation of 'Aiyl Demi' newspaper, *Ms. Elbegzaya Batjargal & Ms. Jyldyz Mukhametsalieva, Mountain Partnership, Kyrgyzstan*

12:45 **Opening of poster exhibition**

13:00 **Lunch**

14:00 **Parallel scientific thematic sessions**

Session 1 **Historical and contemporary challenges of agro-pastoral production**

Co-chairs: Dr. Almaz Shanazarov and Dr. Henri Rueff

14:00 Pastoralism in Antiquity: the Western Tien-Shan in the Bronze Age, Prof. Allison Bets, *University of Sydney, Australia*

14:30 Agro-pastoralism in Chui Oblast, Ms. Raphaelle de la Martiniere, *University of Paris, France*

15:00 Market access and pastoral livelihood strategies in rural Kyrgyzstan, Dr. Daniel Maselli, *University of Central Asia, Kyrgyzstan*

15:30 Seeking dynamic stability: Kazaks in transition by choice and necessity, Dr. Astrid Cerny, *Ramapo College, USA*

16:00 Coffee break

16:30 Livestock production and climate Change in Tajikistan, Dr. Joshi Nanda, *Michigan State University, USA*

17:00 Mountain villages under the threat of climate change, Ms. Stephanie Christmann, *ICARDA, Uzbekistan*

Session 2 **Pasture governance in transition**

Co-chairs: Dr. Abdimalik Egemberdiev and Dr. Chad Dear

14:00 Land tenure in Afghanistan's Central Highlands, Ms. Laurie Ashley, *Aga Khan Foundation KG, USA*

14:30 Pastoral land tenure in Tajikistan: A policy brief, Ms. Sarah Robinson, *Oxfam Highlands Programme, Papua New Guinea*

15:00 Decentralized pasture governance in Kyrgyzstan, Ms. Wibke Crewett, *Humboldt University, Germany*

15:30 Community based pasture management in Kyrgyzstan, Mr. Azamat Isakov, *CAMP Alatoo, Kyrgyzstan*

16:00 Coffee break

16:30 Challenges and opportunities of pasture management in Mongolia. Dr. Hijaba Yakhanbai, *Environment and Development Association, Mongolia*

17:00 Conflicting strategies for contested resources. Dr. Bernd Steimann, *University of Zurich / NCCR North-South, Switzerland*

17:30 **Field trip information**

Ms. Arynova, Dr. Inam-ur-Rahim & Dr. Daniel Maselli, NCCR North-South / University of Central Asia

18.00 **Transfer to Supara Café (for dinner)**

19:00 **Joint dinner**

TUESDAY 14 June 2011

08:30 Recap of sessions from Day 1 (by Co-chairs)

09:00 Parallel scientific thematic sessions

Session 1 Towards sustainable livestock management: plant-animal interactions and diseases mitigation

Co-chairs: Prof. Reginald Victor and Mr. Joldoshibek Kasymbekov

09:00 High-mountain pastoralism of the Eastern Pamirs, Dr. Kim André Vanselow, University of Erlangen, Germany

09:30 USLE Model of Soil Erosion on Alpine Grazing Lands, Mr. Maksim Kulikov, University of Hamburg/UCA Graduate Fellow

10:00 Carbon Sequestration in Himalaya's Alpine Meadows, Dr. Henri Rueff, University of Bern / NCCR North-South, Switzerland

10:30 Coffee break

11:00 Mountain pastures in the SW Tien-Shan, Kyrgyzstan, Mr. Peter Borchardt, University of Hamburg, Germany

11:30 Characterizing Vanishing Animal Genetic Resources of the Hindukush Mountains, Dr. Sher Muhammad, Livestock Directorate-Khyber Pukhtunkhwa, Pakistan

12:00 Combining epidemiological surveys and public policy decisions: the experience of brucellosis in Kyrgyzstan, Dr. Bassirou Bonfoh, Swiss Centre for Scientific Research / NCCR North-South, Ivory Coast

12:30 Winter Fodder Shortage in Kyrgyzstan: Implications for Pasture and Livestock Management, Dr. Inam-ur-Rahim, University of Central Asia / NCCR North-South, Kyrgyzstan

Session 2 Development interventions and Central Asian pastoral communities

Co-chairs: Dr. Janyl Kojomuratova and Dr. Bernd Steimann

09:00 Sustainable rangeland management in Kazakhstan - first results and prospects, Dr. Heino Hertel, GIZ, Kazakhstan

09:30 Pre-school age child development in pastoral communities, Ms. Jyldyz Mamytova, Mountain Societies Development Support Programme, Kyrgyzstan

10:00 The legislation and local communities-bases of pasture development in Kyrgyzstan, Mr. Almaz Musabaev, Legal and Business Development Foundation, Kyrgyzstan

10:30 Coffee break

- 11:00 Pastures and pastoralism projects in Afghanistan: contributions by the international donors and NGO communities, Dr. Lenard Milich, *United Nations office on Drugs and Crime, Afghanistan*
- 11:30 Reflection on CRS technical and social strategies across two Afghan provinces, Mr. John Varrieur, *Program Manager, Ghor Watershed Program Catholic Relief Services, Afghanistan*
- 12:00 Pasture management efforts of GIZ in Central Asia, Ms. Ilka Starost, *GIZ, Germany*
- 12:30 Pastoralism under climate change scenario: ICIMOD initiatives in the Hindukush Himalayas, Mr. Jasra Abdul Wahid, *ICIMOD, Nepal*
- 13:00 Lunch**
- 14:00 Recap from morning sessions** (Co-chairs)
- 14:30 Open Debate on policies and development implications for pastoralism in Central Asia**
Co-chairs: Prof. Yuri Badenkov and Dr. Daniel Maselli
- 16:00 Coffee break
- 16:30 Presentation of the Herders' Manual**
Dr. Inam Rahim & Dr. Daniel Maselli, University of Central Asia / NCCR North-South
- 17:00 Discussion of background paper on agro-pastoralism and mountain societies in Central Asia** (in groups)
Moderators: Dr. Carol Kerven and Dr. Chad Dear
- 18:30 Closure of Day 1 and Day 2**
Dr. Chad Dear, University of Central Asia
Ms. Mira Arynova, NCCR North-South

FIELD VISIT

Wednesday 15 June – Saturday 18 June 2011 (for detailed program see field guide)