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**Title of the trip/mission:** Participation in the workshop “Eco Journalism for Sustainable Development” arranged jointly by UNDP Joint Program on Aral Sea, KRASS, UNESCO and Urgench State University

**Trip/mission member(s):** Mr. Pulat Salikhov, Specialist on Renewable Energy Sources

**Destination:** Tashkent-Nukus-Tashkent

**Dates:** April10, 2015

**Source of funding:**  project TRAC funds

**Please summarize main purpose of the visit and activities completed**

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| Trip to Nukus has been implemented in accordance with the approved APA for Y2015. The main objectives of the visit were as follows:   1. Contribution in the workshop “Eco-Journalism for Sustainable Development” arranged jointly by Extension Service Center, KRASS,UNDP Joint Program on Aral Sea, UNESCO and Urgench State University for students of the Karakalpak State University and mass media of the Republic of Karakalpakstan; 2. Dissemination of project publications and promo materials among students and mass media of the Republic of Karakalpakstan.   The workshop was conducted on 10 April 2015 jointly by Extension Service Center, KRASS, UNDP Joint Program on Aral Sea, UNESCO and Urgench State University for students of the Karakalpak State University and mass media of the Republic of Karakalpakstan.  The event started with opening addresses by Ms. Krista Pikkat, Head of UNESCO in Uzbekistan, Mr. Muratbay Jumanov, Rector of Karakalpak State University and Mr. Kunokboy Turboyev, Dean of Journalism Faculty of the University. The agenda of the workshop covered a very wide range of environmental issues, including gene pool of flora and fauna of Sub-Aral region, global warming, adaptation to climate change consequences, waste management and others. The matters of sustainable development in Uzbekistan, environmental education, as well as the role and importance of mass media in raising public awareness about environment challenges were considered and discussed, as well.  The LED project’s Specialist on RES reported on potential of renewable energy sources in general, and energy saving greenhouses and modern thermal insulation materials in rural houses, in particular. A video instructing how to install and assemble modern thermal insulation materials in a rural house was of the great interest of trainees.  In addition, Specialist on RES disseminated the following promo materials of the LED project among the participants: case-study "Use of biogas for autonomic energy supply of a farm" in Uzbek and Russian, brochure "Biogas, electric energy, bio-fertilizer, health: 11 steps towards the success” in Uzbek and Russian, as well as a promo–booklet “Make Your Home Warmer” in Russian.  Further, sessions were conducted to ensure understanding of importance of mass-media involvement in the context of sustainable development concept, coverage of environmental issues in the national (general and "green") press and informational sources and the factors that increasing the effectiveness of the press in this sphere. Journalists of print and electronic media, as well as graduate students of the Journalism Department of Urgench State University were able to demonstrate their knowledge and understanding of sustainable development and the role of media in this process, identify the modern environmental concerns of the population of the country, identify the factors in the effectiveness of journalistic materials on ecology and also eliminate the typical journalistic mistakes and errors.  Overall, the training pursued to improve of the quality, efficiency and effectiveness of journalism in the media coverage of environment and sustainable development. |

**Please provide a brief description of next steps / follow up actions**

* In addition to a promo–booklet that summarizes recommendations of energy saving options can be implemented in a residential family house “Make Your Home Warmer” in Russian, Specialist on RES will develop Uzbek version. Promo–booklets in Uzbek and Russian are planned for publication and dissemination during project events to be conducted in Tashkent and provinces;
* Project will continue raising awareness of farmers and representatives of local khokimiyats about promoting greater energy efficiency in rural houses and greenhouses, available modern thermal insulation materials and their cost, throughout Uzbek provinces;
* Project will contribute to the events targeted at farmers, local authorities, students, mass media and general public to be conducted by the Extension Center Promotion in Urgench.

**Information / Learning materials / Useful links available at:**

<http://leds.uz/ru/events/1029>; [rsr.akvo.org](http://www.leds.uz);[www.KRASS.uz/EC](http://www.KRASS.uz/EC); [www.urdu.uz](http://www.urdu.uz)

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