

Fact Sheet

Promoting Parliamentarianism in Kyrgyzstan in 2013

Project: “Promoting Parliamentarianism in Kyrgyzstan”

Partners: Jogorku Kenesh (Parliament) of the Kyrgyz Republic, Centre for Labour and Social Development (Parliament of Political Parties), ACTR/ACCELS, American University in Central Asia (AUCA) and Osh State University

Beneficiaries: Jogorku Kenesh (Parliament) of the Kyrgyz Republic, Government, local self-government, civil society, political parties and youth

Project objective: The overall increase is promoted in the level of effective governance and interaction of Jogorku Kensch with the general population in the country.

Project activities and expected outcomes:

There are five project activities as follows:

1. Roundtable Discussions on Topical Political Issues

The Parliament of Political Parties (PPP) is a platform for inclusive political dialogue involving parties from across the political spectrum. In 2013, the PPP will conduct 11 roundtable discussions and public hearings in all regions of the country, Bishkek and Osh cities. These discussions will be devoted to the most pressing political, economic and social issues, as well as develop recommendations, which will be forwarded to the relevant authorities. MPs, high-level Government officials from the central as well as local level, representatives of political parties, local self-government, civil society, international organizations, experts and mass media will be invited as participants of the project events.

2. Student Interns for Parliament

The CiB will support the internship program organized by the American Councils for International Education (ACCELS/ACTR). As a result of this activity, 15 students from the American University in Central Asia (AUCA) and five from Osh State University will be placed within the different committees and units of the Parliament assisting MPs and parliamentary staff members starting from March to June 2013.

3. Youth Model Parliament

The CiB will support selection, training and plenary sessions of the Youth Model Parliament. This pilot initiative is aiming in training and educating of selected 30 Bishkek based high school students, with assistance of the American Councils for International Education (ACCELS/ACTR). The main objective is to help incumbents of the program to get familiar with parliamentary and political party system in Kyrgyzstan as well as international experience. The project is implemented jointly with the Parliamentary Committee on Education, Science, Culture and Sports.

4. Supporting International Parliamentary Outreach with the OSCE PA

The CiB will support the Jogorku Kenesh of the Kyrgyz Republic in the area of work with the OSCE PA to foster the contacts of the Jogorku Kenesh with its sister parliaments throughout OSCE area. For this purpose, at least six video conferences should be organized with participation of Kyrgyz MPs and other MPs from OSCE member-states to facilitate international exchange of experience. Also, the CiB will support participation of the Kyrgyz MPs in the OSCE PA meetings and relevant international forums and conferences.

5. Work with Mass Media on Raising the Project Awareness

The OSCE Centre in Bishkek will organize four press conferences to provide public outreach for the project in general. The press conferences will be organized within the frameworks of the project activities and highlight the main achievements and outputs, as a result of the initiatives implemented under the Project on Promoting Parliamentarianism in Kyrgyzstan.