Tenth meeting of the Task Force on Access to Justice under the auspices of the Aarhus Convention

Application of the Aarhus Convention - the basis of public access to justice

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Access to justice

- the primary means of ensuring compliance with the Aarhus Convention
- consolidation of procedural rules
- guarantee the public's right of access to justice
Legislation block of the Kyrgyz Republic:

• legislative norms of a general nature
• some of the regulations in the field of environmental protection legislation
Obligations of legal and natural persons for reimbursement of damage in accordance with the Civil Code of the Kyrgyz Republic and other regulatory legal acts of the Kyrgyz Republic
General principle of access to environmental information

• the judicial review of actions (inactions) of state bodies and officials

• appeal to the court for suspension or termination of economic and other activities

• bringing an action
Results of the study showed:

- on proper execution of writs for the judicial protection of rights of the public
- on the jurisdiction of cases on the claims of environmental associations
Development of academic program

• one-day training
• training module
• handouts on the topic "Application of the Aarhus Convention and national environmental legislation of the Kyrgyz Republic"
The following issues were considered and discussed during the training:

- Overview of the Aarhus Convention and the regulatory acts of the Kyrgyz Republic in the field of ecology and environmental protection;
- The right of access to environmental information and the right to participate in decisions affecting the environment;
- The right to access to justice;
- The competence of the authorized bodies in the field of ecology and environmental protection;
- Practical application of the Aarhus Convention by the courts and national legislation in the field of environment and ecology.
Results of the training

the level of knowledge among the participants in the field of ecology and environmental protection rose in average for 48.5%
Plans for improvement

• changes in statistical forms of civil cases, that would maintain a record of cases in the field of the environment on the claims and allegations of individuals and environmental organizations in the implementation of the Aarhus Convention.

• generalization of the judicial practice and update Provision of the Supreme Court’s Plenum "On judicial practice in civil cases relating to the violation of nature protection legislation"
Thank you for your attention!