



# PARTICIPANT BOOKLET

## OSCE Central Asia Youth Dialogue Forum

### *'Youth for Prevention of Organized Crime and Corruption'*

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Issyk-Kul, Kyrgyzstan

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## Welcome to the OSCE CA Youth Dialogue Forum

Dear participants,

The OSCE Team is looking forward to welcoming you at the OSCE Central Asia Youth Dialogue Forum 'Youth for Prevention of Organized Crime and Corruption' to take place on 13-17 October 2025 in Issyk-Kul, Kyrgyzstan.

This cohort includes active and enthusiastic young individuals from Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan, selected through a highly competitive process. We are truly impressed by your active engagement in your local communities and are looking forward to your participation in the Forum.

This Booklet contains all the relevant information on the Forum, including the list of participants and speakers, agenda, as well as logistical and administrative matters. If you did not find an answer to your specific question, please reach out to us at [Ulukbek.Abdubaliev@osce.org](mailto:Ulukbek.Abdubaliev@osce.org).

We are looking forward to welcoming you at the Forum!

Best regards,

OSCE Organizing Committee of the CA Youth Dialogue Forum

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# I. Concept Note

## Background

Young people under 30 account for more than half of Central Asia's population, making their active engagement essential for the region's stability and development. At the same time, they face growing risks: the Covid-19 pandemic and security developments in Afghanistan have deepened socio-economic vulnerabilities, leaving youth more susceptible to recruitment by criminal networks and involvement in illicit activities. Such trajectories can have lasting consequences, not only for young people themselves, but also for their communities, victims, justice systems and society at large. Investing in youth crime prevention and fostering a culture of lawfulness and integrity from an early age therefore brings major societal benefits, strengthening governance, resilience and the rule of law across the region.

Building on this context, the OSCE Secretariat's Transnational Threats Department (TNTD) and the Office of the Co-ordinator of Economic and Environmental Activities (OCEEA) launched an OSCE-wide project, "Enhancing youth crime and drug use prevention through education on legality and awareness campaigns addressing threats of organized crime and corruption." The project aims to foster a culture of lawfulness among youth by promoting peer engagement in crime prevention, strengthening the capacity of educators and law enforcement, and launching targeted awareness campaigns on the risks of criminal involvement.

## About the Forum

From 13 to 17 October 2025, the OSCE will host the Central Asia Youth Dialogue Forum titled 'Youth for Prevention of Organized Crime and Corruption' in Issyk-Kul, Kyrgyzstan. The Forum will gather 24 young leaders from Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan to learn, exchange experiences, and develop practical initiatives on preventing organized crime and corruption.

The Forum programme combines expert-led sessions with interactive exercises and skills training. Participants will explore the phenomena of organized crime and corruption, approaches to working with at-risk youth, the role of social media in youth engagement in crime, and enhance their skills in project idea development and pitching. A distinctive feature of the Forum is the Youth Debate Forum, where participants, working in groups, will design and present their own prevention initiatives, debate their proposals with peers, and pitch final projects to representatives of OSCE participating States and international organizations.

By equipping youth with knowledge, skills, and networks, the Forum seeks to empower them as active partners in strengthening the rule of law and promoting integrity in their communities and across the region. It will provide a space for trust-building among young people from different countries, generate youth-driven proposals for action, and amplify the voices committed to preventing organized crime and corruption in Central Asia.

## II. Forum Participants



### **Abunasr Nosirov, Tajikistan**

Abunasr is a student of International Relations researching the role of international relations and its connection to the education system of Tajikistan. He serves as Chair of the Cultural and Educational Volunteer Movement at the Moscow State University branch in Dushanbe, where he organizes cultural and educational initiatives for young people. Beyond his academic focus, he translates poetry and explores innovative approaches to language learning and teaching. His interests include education, cultural exchange, and international cooperation.



### **Aiym Almatayeva, Kazakhstan**

Aiym is a fourth-year Political Science student at Al-Farabi Kazakh National University and a former exchange student at the University of Warsaw. Her academic interests include Central Asian politics, international law, democratization, and gender equality. She has professional experience through an internship at the Amanat political party and a practicum at the Legal Policy Research Center (LPRC), a non-governmental organization. Aiym is the founder of Civic Voice, a youth initiative promoting civic literacy and political engagement among young people in Kazakhstan. She is a recipient of the Konrad Adenauer Foundation scholarship and several academic mobility grants. Her research focuses on international security, regional cooperation in Central Asia, and youth empowerment.



### **Akylai Tenizbaeva, Kyrgyzstan**

Akylai is a researcher specializing in human rights, development, and social inclusion in Central Asia. She holds a Master's degree in Human Rights and Sustainability from the OSCE Academy. Following graduation, she was selected as a Regional Correspondent for the Global Campus of Human Rights, where she authored articles on poverty, environmental justice, and mobility in Kyrgyzstan. She currently serves as an Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) Specialist at Dos-Credobank, contributing to sustainable finance and corporate social responsibility initiatives. In her free time, she enjoys watching anime and exploring different cultures through film and literature.



### **Alikhan Tuganbayev, Kazakhstan**

Alikhan is a bachelor student in Public Administration at KIMEP University, majoring in International Development and Public Policy. His academic interests focus on sustainable development, urban mobility, and youth employment policy. Through his participation in exchange programs in Seoul and Copenhagen, Alikhan has expanded his understanding of government and policy from a cross-cultural viewpoint. He enjoys traveling, learning languages, and exploring international politics. Therefore, he is now in the process of learning French as his fourth language. He has also organized events such as TEDxKIMEP and Model UN at KIMEP. Alikhan believes that international cooperation is a key part of the world's development.



### **Altynai Sadykova, Kyrgyzstan**

Altynai is from Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan. She has recently joined the Central Project Implementation Unit in Bishkek, supporting water and sanitation projects. Altynai has worked and interned in sustainable development projects in Kyrgyzstan, Hong Kong and Austria. A recipient of a full scholarship from the Hong Kong government, Altynai earned a Bachelor of Science in Environmental Studies from The Education University of Hong Kong. She is passionate about corporate sustainability, international development and youth-led initiatives.

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### **Anusha Ashurova, Tajikistan**

Anusha is a social researcher and youth advocate with expertise in economics and gender studies. She is currently an intern at the OSCE Border Management Staff College, where she supports research on border security challenges and maintains project databases. Previously, she contributed to the OSCE Secretariat's Gender Issues Programme in Vienna, where she conducted research and developed data visuals on gender, climate, and security. Anusha holds a Master's in Economic Governance and Development from the OSCE Academy and a Bachelor's in Global Economics with Honors and a Leadership Award from UCA. A SUSI Women's Leadership alumna, she received a grant to advance youth empowerment through mentorship. She is passionate about translating complex topics into accessible content.



### **Asel Shamyrganova, Kyrgyzstan**

Asel is a graduate of the American University of Central Asia, with Bachelor's in International and Comparative Politics. She is actively engaged in youth empowerment projects, including co-organizing the "Upgrade Youth" initiative in Naryn and youth leadership programs in Batken. Her work focuses on strengthening civic engagement, promoting integrity, and creating safe spaces for young people to realize their potential. Asel's academic and professional interests center on youth development, corruption prevention, and sustainable community growth in Central Asia.



### **Ayana Supueva, Kyrgyzstan**

Ayana is a Communication and Media senior student at the University of Central Asia, graduating in 2026. As a FLEX alumna, she has led several social projects in Naryn, focusing on youth empowerment and community development. She also serves as an organizer of TEDxUCANaryn2026, where she leads the team in creating an event designed to inspire and influence Naryn community. Ayana is passionate about exploring how digital platforms can be used to promote cultural heritage and social change. She actively develops her social media presence, aiming to become one of the emerging voices from Central Asia.



### **Ayaulym Tyulyubayeva, Kazakhstan**

Ayaulym is an educator and a graduate of Al-Farabi Kazakh National University, where she majored in Translation Studies. A polyglot fluent in five languages, she is passionate about youth empowerment and international relations. Ayaulym recently had the honor of representing Kazakhstan at the Young Changemakers Worldwide Youth Anti-Corruption and Roadmap Workshop, held at the United Nations in Vienna, Austria. In her free time, she expresses her creativity by drawing and is currently developing her own comic book.



### **Bonu Abdusalomova, Uzbekistan**

Bonu is a Project Manager at the National Erasmus+ Office in Uzbekistan, where she coordinates cooperation with higher education institutions and manages the team of Higher Education Reform Experts. She earned a BA in Commercial Law from Westminster International University in Tashkent and is currently pursuing her LLM in Commercial Law. Bonu has experience in international project management, communication with the EU Delegation, and organizing academic events. Her professional interests include higher education reform, international law, and youth engagement. She is fluent in Uzbek, Russian, and English.



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### **Dilyara Supyaldiyarova, Kazakhstan**

Dilyara is a graduate of SDU University with a BA in International Relations and currently works at the Department of Science, Division of Research Projects and Initiatives, where she supports external and internal research grants, commercialization of research results, and academic project management. She is pursuing her Master's degree in Big Data: Modeling and Forecasting in International Relations at Narxoz University. Dilyara has research and professional experience in Central Asian geopolitics, India–Central Asia relations, and youth leadership, including work as a journalist, faculty assistant, and UNESCO Club President.



### **Firdavs Zavkiev, Uzbekistan**

Firdavs is a journalist covering Central Asia and Afghanistan, with experience at BBC Uzbek and several Uzbek media outlets. In 2024, he served as Managing Editor of the Youth Affairs Agency's "Ustoz AI" project, a free professional education initiative. Since then, Firdavs has focused on creating accessible, youth-friendly storytelling on platforms like Instagram and TikTok to foster civic participation. At BBC Uzbek, he is currently developing a video series on the roles of women in Central Asian history. He is passionate about innovative storytelling, youth engagement, and promoting inclusive narratives across Central Asia.



### **Gulazor Mamadrizokhonova, Tajikistan**

Gulazor is a senior-year student at KIMEP University in Almaty, Kazakhstan, specializing in International Relations. Her academic focus includes global security, regional co-operation, and international political economy. Alongside her studies, she actively engages in sustainability and youth-related initiatives, combining academic research with practical involvement in community and university life.



### **Hafizullo Akhmedov, Tajikistan**

Hafizullo is a lawyer and human rights specialist from Tajikistan, holding a Master's degree in Prosecutorial Supervision. His background is closely connected to anti-corruption, a field that is of particular importance to him. He participated in the OSCE National Anti-Corruption Forum and completed internships at UNICEF and Kazakhstan International Bureau for Human Rights, focusing on children's rights and social justice. Hafizullo actively volunteers with charitable organization "Peshraft" and is a member of UNICEF Young People Advisory Group. Committed to promoting transparency, equality and accountability, he strives to make a significant contribution in his country and beyond.



### **Kanaiym Ishenbek, Kyrgyzstan**

Kanaiym is a graduate of the American University of Central Asia, with a major in Software Engineering. She is currently a Lab Head at EPAM Campus, a leadership role that connects universities with the labor market and promotes transparent, opportunity-driven education. During her studies, she led social projects in mentorship, career guidance, and youth empowerment across urban and rural areas. She plans to further develop in Kyrgyzstan's IT sector by expanding her hard skills and exploring professional paths before applying for a master's abroad. She is passionate about education, youth development, and building fair systems that strengthen resilience against corruption.



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### Madina Abdikarimova, Kazakhstan

Madina Abdikarimova is a member of the European Union Youth Sounding Board in Kazakhstan. She also serves at the Executive Body of the International Youth Consultative Committee on Climate Agenda among Central Asian and Turkic countries. In addition, she is a UNICEF Kazakhstan Volunteer and an active Youth Climate Advocate, representing young people in regional and global climate processes.



### Madina Turonboyeva, Uzbekistan

Madina is an international law student at the University of World Economy and Diplomacy in Tashkent, Uzbekistan. She is an alumna of the Girls for Girls leadership program and a participant of the Preventive Diplomacy Academy by UNRCCA. Madina has taken part in several international volunteering activities, including the FIFA Futsal World Cup 2024 and Global Youth Festival. She had a chance to be part of Jessup Central Asian Summer School in Almaty and actively defended the respondent side in the AIFC Moot Court.



### Mohlaroy Mirzayeva, Uzbekistan

Mohlaroy Mirzayeva is an International Law student at the University of World Economy and Diplomacy in Tashkent and the first in her family to pursue higher education. She is passionate about youth engagement and diplomacy, having co-founded the first Model UN in Fergana and served as Deputy Secretary-General of UWEDMUN. Mohlaroy also works as Speakers' Coordinator at TEDxUWED and volunteered to translate PhET simulations into Uzbek to make science more accessible. Alongside her academic and volunteer work, she explores creative fields as a junior 3D artist, enjoys anime, and finds inspiration in gaming and rock music.



### Muqaddas Mamadboqirova, Tajikistan

Muqaddas is a senior student at the American University of Central Asia, majoring in Politics with a minor in Journalism. Originally from Tajikistan, she chose to study politics because she believes it is the key to driving meaningful change. Passionate about diplomacy, law, history, and social development, Muqaddas actively participates in projects empowering her community. She dreams of improving access to quality education for rural children in her community, seeing education as a catalyst for change, and aims to work with international organizations to advance development and global cooperation. In her free time, she enjoys reading novels, exploring legal case studies, traveling, and learning about global affairs.



### Otabek Davronov, Uzbekistan

Otabek from Uzbekistan holds both Bachelor's and Master's degrees from Tashkent State University of Law. He also completed an academic exchange program at Mykolas Romeris University in Lithuania. Otabek has been an active participant in various international programs, including an ADR workshop at Doshisha University in Japan and a program on governance of raw materials at Saarland University in Germany, among others. He values building international friendships, networking, and cultural exchange.

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### Ramazan Musa, Kazakhstan

Ramazan is a freshman at Nazarbayev University and an entrepreneur from Kazakhstan who founded Jasa, a youth job search platform that has connected 2,700+ young people aged 14-22 with internships, competitions, volunteering and other opportunities. He is passionate about tackling youth unemployment, ageism, and corruption in labor markets across Central Asia. Ramazan represented Kazakhstan in international programs, conducted research with an MIT professor on consumer behavior, published it in an international journal, and led initiatives to promote the Kazakh language and youth entrepreneurship. His ultimate goal is to build innovations that empower young people and create more transparent, opportunity-rich societies.



### Shabibi Beshimova, Turkmenistan

Shabibi is a first-year graduate student in Public Policy at Nazarbayev University. She graduated from the International University for the Humanities and Development in Ashgabat with a degree in International Trade. During her undergraduate studies, Shabibi served as part of the University Students' Council, actively negotiating with the university administration on behalf of the student body. She was involved with the UN in Turkmenistan, serving as an SDG Ambassador for Gender Equality. These roles sparked her interest in youth development and the potential influence youth can have on crime prevention. Currently, as part of her master's program, she is exploring the topics of demography, migration, and corruption.



### Umarjon Vohidov, Tajikistan

Umarjon is a Business Analyst & Product Manager at Ipoteka Bank (OTP Group). He previously worked at Ilmhona Skills Accelerator in Dushanbe, supporting the development of young IT specialists, and collaborated as a research assistant with scholars from Princeton University and the London School of Economics. An AUCA graduate, he is passionate about digital innovation, social impact, and youth engagement across Central Asia.



### Zafar Urokov, Uzbekistan

Zafar recently graduated from Tashkent State University of Law, with his major in Criminal Law. He is a junior lawyer at FE LLC Multinational Mine Group and an LLM candidate at Tashkent State University of Law (TSUL). He is a Ministry of Justice scholarship recipient, a Young Professional Internships Program alumnus, and a former Erasmus+ scholar in International and European Law. Zafar is a passionate advocate for legal reforms that improve access to justice for small and medium-sized enterprises.

### III. Forum Speakers and Trainers



**Markus Rieger**  
*Pedagogical specialist,  
Kurve kriegen, Germany*

**Markus Rieger** is a pedagogical specialist with extensive experience in youth crime prevention. He currently serves as the main pedagogical specialist for *Kurve kriegen*, a crime prevention initiative of the Ministry of the Interior of North Rhine-Westphalia in Germany, where he works with at-risk youth in close co-operation with police, schools and youth welfare offices. Markus has collaborated with the OSCE on its youth crime prevention project, applying his expertise in pedagogy and community-based interventions to strengthen multi-stakeholder cooperation across the OSCE region.



**Dr. Erkaïym Mambetalieva**  
*Director, CA Research Institute  
on Corruption and ML*

**Dr. Erkaïym Mambetalieva** is a distinguished anti-corruption expert and currently serves as Director of the Central Asian Research Institute on Corruption and Money Laundering. The Institute advances anti-corruption education, strengthens expertise in Kyrgyzstan, and equips practitioners to design and implement effective measures. Dr. Mambetalieva is the author of five textbooks and over 20 research articles on public administration and corruption, and served as the OSCE's lead expert in developing school and university curricula on youth crime prevention, introduced in Kyrgyzstan in 2023.



**Meike Nitsch**  
*Commercial Executive  
Microsoft Germany*

**Meike Nitsch** is a Commercial Executive at Microsoft Germany with experience in account management and B2B sales at leading companies including BMW Group, Beiersdorf and Siemens. She holds a Master of Science in Business Administration from the University of Münster and a Master's in Marketing and Management from Universidad Rey Juan Carlos. Meike closely collaborates with the OSCE on youth crime prevention initiatives, leveraging her expertise in strategic communications and programme management to advance youth engagement and integrity campaigns.



**Azim Azimov**  
*Director, Media Kitchen*

**Azim Azimov** is an award-winning film and advertising producer and communications strategist with over a decade of professional experience. He is the Founder and Director of Media Kitchen, a communications and film production agency recognized for its international awards and high-profile clients. He has also collaborated with the OSCE on its social media awareness campaign on youth crime prevention and integrity, which reached over 1.5 million young people across Kyrgyzstan in 2023, leveraging storytelling and local influencers to promote lawfulness and civic engagement.

## IV. OSCE Team



### Vera Strobachova-Budway

Senior Economic Officer / Head of Economic Governance Unit,  
Office of the Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities

As the Head of the Economic Governance Unit at the OSCE, Vera Strobachova-Budway oversees projects on good governance and anti-corruption, youth crime prevention, youth entrepreneurship and women's economic empowerment, migration management and trade and transport connectivity. Prior to joining the OSCE, Vera spent 12 years as Chief Diversity Officer at the Austrian Erste Group Bank AG, where she established, developed, and managed the company's first comprehensive Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Programme for 46,000 employees across seven countries in Central and Eastern Europe.



### Mara Garavini Seisselberg

Criminal Justice Adviser, Strategic Police Matters Unit  
Transnational Threats Department

Mara serves as Criminal Justice Adviser at the Strategic Police Matters Unit, assisting OSCE participating States in the field of criminal justice reform, focusing on crime prevention. In her role, she manages the OSCE's cross-regional youth crime prevention project, delivering targeted training for criminal justice practitioners and social workers on early identification and inter-agency co-operation on youth crime prevention. Mara led the assessment report on the role of women in organized crime and the study on the role of financial literacy in youth crime prevention.



### Ulukbek Abdubaliev

Associate Project Officer, Economic Governance Unit  
Office of the Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities

Ulukbek is a professional with over seven years of experience at the OSCE. He previously served as Senior Planning and Co-ordination Officer at the OSCE Programme Office in Bishkek and is currently working at the OSCE Secretariat on an extra-budgetary project on youth crime prevention, covering Eastern Europe, South-Eastern Europe, and Central Asia. He has a strong background in project management and is passionate about creating inclusive platforms for young people to shape policy and drive positive change in their communities.



# V. Forum Agenda

## Sunday, 12 October 2025

Throughout the day	Arrival of participants in Bishkek and check-in ( <i>Hyatt Regency, 191 Abdrahmanov Str.</i> )
19:00	Welcome Dinner

## Monday, 13 October 2025

08:00 – 12:30	Trip to Issyk-Kul
12:30 – 13:30	Hotel check-in ( <i>Raduga Plus, Sary-Oi</i> )
13:30 – 14:30	Lunch
14:30 – 14:45	<b>Opening of the event:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Representative of the Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany in Bishkek</b> (<i>online, tbc</i>)</li> <li>• <b>Ms. Vera Strobachova-Budway</b>, Senior Economic Officer / Head of Economic Governance Unit, OCEEA, OSCE Secretariat</li> <li>• <b>Ms. Mara Garavini Seisselberg</b>, Criminal Justice Adviser TNTD, OSCE Secretariat</li> </ul>
	<b>Moderator: Mr. Ulukbek Abdubaliev</b> , Associate Project Officer, OCEEA, OSCE Secretariat
14:45 – 15:10	Introduction and discussion of administrative issues
15:10 – 15:35	Icebreaker exercise
15:35 – 16:00	Coffee break
16:00 – 17:00	<b>Session 1: Introduction to Youth Crime Prevention</b>  The session will introduce participants to the different levels of youth crime prevention, highlight current trends in Central Asia, and present the OSCE's best practices in this field. It will also include a practical exercise on primary prevention to engage participants in applying the concepts discussed.  <b>Speaker: Mr. Ulukbek Abdubaliev</b> , Associate Project Officer, OCEEA, OSCE Secretariat

## Tuesday, 14 October 2025

09:00 – 09:20	Energizer and overview of day 2
09:20 – 11:20	<p><b>Session 2: Primary Crime Prevention: Social Media as a Tool for Preventing Youth Engagement in Crime</b></p> <p>The session will provide participants with knowledge and a deeper understanding on how social media can be utilized as a powerful tool to facilitate the culture of lawfulness and integrity among young people.</p> <p><b>Speaker: Mr. Azim Azimov</b>, Communications/Media Expert, CEO and Founder of <i>Media Kitchen</i></p>
11:20 – 11:45	Coffee break
11:45 – 13:15	<p><b>Session 3: Organized Crime Prevention – Introduction and Group work</b></p> <p>The session will provide participants with knowledge and a deeper understanding of the phenomenon and root causes of organized crime, and will serve as a platform to discuss possible ways to prevent youth engagement in organized crime groups.</p> <p><b>Speaker: Ms. Mara Garavini Seisselberg</b>, Criminal Justice Adviser, TNTD, OSCE Secretariat</p>
13:15 – 14:15	Lunch
14:15 – 15:35	<p><b>Session 4: Secondary Crime Prevention – International Best Practices in Working with At-Risk Youth</b></p> <p>The session will focus on secondary prevention measures, with particular attention to working with at-risk youth. Drawing on the German model <i>Kurve kriegen</i>, participants will gain insights into practical approaches and methods for identifying vulnerable young people early and engaging them in targeted interventions. In the practical part of the session, participants will work with real-life inspired cases to apply the concepts.</p> <p><b>Speaker: Mr. Markus Rieger</b>, social worker, <i>Kurve kriegen</i> Youth Crime Prevention initiative</p>
15:35 – 16:00	Coffee break
16:00 – 16:50	<b>Session 4 (continued): Secondary Crime Prevention – International Best Practices in Working with At-Risk Youth</b>
16:50 – 17:00	Day 1 Wrap-Up
18:00 – 19:30	Dinner



### Wednesday, 15 October 2025

09:30 – 09:50	Energizer and overview of day 3
09:50 – 11:10	<p><b>Session 5: Corruption Prevention – Introduction and Group Work</b></p> <p>The session will provide participants with knowledge and a deeper understanding of the concept of corruption prevention and integrity, and will serve as a platform to discuss their importance and the role of youth in promoting them.</p> <p><b>Speaker:</b> Dr. Ercaiym Mambetalieva, Founder &amp; Director of the Central Asian Research Institute on Corruption and Money Laundering</p>
11:10 – 11:35	Coffee break
11:35 – 13:00	<b>Session 5 (continued): Corruption Prevention – Introduction and Group Work</b>
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch
14:00 – 15:45	<p><b>Session 6: Sales, Pitching and Public Speaking Strategies – Good Practices from Microsoft</b></p> <p>The session will provide participants with practical strategies and techniques to improve their pitching and public speaking skills, drawing on Microsoft's global experience in communication and sales. It will highlight good practices for structuring and delivering persuasive messages and equip participants with tools to present their project ideas with confidence and clarity.</p> <p><b>Speaker:</b> Ms. Meike Nitsch, Commercial Executive, Microsoft</p>
15:45 – 16:10	Coffee break
16:10 – 17:00	<p><b>Session 7: Introduction to Project Idea Development</b></p> <p>The session will introduce participants to the project idea development process in order to prepare them for the development of their own projects. The exercise will provide a platform for participants to further explore three thematic issues: Organized Crime and Youth Recruitment, Corruption and Integrity, and Youth Violence and Delinquency Prevention, by discussing them in an informal setting. Discussions will be held at three tables, where participants will be divided into three groups according to the thematic areas of the Forum.</p> <p><b>Speaker:</b> Mr. Ulukbek Abdubaliev, Associate Project Officer, OCEEA, OSCE Secretariat</p>
18:00 – 19:30	Dinner

### Thursday, 16 October 2025

09:00 – 09:10	Overview of the previous day
09:30 – 11:00	<b>Development of projects in 3 groups</b>  Facilitators and experts are available for individual consultations
11:00 – 11:30	Coffee break
11:30 – 13:00	<b>Development of projects in 3 groups (cont.)</b>  Facilitators and experts are available for individual consultations
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch
14:00 – 15:30	<b>Development of projects in 3 groups (cont.)</b>  Facilitators and experts are available for individual consultations
15:30 – 16:00	Coffee break
16:00 – 17:00	<b>Development of projects in 3 groups (cont.)</b>  Facilitators and experts are available for individual consultations
17:00 – 17:15	<b>Introduction to the Youth Debate Forum (held on Friday, 17 October)</b> The Youth Debate Forum represents the format that incorporates elements of project presentation and discussion utilizing parliamentary debate techniques. The Forum comprises of three rounds, during which each group presents their project and discusses it with other groups (one project per round) according to the established timeframes and rules. This iterative feedback process will contribute to the improvement of the developed projects.  <b>Facilitator: Mr. Ulukbek Abdubaliev, Associate Project Officer, OCEEA, OSCE Secretariat</b>
18:00 – 19:30	Dinner

### Friday, 17 October 2025

09:00 – 09:10	Introduction to day 5
09:10 – 10:00	<b>Youth Debate Forum: group #1</b> Group #1 presents its project on the specific topic assigned to them and holds a debate on it with other groups according to the established timeframes and rules
10:00 – 10:50	<b>Youth Debate Forum: group #2</b> Group #2 presents its project on the specific topic assigned to them and holds a debate on it with other groups according to the established timeframes and rules
10:50 – 11:10	Coffee break
11:10 – 12:00	<b>Youth Debate Forum: group #3</b> Group #3 presents its project on the specific topic assigned to them and holds a debate on it with other groups according to the established timeframes and rules
12:00 – 13:00	Work in groups: final touch-ups for the presentations
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch
14:00 – 14:45	<b>Work in groups: final touch-ups for the presentations (cont.)</b>
14:45 – 15:00	<b>Preparation and discussion of administrative issues for the presentation of pitches</b>
15:00 – 16:00	<b>Presentation of the Groups' pitches</b> The session will be devoted to the final presentations of the projects by groups to respective representatives of embassies of OSCE participating States and international organizations.  <b>Facilitators: Ms. Mara Garavini Seisselberg</b> , Criminal Justice Adviser, TNTD, OSCE Secretariat, and <b>Mr. Ulukbek Abdubaliev</b> , Associate Project Officer, OCEEA, OSCE Secretariat
16:00 – 17:00	<b>Evaluation, wrap-up of the Forum and feedback from the participants</b>  This final session will allow the participants to share their feedback on the conducted Forum, highlight their lessons learned, as well as outline possible follow-up actions they plan to take upon return to their home countries.  Facilitators: OSCE Team
17:00 – 17:15	Final remarks and closure of the event
18:00 – 19:30	Dinner

**Saturday, 18 October 2025**

11:00 – 16:00	Trip to Bishkek and Manas Airport
Throughout the day	Departure of participants

**Sunday, 19 October 2025**

Throughout the day	Departure of participants and experts
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## VI. Logistical and Administrative Note

### EVENT DATES AND LOCATION:

- **12 October 2025:** *Hyatt Regency Hotel*, Bishkek (191 Abdrahmanov Str.)

Welcome dinner for all participants; overnight stay for international participants.

- **13-17 October 2025:** *Raduga Plus Resort*, Issyk-Kul (Sary-Oi)

Central Asia Youth Dialogue Forum days.

### ARRIVAL OF PARTICIPANTS AND TRANSFERS:

International participants are expected to arrive in Bishkek on 12 October 2025 (Sunday).

For **participants arriving by air**, round trip air-tickets have been purchased and sent electronically to your e-mails from AX-Travel (automated message). If you have not received your ticket, please reach out to Mr. Ulukbek Abdubaliev at [Ulukbek.Abdubaliev@osce.org](mailto:Ulukbek.Abdubaliev@osce.org) for manual forwarding of the document. Please make sure to keep you boarding passes after your trip, you will need to submit photo/scan versions of those to [Ulukbek.Abdubaliev@osce.org](mailto:Ulukbek.Abdubaliev@osce.org) after the event for processing your allowance (discussed with you individually).

**Airport transfers** for international participants from Manas Airport to Hyatt Regency Hotel will be organized upon their arrival on 12 October. Participants will be picked up by the driver holding the “OSCE” sign at the airport arrivals hall. After the Forum, the OSCE bus will take the participants departing on 18 October directly from Issyk-Kul to Manas Airport. Participants departing on 19 October will be accommodated at the hotel in Bishkek (overnight stay on 18-19 October) and taken to the airport 3 hours before scheduled departure.

Participants **traveling by OSCE-arranged ground transportation** from Naryn to Bishkek on 12 October will receive the details of pick-up location, time and car model/license plate/driver's contact details at least 1 day before departure. Return trip will be scheduled for 18 October directly from Issyk-Kul to Naryn.

Participants **based in Bishkek** are requested to arrive directly to Hyatt Regency Hotel for the welcome dinner on 12 October at 19:00. No accommodation will be provided (unless a different arrangement was discussed with you individually). On 13 October, Bishkek-based participants are requested to be in front of the hotel at 7:50 for boarding the bus to Issyk-Kul.

## VI. Logistical and Administrative Note

### ACCOMMODATION/MEALS:

The OSCE covers the cost of accommodation and meals (breakfast + lunch + coffee-breaks + dinner) for all participants during the event. Please note that personal expenses such as telephone, pay-per-view TV, laundry, mini-bar bills, food/drink orders outside of the Forum catering, etc. will not be covered by the OSCE and must be paid individually, if used.

During the Forum days, all participants will be accommodated in Raduga Plus Resort, Issyk-Kul (Sary-Oi), from 13 to 17 October 2025 in twin rooms for networking purposes.

International participants arriving in Bishkek on 12 October, as well as participants staying overnight after the Forum, will be accommodated in Hyatt Regency Hotel (twin rooms).

### DRESS CODE:

The dress code for 12–16 October is smart casual. On the last day of the event (17 October), when presentations to the donor community will take place, participants are expected to dress more formally. Full suits are not required; simple shirts and trousers (or similar attire) will be appropriate.

### INTERNET/LAPTOPS:

Wi-Fi will be available at the Forum venue. Participants are encouraged to bring their own laptops, as these will be useful for group and individual work tasks.

### SECURITY:

Although Issyk-Kul area is generally safe, participants are recommended not to walk alone in unknown areas after official programme hours.

### COMMUNICATION:

To facilitate communication, a WhatsApp group including all participants will be created one week before the Forum. Updates, announcements, and other relevant information will be shared in this group, in addition to major announcements sent by e-mail.



## VI. Logistical and Administrative Note

### WEATHER:

The temperature forecast for Issyk-Kul for 13-17 October is from +11° C to +13 °C daytime, and +15-16 °C for Bishkek on 12 October.

### QUESTIONS:

If you did not find an answer to your question, please feel free to reach out to the following contact person:

**Mr. Ulukbek Abdubaliev**

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See you all in Issyk-Kul! :)

## FOR YOUR NOTES

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