

**"Enhancing the Effectiveness of Preparing Specialists in the
Sphere of Sustainable Use of Natural Resources
in the Altai Republic"**

Gorno-Altaiisk, February 26, 2019



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01. Attendees:

- Mariia Sukhova, Vice Rector for Science and Innovations, Gorno-Altaiisk State University
- Natalia Iurkova, Assistant to the Rector for International Affairs, Gorno-Altaiisk State University
- Oxana Klimova, Dean of the Department of Natural Sciences and Geography, Gorno-Altaiisk State University
- Olga Zhuravleva, Associate professor of the Department of Geoecology, Chemistry, and Environmental Management, Gorno-Altaiisk State University
- Irina Apenysheva, PR specialist, Gorno-Altaiisk State University
- Irina Borisova, Deputy Director of the Institute of Ecology and Geography for Education, Siberian Federal University (via SKYPE)
- Irina Bezkorovaynaya, Head of Ecology and Environmental Study Department, Siberian Federal University (via SKYPE)
- Nina Pakharkova, Associate professor of the Department of Ecology and Environmental Studies, Siberian Federal University (via SKYPE)
- Anna Grenaderova, Associate professor of the Department of Ecology and Environmental Studies, Siberian Federal University (via SKYPE)
- Tatjana Yashina, Head of the Altai-Sayan Mountain Partnership / Deputy Director for Scientific Work, Katunskiy Biosphere Reserve
- Anna Maimanova, Deputy Director for Ecological Education, Katunskiy Biosphere Reserve
- Tatiana Akimova, Deputy Director for the Development of Biosphere Territory and Research, Altaiskiy Biosphere Reserve
- Mikhail Savenko, Director, Directorate for Protected Areas of the Altai Republic
- Denis Malikov, Deputy Director for Science, Research and Monitoring, Sailygemskiy National Park

02. Welcome. Introduction of the meeting objectives:

The participants of the meeting were welcomed by Natalia Iurkova, coordinator of the SUNRAISE project in GASU. She recalled the key information related to the Project and introduced the meeting objectives:

1. Presentation of the Collaborative Platform Aimed at Assisting the Sustainable Development of the Altai-Sayan Ecoregion.
2. Discussion of mechanisms for more active involvement of potential employers and other stakeholders into the education process in the university.

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3. Development of a detailed plan for cooperation of Gorno-Altaiisk State University with potential employers on the issues of preparation of future specialists in the sphere of sustainable resource management for 2019-2020.

03. Presentation of the Collaborative Platform:

After the welcome speech, Natalia Iurkova introduced the Collaborative Platform Aimed at Assisting the Sustainable Development of the Altai-Sayan Ecoregion to the participants and described in detail its goal and key objectives.

The establishment of the Platform was initiated by Gorno-Altaiisk State University and Altai-Sayan Mountain Partnership. This Collaborative Platform welcomes universities, research institutions, NGOs and other stakeholders, which stand ready to contribute to the sustainable development of the Altai-Sayan ecoregion and mountain territories in general. Katunkiys Biosphere Reserve became the first organization to join the agreement.



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04. Presentations of the Participants:

The first presentation was made by Oxana Klimova, who spoke about the problems and prospects of cooperation of the Department of Natural Sciences and Geography with potential employers.

Then, colleagues from Siberian Federal University shared their ideas on a better academia-stakeholder cooperation.



All the participants-employers presented their visions of more active cooperation with the universities and possible contribution into the education process:

- ✓ Tatiana Yashina "The potential of Katunskiy Biosphere Reserve to improve the preparation of future specialist in the sphere of nature protection and sustainable use of natural resources in mountain regions"
- ✓ Tatiana Akimova "About the cooperation of Altaiskiy Biosphere Reserve and Gorno-Altaiisk State University on the issues of training specialist in the sphere of natural resource management"
- ✓ Denis Malikov "About the organization of field practices for the students of Gorno-Altaiisk State University in the Sailygemskiy National Park"
- ✓ Mikhail Savenko "Training of future specialists for the strictly protected areas of the Altai Republic"



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05. Discussion.

All the participants agreed that despite some good examples of joint academia-stakeholder projects, such activities remained fragmented and were not planned well in advance. To improve the situation, there should be developed a detailed plan for cooperation of Gorno-Altaiisk State University and Siberian Federal University, when and where possible, with other participants of the round-table for the coming years. The proposed collaboration would include joint scientific projects, organization of practices and field research for students under the supervision of potential employers, participation of representatives of employers in the educational process (teaching, curricula and syllabi development, advising and co-advising BSc/MSc final theses, etc.) and other joint activities.



06. The first event under the Collaborative Platform:

The first event under the Platform "The Day of Katunskiy Biosphere Reserve" was held at the university the same day and gathered more than 70 students and school children. The organizers prepared a photo exhibition, gave several master classes telling the students about the everyday work of the reserve's staff members and made a challenging quest.

