

Open dialogue platform in Batken region on the topic "SPECIAL STATUS OF BATKEN REGION"

Participants: Representatives of state bodies, small public councils, civil society, international organizations and projects, members of the Public Councils of the Kyrgyz Republic state bodies, journalists, bloggers, migration experts.

Purpose: Building interaction between local and state bodies, public councils with the media in the context of preserving and developing free information space, freedom of speech and expression in Kyrgyzstan.

Moderator: Tolonbek Shakirovich Abdyrov, Chairman of the Coordination Board of the State Bodies Public Councils, Doctor of Economics, Professor.

Date and venue: July 08, 2021, Batken city, conference hall, the "Aigul-Too" hotel.

Number of participants: 50, out of which 22 are women and 28 are men.

At the open dialogue platform, actual issues in the Batken region were discussed, such as labor migration and the main directions of economic development of the region, as well as the specifics of the work of the media in the border zones.



A welcoming speech was made by Ulan Nasirdinovich Shamshiev, expert of the Secretariat of the Council on Migration under the Toraga of Jogorku Kenesh, member of the working group on the development of the Batken region development program, **Almaz Ashyrkulovich Asanov**, head of the migration policy department of the External Migration Office under the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Kyrgyz Republic - member of the interdepartmental working group on development of Action Plan for the Concept of the Kyrgyz Republic Migration Policy for 2021-2030.





Presentations on “On the status of the Batken region”, “Batken. Migration and Prospects”, “Results of Monitoring Survey of Batken Oblast” were completed.



Suggestions made:

1. to create a concept according to the principle “Batken is not the periphery, but the center of the country” for the development of the most remote region of the country;
2. it is necessary to immediately stop the flow of internal and external migration in Batken;
3. to raise personnel issues;
4. it is necessary to consider the issue of increasing benefits and pensions for the border areas of the Batken region;
5. it is necessary to transfer part of the units of the Ministry of Defense of the Kyrgyz Republic to Batken, it is necessary to strengthen the military representation in the region to control and guarantee stability.