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UCA and NCCR North-South Host Second Annual Open Day Event in Dushanbe

On 23 April 2010, the Swiss National Centre for Competence in Research (NCCR) North-South organized the second annual Open Day Event in Dushanbe in partnership with the University of Central Asia (UCA). The Open Day Event was held at the Tajik Soil Research Institute and broadcast on Tajik National television, with representatives from government, international agencies and NGOs in attendance. Presentations were delivered by Dr. Nasreen Dhanani, Head of the Research Programme and Deputy Director of UCA, Mira Arynova, NCCR Regional Coordinator, and UCA Senior Research Fellows and Dr. Inam Ur-Rahim.



UCA Senior Research Fellow Dr. Bettina Wolfgramm presents her research

The event focused on research and development in the field of Sustainable Land Management in Central Asia, presenting findings and experiences from NCCR projects and highlighting future challenges and opportunities for collaboration. Designed to share improved understanding and experiences among stakeholders, the event explored future research needs and encouraged regular exchanges between individuals and institutions working in the field. The event also presented information on the tools available through the World Overview of Conservation Approaches and Technologies (WOCAT), and highlighted the potential applications and opportunities for collaborative research through the use of such tools in the region.

NCCR North-South supports research on issues related to sustainable development, particularly in developing and transition countries, in collaboration with eight Swiss research and teaching institutions, including the Centre for Development and Environment at the University of Berne. UCA has hosted NCCR North-South since 2009, under an agreement between the two institutions and the University of Berne. This is the second Open Day held jointly by NCCR and UCA, with the next annual event planned for 2011 in Bishkek.

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