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**In Bishkek, they will discuss the impact of the Kyrgyz Republic's entrance to the Customs Union on migration processes in Kyrgyzstan**

On **June 12, 2014, at Hyatt Regency Bishkek**, the Tian Shan Policy Center at the American University of Central Asia (TSPC of AUCA), jointly with the Civic Partnership Platform (CPP) "Central Asia on the Move" will hold an International Conference "*Assessment of the impact of the Kyrgyz Republic's integration in the Customs Union on the country's socioeconomic situation.*" The goal of the Conference is to present the results of the research conducted by its organizers and establish dialog for discussing the impact of Kyrgyzstan's entrance to the Customs Union on its economy and external labor migration processes.

The Conference will bring together prominent political leaders, experts from the State institutions and agencies, international organizations, educational institutions, civil society organizations and think tanks from Kyrgyzstan, Russia, Kazakhstan and Tajikistan to discuss possible positive and negative impacts of our country's joining the Customs Union. Alongside with core research, the Conference will present research work undertaken under the TSPC AUCA project on protecting the rights of labor migrants - an analysis of the systemic and non-systemic education for external labor migrants of Kyrgyzstan, as well as an analysis of the risks and impacts of migration on social aspects of public life in our country. The research has been done by international and national experts with the technical support and assistance of the Open Society Institute's Program International Migration Initiative, DCA Central Asia, ICCO Cooperation and Bread for the World.

The Tian Shan Policy Center (<http://auca.kg/ru/tspc/>), a research center at the American University of Central Asia, implements its project "Protecting the rights of labor migrants from Kyrgyzstan and other Central Asian countries: policy analysis, capacity building and assistance to the advancement of reforms" through the support of the Open Society Institute's International Migration Program. The project is implemented under the activities of TSPC AUCA Program on migration and social protection. One of the goals of the Project is to render assistance and expert support to appropriate agencies in developing effective external labor migration policies. The current International Conference is held within the framework of the given Project.

GPP "Central Asia on the Move" ([www.camplatform.org](http://www.camplatform.org)) has worked since 2012 to assist Central Asian labor migrants and their family members in implementing their civil and social rights. GPP "Central Asia on the Move" was co-founded by 25 organizations that unite civil societies of Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Kazakhstan and Russia and address migration issues at national and international levels. The event shall be held within the framework of the Project "A Path for Effective Migration Policies" implemented by the "Resource Center for the Elderly" Public Association through the support of DCA Central Asia, ICCO Cooperation and Bread for the World.

