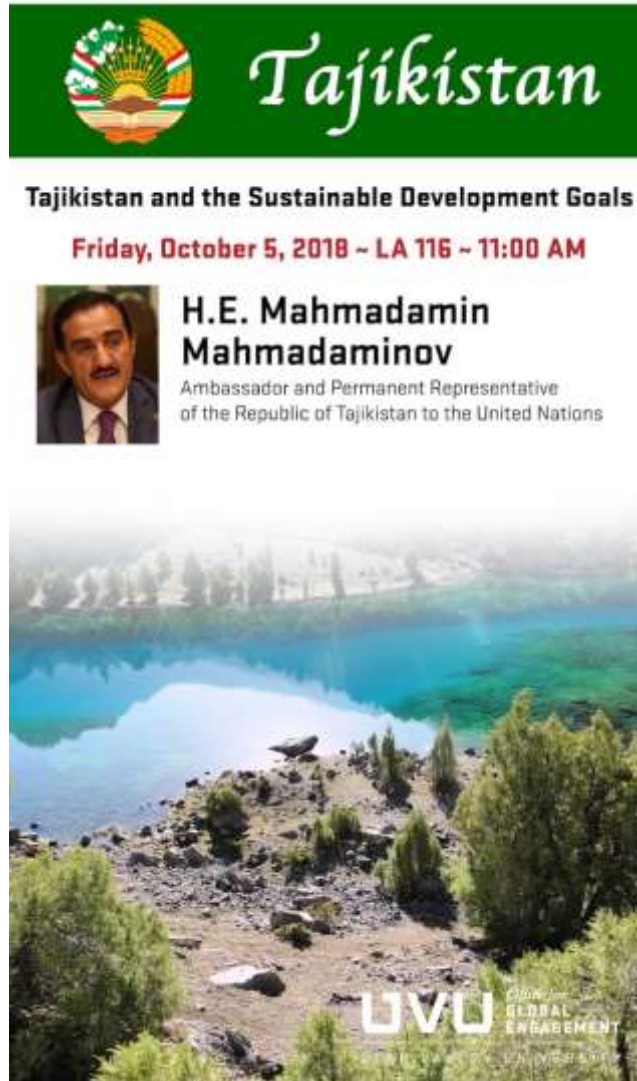


**UIMF follows up HLPF 2018 by co-hosting PR of Tajikistan to the UN,  
Ambassador Mahmaminov at UVU**



On October 5th, 2018, the Utah International Mountain Forum (UIMF), a coalition of student clubs at Utah Valley University (UVU), in conjunction with the UVU Office of Global Engagement, will host His Excellency Mr. Mahmaminov Mahmaminov, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Tajikistan to the United Nations.

After a UVU delegation met Mr. Mahmaminov at the High-Level Political Forum (HLPF) on Sustainable Development in July 17, 2018, the UVU Office of Global Engagement was able to build a partnership with the Tajik Permanent Mission to the United Nations and to host Ambassador Mahmaminov in Utah and in its campus in Orem, 45 miles to the south of Salt Lake City.

The presentation Mr. Mahmaminov before the UVU faculty and students is focused on Tajikistan's implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). This past summer, the Tajik Government hosted a high-level summit on water sustainability in the capital city, Dushanbe. This summit was heralded in the ministerial declaration of the HLPF on sustainable development as well as other UN official documents.

UIMF will have own meeting to discuss with VIP-guest joint activities with focus on the implementation of SDG#6 on water issues and the mountain targets in particular. It's members are very excited to co-host His Excellency, Mr. Mahmamin Mahmaminov, at UVU and both to learn more about SDG implementation in Tajikistan and to discuss projects of joint cooperation.

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