

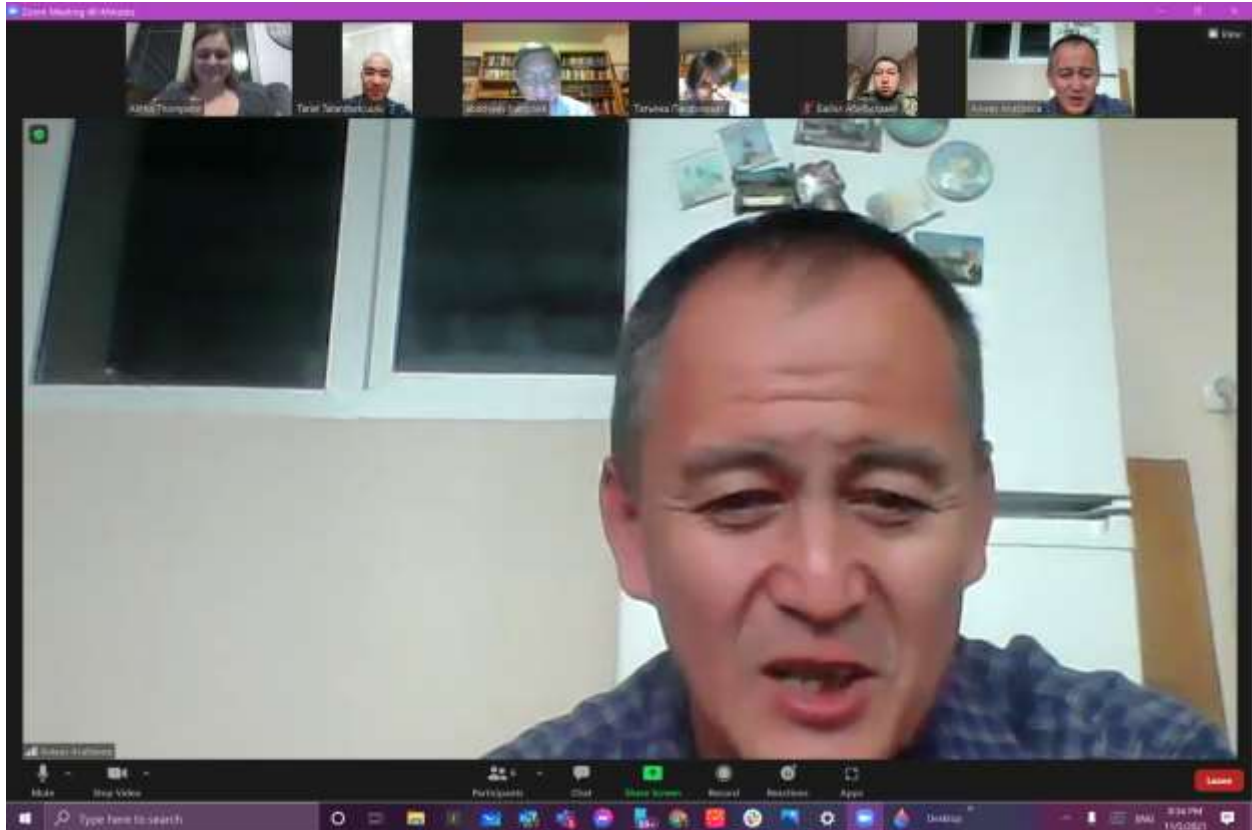
Furthering the OSHTU / UVU Cooperation in Joint Advocacy of the Sustainable Mountain Development

Joint UVU - OSHTU team held their weekly zoom meeting on Friday, November 5th, 2021 in preparation for the observation of the International Mountain Day on December 1, 2021, and the 66th session of the Commission on the Status of Women in March 2022. . There were some new faces with new experiences to add to our cooperation.



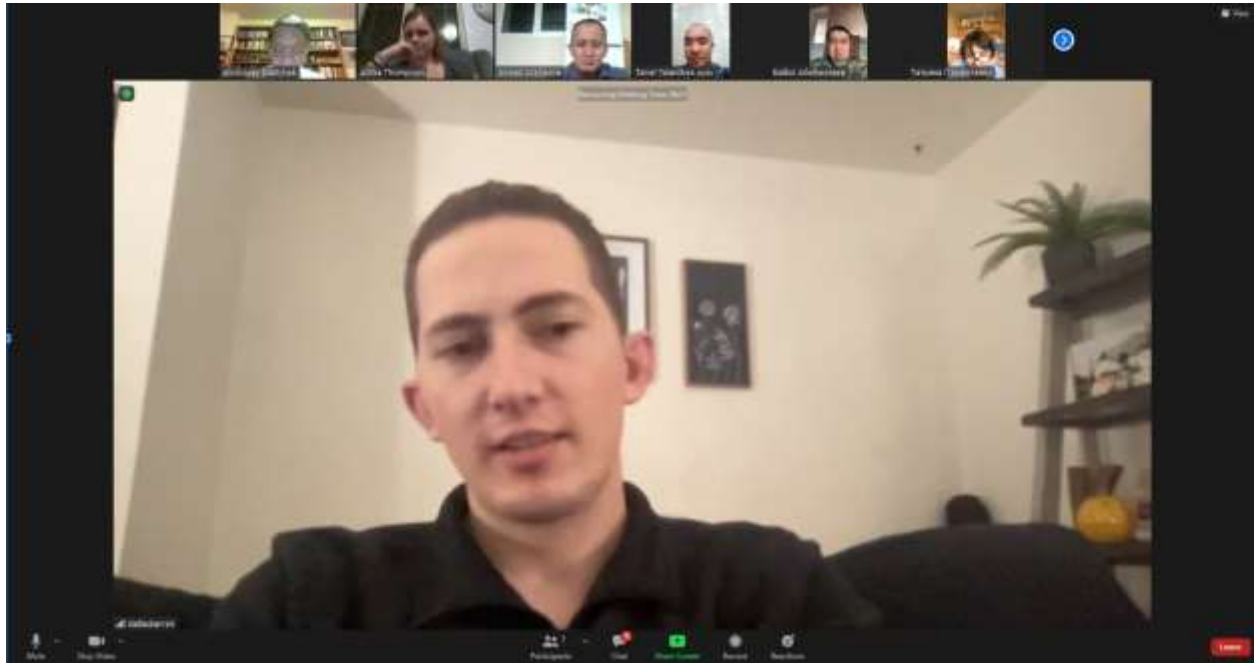
Bayel Abibillaev offers to help with translation

Mr. Bayel Abibillaev, a college student at Osh Technological University (OSHTU), joined us this time. His English was really good and he was very engaging. He offered to help translate for us, as well as teach us more about Kyrgyzstan. He worked hard through the meeting to bridge the gap between cultures. He is going to be a valuable member of our delegation. We also had Ms. Nazik, from Kyrgyzstan, join this time, even though her connection was having trouble.



Dr. Almas Atabekov helps to promote his doctorate students

In addition to previously known colleagues, Tariel Talantbek uulu and Tatiana Panfilenko, faculty from OSHTU, Dr. Almas Atabekov joined our zoom meeting for the first time. He was a charming and intelligent man with always a smile on his face. He recommended we include in our team a doctorate student whose thesis is on Tourism in Kyrgyzstan. As International Mountain Day is focused on Sustainable Tourism this year, I would be very interested in reading her study. I hope I can meet her soon.



Dallas Karren shares his insights on leading UIMF visit at CSW65 on March 2021

I was pleased to have our Utah International Mountain Forum President, Dallas Karren, present. He is a powerful speaker and very knowledgeable about the fight for mountain communities. I am always grateful when I can work and learn from his experiences.

I have begun to look forward to these meetings and learning from so many different experiences. I feel we are becoming closer and understanding each other more. I learned more about the mountains and climate of Kyrgyzstan. I might need to add Kyrgyzstan to my bucket list. It would be a wonderful experience to partake of their mountains and lakes.

Alitha Thompson, President of Foreign Affairs