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The growth of the global economy in 2018 will reach a peak for 8 years, - economists

The rate of expansion of the global economy in the current year will be the maximum since 2010, however, protective trade policy can lead to their rapid slowdown, a poll of more than 500 economists around the world, conducted by Reuters showed, CA-NEWS writes.

The risk of a trade war between China and the United States could hurt the momentum of the economic growth that arose from years of incentive measures. Economists concerned about this risk, as well as analysts of the currency and debt market.

Over 70 percent of the more than 250 economists polled by Reuters said they fear that the US-China trade war will hurt the global economy hard. "In our view, the risk of an imminent and full-scale trade war seems limited. On the other hand, the strengthening of protectionism at the moment is the greatest threat to the global economy, - said economists CA-CIB. "Moreover, concerns about protectionism have increased significantly in the last three months."

According to the forecast, the global economic growth in 2018 will average 3.8 percent. This value is the maximum since the beginning of the surveys for the current year in 2016. The GDP growth rate will also become record since 2010, when the global economy expanded by 4.3 percent. The International Monetary Fund currently forecasts global economic growth of 3.9 percent in 2018.

Approximately 90 percent of the 230 economists who answered the question of the consequences of the Washington-Beijing trade dispute for various regions said that the confrontation between the two countries could hurt the economies of the whole world, from the Americas to Europe and Asia.

At the same time, the forecasts for inflation and monetary policy of the leading Central banks are practically didn't changed.

The Fedreserve is expected to raise rates three more times in 2018 after the first rise in March. The European Central Bank is likely to curtail the program of buying up assets by the end of the present year and raise rates in the second quarter of 2019. The Bank of England is expected to raise the rate to 0.75 percent in May, and the Bank of Canada will raise the indicator of the cost of borrowed funds twice in the current year.

Tajikistan is entered to the number of 9 countries in the world with the highest economic growth

Tajikistan is among the nine countries in the world that reached the highest level of economic growth last year.

In the June World Bank's "Global Economic Prospects" survey, it was noted that Tajikistan's GDP growth in 2017 was 7.1%.

The highest GDP growth last year was recorded in two African countries: Ethiopia - 10.3% and Guinea - 8.2%.

In addition, Nepal (7.9%), Ghana (7.8%), Armenia (7.5%), Turkey and Bhutan (7.4% each), Bangladesh (7, 3%), Tajikistan (7.1) and Djibouti (7.0%).

The IMF not ruling out provision of Tajikistan with another soft loan

The International Monetary Fund states that the Tajik authorities are seeking of discussion of a possible program to support the republic from the side of the Fund. "The authorities indicated that they would like to begin discussions on a possible program supported by the IMF," the statement said after the IMF mission to Tajikistan ended last week. The statement notes that negotiations on the new program may begin in the coming months, after "careful preparation of both sides, the Tajik authorities and IMF staff."

"They (the Tajik authorities," AP ") have already taken steps demonstrating the progress of the reforms in order to pave the way for negotiations on the program," the statement reads.

In fact, the IMF representatives stated exactly the same one year ago on the results of their mission to the republic.

"The steps demonstrating the progress of reforms will pave the way for resuming negotiations on the program, which will require careful preparation by both the official bodies of Tajikistan and the staff of the IMF," the Fund said in late May 2017.

Negotiations on granting Tajikistan a soft loan under the new program of the IMF "Extended Credit Mechanism" have been dragging on for several years.

After that the Representatives of the IMF reported that in the coming months it will be possible to agree on the next three-year program. However, this did not happen. Under the new program, Tajikistan intended to attract a soft loan of \$ 500 million.

The NBT notes that significant progress has been made in implementing of the preliminary policy measures proposed by the IMF.

"The new IMF program will primarily focus on supporting Tajikistan's economic strategy, achieving macroeconomic and financial stability and sustainability along with economic growth and poverty reduction. Also, the new IMF program will be aimed at

maintaining the balance of payments and the stability of the country's international reserves, "the National Bank added.

In May, Tajikistan recorded a significant increase in prices

The relatively high level of inflation in the consumer market of Tajikistan since the beginning of the current year was recorded in May: in the past month, prices and tariffs

for services increased by 0.6%. The annual inflation rate (for the last 12 months) at the end of May was 1.7%, the National Bank of Tajikistan reports.

The growth of consumer prices since the beginning of the year (for five months) was 0.4%. This is due to the fact that in the consumer market of Tajikistan during February and March this year there was deflation.

The two-month deflationary process was interrupted only in April of this year, when the inflation rate was 0.5%.

At the end of 2017, inflation in the country was 6.7%. This year it is planned to keep the inflation at 7%.

Tajikistan Opens Floodgates and Makes Strong Debut with USD 500 mn. Eurobond

The Central Asian Republic saw 9x peak oversubscription and impressive yield tightening of nearly 900bp with its inaugural Eurobond transaction to source funds for the construction of the world's tallest dam.

In summer 2017 Tajikistan, the minute landlocked Central Asian republic was looking to kickstart the ambitious Rogun hydropower dam project. The dam, construction on which began back in the 1970s but halted at the fall of the Soviet Union due to lack of funding or resources – would at its completion become the largest in the world, have an installed capacity of 3,600MW and – its creators hope –supply electricity for the whole region.

The funding for the project has been sourced from different sources, at various stages of its development. Construction of the dam was suspended in August 2012 pending the World Bank assessment, and in 2010 Tajikistan launched an IPO to raise USD1.4bn to finish construction of the dam. By April 26 of that year the Tajik government had raised just USD184mn, enough for two years of construction. However, following the coming on board of one of Italy's most prominent and renowned construction firms, SaliniImpregilo, the overall cost was set at USD3.9bn mark, and the Tajik government began to explore financing options, eventually deciding to tap the Eurobond market for the first time in its history with a USD500mn benchmark 10-year issue.

In September 2017 the Republic of Tajikistan took advantage of favourable market conditions to successfully price its debut Eurobond transaction ahead of a busy pipeline of other issuers targeting the autumn execution window. Prior to announcing the transaction, Tajikistan carried out an intense 5-day roadshow in Zurich, London, Boston and New York, receiving positive feedback, with high degree of engagement from a large number of US and UK accounts.

The order book opened at on September 7 with IPTs at the 8% area, and already within the first 30 minutes it reached USD1bn. The bookbuilding momentum was sustained and at 13:50 CET the volume of orders exceeded USD3bn. A price guidance was released upon the US market open in the 7.50% area, with the deal size settling at USD500mn.

The orderbook reached peak orders of USD4.5bn, equating to 9x oversubscription, with overwhelming investor demand tightening the yield further to 7.125%. The granular final order book of over USD3.1bn (6.2x oversubscription), and comprised of almost 300 accounts, resulted in the placement of a USD500mn 10-year amortizing deal.

The book saw fairly balanced distribution by geography: 38% of the notes were placed with US-based accounts, 35% went to Europe, 24% to the UK and the remaining 3% were picked up by Asian and Middle Eastern investors.

By type, the vast majority of the notes were snapped up by fund managers (85%), another 6% went to banks and private banks, and the remaining 9% - to hedge funds.

All of the proceeds will be used to finance the Rogun dam construction project, which is expected to have a ground-breaking effect on the country's economy, as well as on the region more broadly.

Opportunities resulting from the warming of relations with the Republic of Uzbekistan, as well as with other countries.

New tendencies are gaining ground in Central Asia, favorable opportunities for resolving of long-overdue regional problems, expanding trade, economic and cultural-humanitarian relations are opening up. In this regard, it is fundamentally important give purpose to the emerging realities, identify priority areas for mutually beneficial cooperation, achieve concrete results that can make our common region more secure, stable and prosperous.

Short-term and long-term. The former include (many of them have already been resolved): border problems (demarcation, delimitation, demining of some sections of the border, etc.); the removal of the visa regime (for 1 month) and the resumption of work of all previously functioning checkpoints; the opening of the land transport connection (buses and trains) not only between the capitals of the two states, but also between major cities; organization and holding of industry exhibitions and sales of industrial and technological goods and services and the opening of trade and

infrastructure and logistics centers in the capitals and major cities of the two countries; organization and systematic holding of various educational, scientific and cultural events. Long-term prospects include:

1. Uzbekistan's direct participation in the construction of the second stage of the Rogun hydroelectric complex through the acquisition of its shares in large amounts (about \$ 500 million at moderate interest). This decision of Uzbekistan will have an important stabilizing role for bilateral relations in the long term and will solve two strategic tasks:
 - will keep Tajikistan from the need to obtain large loans in the world financial markets at high interest rates. In the autumn of last year, the republic received \$ 500 million for the construction of the first stage of the Rogun hydroelectric complex at a high interest rate (7.1%);
 - Uzbekistan, in addition to a profitable investment in the prospective branch of the economy of the neighboring state, will also receive a firm guarantee to provide its agricultural areas, primarily cotton fields, with the necessary water resources from the Amudarya river basin.
2. Creation of joint production capacities with attraction of investments from Uzbekistan. This measure will ensure the timely implementation of the National Development Strategy (NDS) of the Republic of Tajikistan to 2030, which envisages the transformation of the country from an agrarian into an industrial-agrarian one.
3. The introduction of a "silk visa" (an analogue of the "Schengen visa" in the EU) between Tajikistan and Uzbekistan for: foreign tourists visiting Tajikistan or Uzbekistan, who will have the opportunity to visit not one but two neighboring countries of the region; representatives of multinational companies that conduct their business in one of these countries or in both. And also for foreign researchers and educational centers of the world, conducting their research or educational activities in Varorud (Mesopotamia) of Central Asia.

Uzbekistan will provide Tajikistan with a loan for the export of its goods

The State Savings Bank of Tajikistan "Amonatbank" and the National Bank for Foreign Economic Activity of Uzbekistan signed an Agreement on cooperation in the field of trade financing. It provides for the financing of transactions related to the export of goods and services from Uzbekistan to Tajikistan.

"Within the framework of the credit line provided, trade financing projects are proposed to increase the export of goods and services from the Republic of Uzbekistan in various industries (textile, construction materials, food, household chemicals, agricultural products, electrical, automotive, chemical and other industries) - the report says.

This money will be transferred to the account of one of the Tajik banks, through which they will be provided to the business community.

"Loans for low interest rates will be received by those entrepreneurs who have specific business plans to develop cooperation with Uzbek state and private enterprises."

The EBRD and the European Union are launching a regional Small Business Program in Tajikistan

Micro, small and medium-sized private enterprises in Tajikistan will benefit from the new Regional Small Business Program (RSBP), which was launched today in Dushanbe.

The project is aimed at transferring know-how in the field of financing of micro, small and medium-sized enterprises (IHR) throughout Central Asia. The project is implemented under the leadership of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) and is funded by the European Union.

The launch event in Dushanbe was organized jointly by the EBRD and the National Bank of Tajikistan. The launch ceremony of the Program in Dushanbe was attended by high-level representatives of the European Union, the EBRD, international organizations and local financial institutions.

In Tajikistan, the RSBP will provide access to a platform for transferring and sharing knowledge to financial institutions that finance private sector financing. The program will also support financial institutions in obtaining systematic electronic access to the EBRD's experience in this field. It is expected that this platform will gradually be transformed into an online learning system that will be available to financial institutions in Central Asia with a wide coverage.

Moreover, financial institutions in Tajikistan will have access to regular full-time education on various topics related to IHR services. RSBP is implemented by the German consulting company IPC (Internationale Projekt Consult GmbH), which has successful experience in implementing of the similar projects in the region.

8 countries of Central Asia and Europe created the Association of credit information providers.

The Association includes Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Ukraine and Uzbekistan.

The World Bank Group supports the creation of a new association designed to strengthen credit reporting practices and improve access to finance in Europe and Central Asia.

On April 17, in cooperation with the Chamber for the Supervision of Financial Markets of Azerbaijan, the World Bank Group held a ceremony of signing documents

on the establishment of the Association of Credit Information Providers in Europe and Central Asia in Baku. The Association includes credit registries and offices of 8 countries - Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Tajikistan, Ukraine and Uzbekistan.

The World Bank Group's project on financial infrastructure in Azerbaijan and Central Asia provided advisory assistance in the creation of a new Association that will help strengthen the financial infrastructure of the region through the improvement of risk management methodologies and exchange of experience, the IFC said.

The project is implemented by the International Finance Corporation (IFC) with the financial support of the Swiss State Secretariat for Economic Affairs (SECO).

"The new Association will contribute to improving of financial stability in the participating countries, including Azerbaijan. The exchange of experience in the relevant field will help improve the credit reporting system and the development of private credit bureau services, as well as simplify access to financial services," said Ibrahim Alyshov, executive director of the Chamber for the Supervision of Financial Markets of Azerbaijan.

The World Bank Group is one of the world's largest sources of funding and knowledge for developing countries. It includes five closely related organizations: the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD) and the International Development Association (IDA), which together comprise the World Bank, the International Finance Corporation (IFC), the Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency (MIGA) and the International Center for Settlement investment JV.

Taxes in Tajikistan are paid by 4 million individuals.

This is 45 percent of the country's population

About 45 percent of the residents of nine million Tajikistan are taxpayers: there are four million individuals in the country that have tax liabilities.

The National Bank of Tajikistan jointly with the Tax Committee under the Government of the country and credit organizations implemented a project to establish a system for accepting taxes on a non-cash basis using payment bank cards via the Internet, the NBT press service reported.

"The implementation of this project provides an opportunity for payment cardholders to pay taxes now in cashless form using modern electronic means. In addition, the implementation of Internet acquiring allows taxpayers to pay taxes on the website of the Tax Committee in a non-cash form," the report said.

The regulator notes that now physical persons and individual entrepreneurs have the opportunity to pay taxes 24 hours a day for seven days a week without visiting the centers of banking services.

According to the NBT, at present there are four million taxpayers at the expense of natural persons and 270,000 individual entrepreneurs.

"Along with this," the message says, "Corti Milli" cardholders have 1.4 million people, which is 83% of the total number of payment card holders in Tajikistan. " Note that the Tax Committee recently launched a service for paying taxes by individuals and individual entrepreneurs with a payment bank card.

The total amount of taxes and other mandatory payments in 2017 amounted to about 9.6 billion somoni. This is almost 70 percent of the current state budget revenues in the past year. The share of taxes in the structure of Tajikistan's GDP in 2017 amounted to just over 10 percent.

Tajikistan is promised a gift of economic transformations program

The National Bank of Tajikistan hopes for the development of the program of economic reforms of the country by the International Monetary Fund. "The delegation of the International Monetary Fund, headed by the head of the IMF mission for Tajikistan, Padamzhi Handelvala, arrived in the republic to study the economic situation and the likely development of a new program for economic reform," the NBT press service reported.

The report says that on the eve of May 14, Handelvala met with the leadership of the NBT in Dushanbe. It is noted that the parties exchanged views on issues of socio-economic development of the country, preservation of macroeconomic stability, the need to strengthen the foundations of monetary and fiscal policy.

NBT Chairman Jamshed Nurmahmadzoda expressed hope for strengthening cooperation at a qualitatively new level. The head of the IMF mission noted that the Fund is ready to expand further cooperation in directions necessary for Tajikistan, and in particular for the NBT. Hundelvala stressed that she would try to contribute to the development of a new program for economic reform of the IMF for Tajikistan.

The IMF mission that arrived in Tajikistan on May 12 will stay in the republic until May 23. Representatives of the Fund, after studying the economic situation in the country, in particular, the situation in the banking system, are planning to prepare a regular review of the economy in Tajikistan.

During the visit, the IMF delegation plans to hold meetings with the leadership of the relevant ministries and departments of the republic.

ADB to provide \$ 15 million for the development of the financial sector of Tajikistan

The Asian Development Bank intends to support the development of Tajikistan's financial sector. The total amount of the assistance is \$ 16.5 million. The issues of

preparation of the potential investment project on development of the financial sector were discussed recently at a meeting of First Deputy Minister of Finance of Tajikistan Jamshed Karimzod with ADB's mission in the country under the leadership of economist of department of public administration, the financial sector and trade in Central and West Asia Department of ADB Alexander Julian.

"ADB intends to allocate \$ 15 million for the implementation of this project on a gratuitous basis," the secretariat of the Ministry of Finance informs.

The ministry notes that ADB is going to provide technical assistance in the amount of \$ 1.5 million to develop this project.

The Permanent Representation of ADB in Tajikistan told "AP" that the provision of potential assistance is expected in the next three years. ADB is the main international donor of Tajikistan. So far, ADB has approved for Tajikistan a total amount of assistance of about \$ 1.6 billion in soft loans, grants and technical assistance.

At least until the end of the current year, this financial institution intends to provide Tajikistan with funding exclusively on a non-reimbursable basis. This is explained in the representation of ADB, with the risk of stability of the external debt of the republic.

Tajikistan's external debt at the beginning of this year reached almost 2.9 billion dollars, and its ratio to GDP was 40.3%.

Visit of the IMF Mission to JSC "Rogun HPP"

A group of representatives of the International Monetary Fund, led by the IMF representative for the Republic of Tajikistan, Mrs. Padamja Khandelwal arrived in the Republic of Tajikistan.

Within the framework of her visit to Tajikistan, after getting acquainted with the country's macroeconomic data, a group of representatives of the International Monetary Fund head by Mrs. Padamja Khandelwal also visited the Rogun HPP where she got acquainted with the progress of construction work.

The group of IMF representatives was accompanied by the First Deputy Chairman of the National Bank of Tajikistan Jamoliddin Nuraliyev. During the visit, a meeting was also held with the IMF Mission. At the beginning of the meeting, the First Deputy Chairman of the National Bank of Tajikistan Jamoliddin Nuraliyev spoke about the Rogun hydroelectric project, its significance for the economy of Tajikistan and the entire Central Asian region, and the need to attract investment to achieve development goals. Then, Deputy Director of JSC "Rogun HPP" Mahmadsaid Shamsullozoda informed the group of representatives on the drafting of the object, its technical features and hydropower, noting technical and seismic stability of the project. The head of the IMF delegation, Mrs. Padamja Khandelwal after acquaintance with the progress of the

work at the construction site, stressed that the project is very large and strategic, and Tajikistan decided on such an important step.

During the substantive discussion, Mrs. Mrs. Padamja Khandelwal received specific answers to her questions regarding the economic component of the project part, the volume of production and export of electricity after its completion.

It should be noted that the International Monetary Fund mission head by Mrs. Padamja Khandelwal Padamzha Khandelwal, who is head of the IMF in the Republic of Tajikistan, arrived for a working visit from 12 to 23 May 2018 in the republic, to get acquainted with the economic situation, including the state of the banking system, as well as the preparation of an economic survey in the Republic of Tajikistan.

Online payment of taxes through cards of "Corti Milli"

In Tajikistan, the possibility of online payment of taxes through payment cards of the National payment system Corti Milli has been launched. This became possible thanks to the joint efforts of the National Bank of Tajikistan and the Tax Committee under the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan.

Now, all natural persons and individual entrepreneurs have the opportunity not to visit bank branches 24 hours a day and 7 days a week to pay all kinds of taxes. To date, the number of taxpayers physical persons reaches more than 4 million, and the number of individual entrepreneurs -.. More than 270 thousand. At the same time, the number of payment cards OPS "Kortimilli" more than 1.4 million cards, representing over 83% of all payment cards. Tajikistan.

Online payment of taxes is available on the website of the Tax Committee under the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan - www.andoz.tj. In the relevant section of the site you must enter the tax identification number, choose the type of tax paid and the amount of tax. In the next step, you must enter the card details and confirm the payment. During working hours, all payments are processed online, payments made outside of working hours are processed on the next business day.

The National Bank of Tajikistan and the Tax Committee under the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan plan to jointly develop cashless settlements, as well as contribute to the improvement of banking services and the introduction of new technologies.

The EBRD is expanding its interaction with the banking system of Tajikistan

The European Bank for Reconstruction and Development is implementing 7 projects in the financial and banking system of Tajikistan during this year. This was announced by the regional director of the EBRD in Central Asia Neil McCain on the eve, June 13, in Dushanbe at a meeting with the first deputy chairman of the National Bank of Tajikistan, Jamoliddin Nuraliyev.

He noted that the EBRD has identified areas of cooperation with the NBT in the near future. McCain, in particular, stressed the willingness to cooperate in the field of forecasting macroeconomic indicators and in the communication policy, which has a direct link to inflation targeting, the NBT press service reports.

The representative of the EBRD noted the timely implementation of payments on existing projects and the willingness to expand interactions in new directions.

In his turn, Nuraliyev called on the EBRD to cooperate in strengthening supervision over the activities of credit institutions, increasing the responsibility of the Council of Bank Observers, and assessing the quality of the assets of the country's banking system.

It should be noted that the EBRD has close contacts with credit organizations of Tajikistan. This international financial institution owns 10.7% of the shares of Eshkata Bank, 12% - Agroinvestbank, 13.7% - Accessbank of Tajikistan and 12.5% - of Imon International.

News of Credit Institutions

E-Queue in CJSC of "Spitamen Bank".

CJSC Spitamen Bank has successfully implemented the E-Queue system - Electronic Queues. The first was a branch of the bank along Rudaki Avenue 70.

Now, customers of the bank can avoid queues at the operating racks. At the entrance to the branch is the terminal of the electronic queue, which issues a ticket with the serial number of the client.

On the screen opposite the client zone, the customer can see his serial number, at the time when the queue has come up - the number of the receipt will light up, which means that the operating desk is ready to service the next customer. This service helps

reduce queues in the client zone, prompt customer service, as well as comfortable waiting for their turn.

At the moment the system is implemented only in the branch along Rudaki Avenue 70, which operates 6 days a week until 22:00. The management of the bank plans in the near future to equip all branches and CBO with terminals for the electronic queue.

Recall that CJSC Spitamen Bank actively supports and implements digital products and services. So, at the moment, the Internet and mobile banking, Express Pay terminals are constantly being used to replenish card accounts, as well as at the implementation stage of the mobile wallet project.

CJSC "International Bank of Tajikistan" opened a new branch in the city of Istiklol, Sughd region

On the eve of the celebration of the Day of National Unity of Tajikistan, CJSC "International Bank of Tajikistan" opened the doors of its new branch in the city of Istiklol, Sughd region.

The new branch of the bank is located in a lively place of the city and is equipped with all necessary equipment for high-quality and prompt customer service. Customers can take advantage of banking services such as money transfers, currency exchange, lending, deposit services, plastic card transactions, Internet banking and others.

Despite a short period of its activity, the International Bank of Tajikistan is expanding quite rapidly, increasing the client base and providing new types of banking products. The Bank is an active participant in the banking services market of Tajikistan, carrying out all major types of banking operations. To date, the Bank has six branches and six centers of banking services in cities and regions of the country.

MDO "Humo" gives its customers the opportunity to see the big football with your own eyes.

The microcredit deposit organization, MDO "Humo", the first among the Tajik financial organizations, will play a ticket for the World Cup 2018 game. The championship will be held in Russia from June 14 to July 15. Do not miss your chance to see big football and plunge into the atmosphere of the tournament together with thousands of fans from all over the world.

The final part of the 21st World Cup 2018 for the first time will be held in Russia. This country is well known to Tajiks, it is visited annually by tens of thousands of our compatriots.

MDO "Humo" gives an opportunity to its customers not to miss this spectacular sporting event. The drawing of the "Happy Ticket" will be held among users of the mobile bank "Humo Online". One ticket will be drawn for the match "Germany" - "Sweden" (the city of Sochi).

JSC "Bank Eshata" is the first customer for leasing!

The first transport is going!

OJSC "Banka Eshata" recently provided a new service Leasing. on performing of leasing operations, the property is transferred for temporary use, but unlike the classical lease, the user has the right to a subsequent acquisition of the leasing object in a permanent possession.

The first client, who decided to purchase freight transport in leasing, was businessman Maksud Mukhtorov, who has been engaged in cargo transportation since 1996. "Usually I rent trucks (wagons) and at a certain time I pay rent. It happens that the landlord can at any time terminate the transaction or not renew at the end of the period, and pick up the transport. It is more profitable for me to buy leasing, because by the end of the period I will completely buy transport and I can conduct business smoothly. Thanks to the bank for this opportunity. "

The process of registration was held in a solemn atmosphere in the Operations Department of JSC "Bank Eskhata" with the delivery of memorable gifts. Then the process of transfer of vehicles to leasing with the participation of representatives of the Bank took place.

"After I found out about the new product of JSC" Bank Eshata "," Leasing "immediately decided that this is the most correct solution for setting up a sales process in my business. Reliable intermediaries, there is a guarantee that I will receive payment for the transaction and will receive in due time. I applied to the bank and provided the necessary information about the transaction process. Already the nearest deal on the purchase of trucks was decided through the bank "Eskhata Bank" - say the businessman Akmalchon Rakhimov. He has been involved in the delivery of freight transport since 2005 and has been cooperating with the Bank of Eschta for almost 10 years. "On May 28, 2018, the first sale of trucks was leased through Eskhata Bank, and I plan to execute further transactions through this bank."

OJSC "Orienbank" introduced a completely new and technological program based on the automated banking system.

Oracle FLEXCUBE Universal Banking System.

OJSC "Orienbank" singled out 3 main advantages of the new Internet banking:

1. Accessibility-connection and use of the Internet banking service is completely free. Before the cost of the service was 300 somoni, which was spent on the purchase of security keys and, accordingly, flash cards, on which these keys were stored.

Now there is no need to come to the bank, contact people, just sit at a computer or pick up a smartphone from anywhere in the world and make a secure payment. The application is available for Android and iOS platforms.

2. Efficiency-before, transactions made through the Internet banking system were available only on working days and only during business hours. Now the new system provides customers with round the clock access in 24/7 mode!

At the same time, there is no need for a third person who approved each payment while sitting in the bank.

3. Security-in conducting of any monetary transaction, the client confirms the operation by entering a one-time password, which is sent to his phone and to the post office. Even if someone has access to the client's account, it will not be possible to make a money transfer, because without the confirmation password the operation will not work.

Internet banking in LLC MDO Arvand

Computer technologies and world information networks have firmly entered our life, providing comfort and convenience. In addition to the available information on various issues, it was possible to make payments, money transfers and other transactions related to the movement of money without leaving home.

April 28, 2018 OOO MDO "Arvand" launched Internet banking and connected the first customer. Shohkan LLC is the first Internet banking user from our organization in Khujand. This is just the first step of our organization on the way of introducing new innovative solutions.

"Arvand" LLC provides Internet banking services to its customers, works on the quality of services improving the system of Internet technologies and the process of developing the work at the highest possible level.

OJSC "Commerzbank of Tajikistan" opened the Service Center in Dushanbe

On April 25, 2018, OJSC "Commerzbank of Tajikistan" became even closer to the population by opening the Center for Banking Services in a densely populated and dynamically developing region, at 112 Dushanbe, in the city of Dushanbe.

Now, residents of nearby regions can take advantage of competitive conditions for lending to small and medium-sized businesses, local and international money transfers, remote banking and non-cash payment technologies, and much more.

OOO MDO "FINCA" launched a 24-hour service of the population on exchange operations and money transfers

Since May 1, 2018, FINCA Tajikistan has launched round-the-clock service for the population on exchange operations and money transfers in the Company's Branch in Khujand. Now everyone can use the exchange operations and money transfers also in the evening and night shift.

CJSC MDO «IMON INTERNATIONAL" announced a new reduction in rates for all loans

Since June 1 of the current year, rates on all loans have been reduced by 1 percent. As a result, the rate on loans to customers is from 25% in national currency.

Cooperation with small and medium-sized businesses for the organization is one of the priority areas. MDM "IMON INTERNATIONAL" sees the potential in the development of small and medium business in the country, which will be one of the beneficiaries of the economy's recovery from the crisis.

"The reduction of rates and extensive experience in lending allows us to create optimal conditions not only for large customers, but also for the segment of small and medium-sized businesses and makes the credit product for our clients even more accessible. We strive to create favorable conditions for business, and are happy to offer our customers the most comfortable credit conditions, "the press service of the organization reported.

MDO "IMON INTERNATIONAL" hopes that lowering the rates on loans will help businessmen realize their ambitions, using additional financial opportunities.

News of Association of Microfinance Organizations of Tajikistan

AMFOT and the Microfinance Center (Poland) signed a Memorandum of Cooperation.

On April 3, 2018, AMFOT signed a new Partnership Program with the Microfinance Center (Poland). Cooperation with this organization has almost a decade of fruitful and mutually beneficial partnership.

The new Partnership Program for Country Associations focuses on more effective use of mutual resources, identifying opportunities for joint promotion, raising funds and implementing projects in the field of access to finance. The first agreement was signed with the Azerbaijan Micro Finance Association (AMFA) on March 29, and this week two new agreements were signed with AMFOT - the Association of Microfinance Organizations of Tajikistan and AMFI - the Association of Microfinance Organizations of Kyrgyzstan, both with active members of MFC.

For reference: The Microfinance Center is a regional center and a microfinance network. MFC unites 111 organizations (including 77 MFIs) in 36 countries in Europe, Central Asia and beyond, which provide responsible micro-finance services to more than 1,000,000 low-income customers.

AMFOT and MIX MARKET signed a contract about cooperation.

On April 10, 2018, AMFOT signed a partnership agreement with MIX. This fruitful and mutually beneficial cooperation between AMFOT and MIX has continued over the past eight years. About MIX: MIX is the leading global data provider for businesses focused on inclusive finance. MIX identifies information challenges that impede market development and growth in sectors where financial services are enablers of the Sustainable Development Goals.

MIX's platforms cover thousands of mission-focused financial institutions, impact investor portfolios, agri-businesses, mobile money providers and other actors in 100+ developing markets across the globe, supported by data analyst teams in every region in the world. MIX helps impact investors who move 10 billion USD annually to monitor their portfolios and increase their investments in underserved sectors and geographies, including smallholder agricultural finance, green energy finance.

A seminar was held in AMFOT

On April 20, 2018, the Association of Microfinance Organizations of Tajikistan with the support of the National Bank of Tajikistan conducted the seminar on the practical use of Instruction No. 215 of the NBT "On the Procedure for Forming and Using the Reserve and the Fund for Covering Possible Losses on Loans."



NBT Instruction No. 215 "On the Procedure for Forming and Using the Reserve and the Fund for Covering Possible Losses on Loans" was developed in accordance with Article 29 of the Law of the Republic of Tajikistan "On Banking Activities" and Article 24 of the Law of the Republic of Tajikistan "On Microfinance Organizations" with the purpose of managing and supervising quality of assets in the banking system.

A meeting of the working group was held at AMFOT

On May 3, 2018, the Association of Microfinance Organizations of Tajikistan hosted the first meeting of the Working Group on improving the current legal framework for the financial and banking sector.

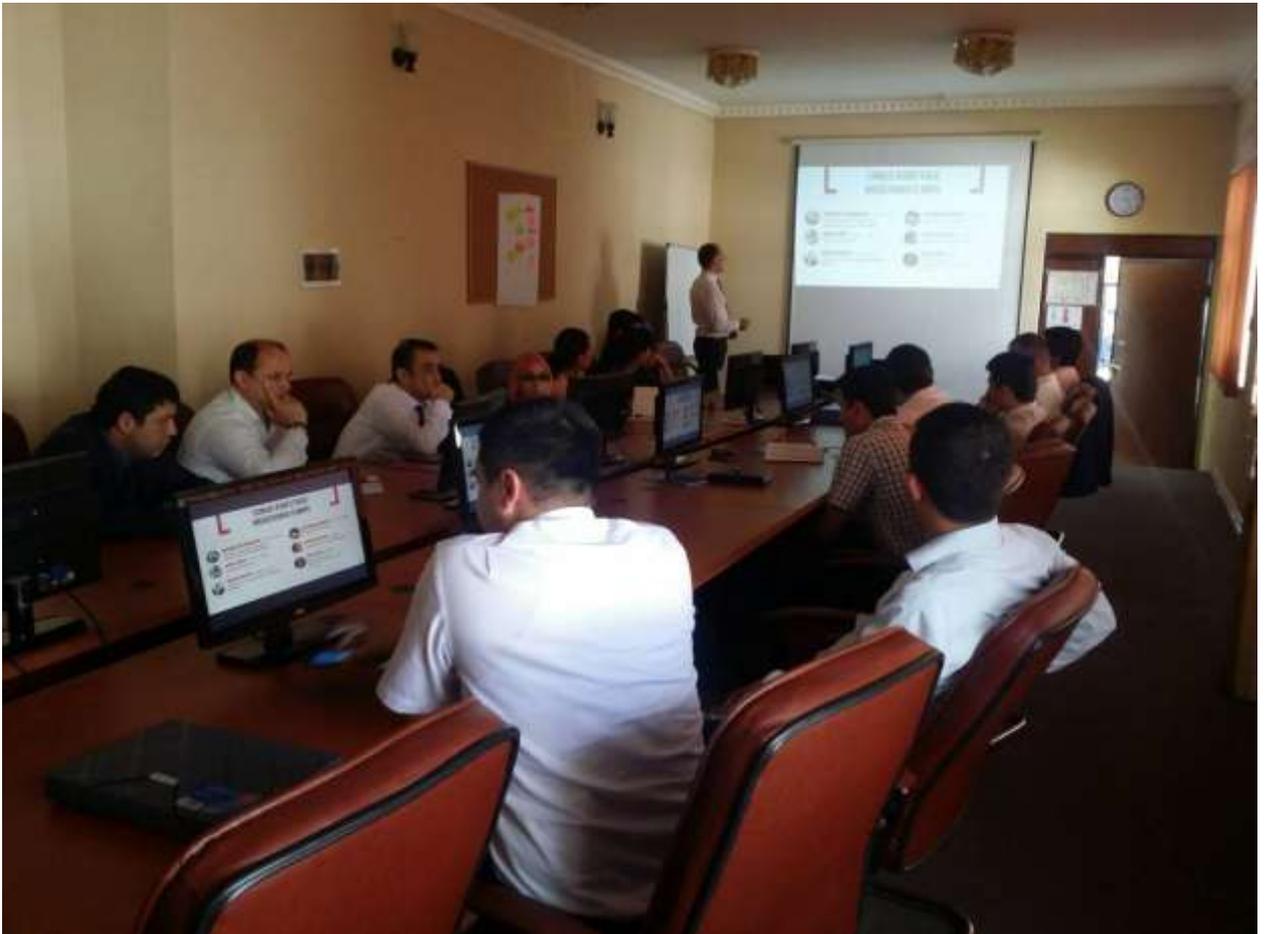
The main issues that discussed at the meeting are issues related to proposals for introducing amendments and additions to the Law of the Republic of Tajikistan "On Mortgage", as well as to the "Civil Code" of the Republic of Tajikistan.



This working group includes lawyers from such credit institutions as: First Microfinance Bank CJSC, Bank Eshata, Spitamen Bank CJSC, Alifarmarmia MDO, Humo MDO, Arvand MDO, Finka MDO, MDO "Tezinfoz", MDO "Imon International".

AMFOT hosted a series of seminars conducted by the leading trainers of the company "Business & Finance Consulting (BFC, Switzerland)".

1. On May 10-11, 2018, the Association of Microfinance Organizations of Tajikistan hosted a series of seminars on the topics "Management of the operational efficiency of the credit process" for representatives of the country's credit institutions. The purpose of this seminar was to improve the effectiveness of credit management and the ability to objectively evaluate the performance of branches, credit underwriters, timely respond to negative trends and make managerial decisions.



2. The next theme of the seminar was: "Debt collection without credit experts". The purpose of this seminar was the ability to find problem debt in time and to take prompt action in the event of arrears. In addition, they were trained to use different methods of work in accordance with a group of debtors.



3. Another theme of the seminar was: "Fraud in credit operations"

The purpose of this seminar was to identify the different types of unscrupulous borrowers, mastering the skills of visual verification of unscrupulous borrowers, using business rules to identify fraudulent transactions, prevention of internal fraud and arise the employee loyalty in detecting of internal fraud.

4. The last seminar that took place on May 11 was «Effective negotiations with debtors"

The purpose of this seminar was to train the specialists of the banking sector to structure the conversation with the debtors, to teach how to prepare for negotiations and the basic principles of psychological manipulation. Over 20 representatives of banks and microfinance organizations participated in these seminars. It should be noted that the holding of such seminars is the result of AMFOT's close cooperation with the financial sectors.

AMFOT and ACTED held a round table.

May 25, 2018 in the AMFOT on the initiative of the ACTED (Agency for Technical Cooperation and Development), within the framework of the DIPECHO X project, funded by the European Commission Humanitarian Aid and Civil Protection

Department (ECHO), a round table was held on the topic: "The impact of the disaster factor on MFI activities in Tajikistan and Kyrgyzstan ". The purpose of this roundtable was to present opportunities for microfinance institutions and insurance companies, as well as other key stakeholders, to exchange information, experience and existing best practices for reducing the risks associated with natural disasters, developing solutions to this important issue.

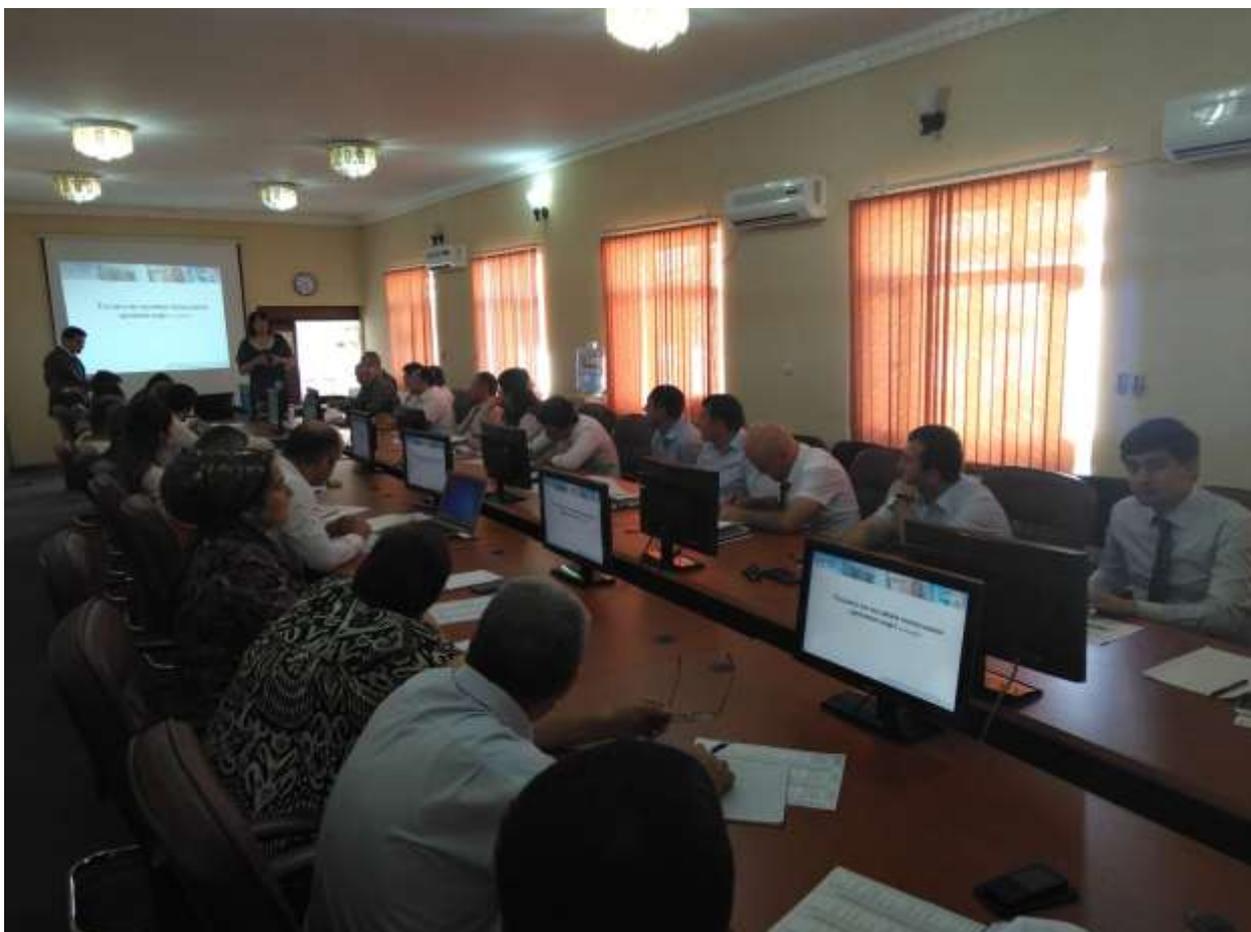


In this round table participated insurance companies of the country, banks and microfinance institutions. A very good exchange of experience and opinions on this urgent and important topic was held. With the presentation of this issue, the project manager of ACTED Ilkhom Gulomdzhanov spoke about the urgency of developing and implementing special credit (insurance) products aimed at mitigating the consequences of natural disasters. Also, the executive director of the Association of Microfinance Organizations of Kyrgyzstan, Alisher Akbaraliev, actively participated in the discussions.

**Specialists of the National Bank of Tajikistan
conducted the seminar-meeting at AMFOT site.**

June 1, 2018 in AMFOT, in cooperation with the National Bank of Tajikistan held seminar-meeting on the topic: "Analysis and determination of the credit cost ". Banks

and microfinance institutions participated in this event. The presentation was made by the Head of the Department of the National Bank of Tajikistan "On Open Market Operations" Yakubov M.M.



The purpose of this seminar-meeting was to determine the pricing strategy and the interest policy of the credit organization, the organization's assessment of operating expenses, the correct accounting estimate associated with credit policy, the definition of operating costs, the analysis of misuse of credit. 40 representatives of the banking sector of Tajikistan participated in the seminar. During the seminar-meeting, many questions were asked, a detailed discussion and exchange of views on this topic took place.

Islamic banking – review presentation for universities on the introduction of appropriate discipline.

June 4, 2018 Mirakilov Khurshed was a member of the AMFOT Board of Directors. The overview presentation presented the main points and differences of Islamic banking from the traditional one. The University of Economics and Finance of Tajikistan expressed interest in the training of future specialists in this field. In addition, it is expected that the involvement of international financial institutions and

international universities (which also train specialists in this field) for mutually beneficial cooperation is expected, that the exchange of experience will provide an additional impetus and more professional training of future cadres in the financial and banking sector.



AMFOT and MIX MARKET webinar

On June 13, 2018 AMFOT together with MIX MARKET conducted a webinar on filling out statistical reporting forms. MIX MARKET demonstrated the work of the platform, and also gave participants the opportunity to test the creation of the report.

In this webinar banks and microfinance institutions of the Republic of Tajikistan participated. The webinar was conducted by Natalia Efimova, Analyst, Eastern Europe and Central Asia.

Link for viewing: <http://amfot.tj/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/AMFOT-Presentation-JUNE-2018.pdf>