

## Roundtable for NGOs “New legislation on NGO activity”

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On March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2009, with the financial support of USAID and UNHCR, the International Center for Non For-Profit Law (ICNL, LLC) together with the local NGO “Society and Law” conducted a roundtable for 38 representatives of local and international NGOs. The objective of the roundtable was to increase the legal knowledge base of stakeholders in the field and familiarize them with laws relating to the activity of noncommercial organizations in Tajikistan and state support of noncommercial organizations.



This roundtable focused on informing participants about new laws of the Republic of Tajikistan adopted in 2008 that provide a basis for expansion of NGO activity in Tajikistan, and also the opportunity for NGOs to obtain state support through social contracting.

During the roundtable legal consultants of ICNL, LLC (Muatar Khaidarova and Khurshed Nosirov) gave presentations to participants concerning the creation, registration and activity of noncommercial organizations

in various organizational-legal forms, according to Tajik legislation and international experience.

It is important to note that these roundtables serve the important purposes both of educating participants about international standards and principles concerning the right to freedom of association and also increasing their legal knowledge of legislation of the Republic of Tajikistan.

These events also contribute greatly to the progress of civil society and citizens’ initiatives in overcoming social and economic problems at a local level, and direct participation of citizens in social areas. During the roundtable, participants became acquainted with other NGO representatives and discussed opportunities for further cooperation in the field of solving problems by strengthening citizens’ participation in providing social services through social contracting.

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