

**JOINT STATEMENT**  
**Tripartite Council, Khanbogd soum**

**Khanbogd soum**  
**Umnugobi aimag**

**Community Interaction Center**  
**April 7, 2016**

Khanbogd soum Tripartite Council regular meeting was held at the Community Interaction Center on April 7, 2016. The meeting was attended by representatives of Khanbogd soum government, herders, Oyu Tolgoi LLC and facilitators from Compliance Advisory Office/Ombudsman (CAO), with local and overseas stakeholders, including the representatives from the International Financial Corporation, European Bank for Reconstruction, the Canadian Embassy in Mongolia and Peace Nexus and some herders from Javkhlant bagh, Khanbogd soum as observers. The meeting was also attended by OT Watch NGO as advisor to the herders' representation.

The meeting discussed and commented on the first progress report of the study by the Multi-Disciplinary Team, who will conduct the socio-economic study of Khanbogd households and the Undai River diversion impact Phase 2 study. Area in the vicinity of new Bor-Ovoo open area, for landscaping and vegetation, was discussed and agreed with the herders. It was agreed to jointly develop the project on supporting livelihood of herders living along Undai River and submit it to the "Gobi Oyu" development support fund within April.

Furthermore, as agreed at the previous Council meeting, the representatives from the International Financial Corporation and the European Bank for Reconstruction made presentation on environmental performance standards by banks. Peace Nexus, an organization for international peace and conflict resolution, shared about its operations.

***About the Tri-Partite Council***

The Tripartite Council, composed of representatives from Khanbogd soum local government, herders' representation and Oyu Tolgoi company, has been officially established on June 8, 2015, as per Memorandum of Understanding signed with purpose of resolving complaints among the Parties. The Compliance Advisor Ombudsman (CAO) guides operations of the TPC. The CAO is the independent recourse mechanism for IFC, the World Bank Group.