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### USAID Supports Conference on the Future of Kyrgyz Industry

The Ministry of Economic Regulation and the Kyrgyz Manufacturing Enterprises Directors Guild with USAID support held a conference titled, “Is There a Future for Kyrgyz Industry? Development of Policy for Global Competitiveness.” The goal of the conference was to develop a strategic vision and medium-term plan for industrial development in the Kyrgyz Republic.

The conference focused on impediments to the development of different industrial sectors and possible short- and medium-term solutions. Participants included the Minister of Economic Regulations, Uchkunbek Tashbaev, private sector representatives, international organizations, representatives of industry associations and think tanks.

Conference participants discussed the strategic direction of industry in the country, including Kyrgyzstan’s export orientation, import substitution possibilities, principles of competitiveness and the development of innovative, quality products. A working group was also formed to analyze the role of government in Kyrgyzstan’s industrial development and develop an action plan on linking industrial sectors with regional and global markets.

Minister Tashbaev charged the conference attendees to “develop a precise plan and objective as a guide” and “come up with scenarios of different development paths and their consequences and results” for Kyrgyzstan.

USAID supported the conference through the Local Development Program, one of the many initiatives made possible by the American people. More detailed information about USAID programs can be obtained at the following website: <http://centralasia.usaid.gov/kgmap/?lang=ru>

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