

Update on WG 1 Agriculture and Land and WG 2 Water, 25 August 2011

DCC technical WG and 12 GoT representatives (agriculture, land, water, finance, social protection and local governance) met on 18 August, following the last DCC/GoT with Mr. Alimardon of 12 August, and agreed on a work plan between August and December 2011.

- Individual meetings have taken place with Land, Civil Service Administration (local governance) in the week of 22 August, other will be followed up the week after.
 - An International consultant for water has arrived and will continue working till end December 2011 to help MWRLR finalise its reform implementation strategy, two other activities related to asset inventory and water pricing/tariff are also involved.
 - Sector diversification specialist to arrive in Dushanbe in September 2011 to work with MoA and national consultants to agree on a draft strategy.
 - WG on cooperatives work is ongoing currently concentrating on legal aspect, but further discussions will be held in September to push this forward.
 - Following passing of the new Land Code soon by Parliament, land committee has requested to finalise other legal issues, including mortgage and dehkan farm laws, land marketability and valuation till end December 2011 and have requested further support to expand registration and cadastre system.
 - No progress made on alternative financing yet
 - Negotiations with MLSP expected after the 9 September 20th anniversary to follow up issues of employment and vocational training and capacity building.
- DCC co-chairs will try to identify a local governance expert in September and it is planned to undertake a thorough analysis and provide concrete recommendations during November.
- Support will be provided to three sector ministries, agriculture, land and water to establish small but effective policy/reform units during September for the coming months.
- All remaining reform issues to be completed end of December 2011 (agreed during DCC/GoT meeting with Mr. Alimardon 12 August 2011), while extensive support will be provided to agriculture, land and water sector strategies January-March 2012, in view of DF meeting planned for April 2012 and the planned fundraising campaign in May 2012.

Further update on WG 2 Water, 25 August 2011

See WG 2 (item 8. Agriculture) for follow ups. In brief, sufficient TA has now been secured to support the MWRLR to complete its Reform Implementation Strategy by end December 2011, for implementation in early 2012. Also work on asset inventory is ongoing (supported by UNDP and later WB/EU plus an international specialist in September to support MWRLR in identifying the best way forward for water pricing/tariff. Additionally, support will also be provided to Energy/Water Council, with the aim to systematically develop this mechanism into a “National water Council” where possible.