

Development Coordination Council Tajikistan

Minutes

Meeting of 6 May 2011

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Chair: Joji Tokeshi, ADB

Next meeting: TBD

1. In his welcoming remarks, Joji Tokeshi, DCC Chair, announced the arrival of Bill Kilby, DFID Central Asia Team Leader, who has replaced Desmond Curran as head of DFID.

Agenda item 1 – Status of Development Forum implementation plans and May joint DCC-GoT review meeting

2. The Chair reported that all ten implementation plans covering various sectors were submitted to the Government of Tajikistan (GoT) on 22 April:
 - a. Of the ten, eight were finalized with GoT counterparts, while the remaining two were still in discussion.
 - b. The plans have been submitted to the Office of the President for formal approval, which is required before agencies and ministries can take action.
 - c. The final versions of the implementation plans were circulated to DCC members on the same day.

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3. The GoT has confirmed the date of Friday, 27 May, for the first joint DCC-GoT review, which will take place as a meeting of the National Development Council, chaired by the President. The agenda, which was also cleared by the Office of the President, was circulated to DCC members in advance of the meeting:
- a. The President is expected to deliver an opening statement.
 - b. Farrukh Hamraliev, Minister of Economic Development and Trade, will make a presentation on PRS-3 results, followed by a response from the DCC Chair.
 - c. Davlatali Saidov, Chairman of the State Committee on Investments and State Property Management (SCISPM), will present on the Joint Country Partnership Strategy (JCPS), followed by a response from the DCC Deputy Chair.
 - d. The GoT has requested high-level representation from the DCC. Members should submit delegates' names to the Secretariat as soon as possible.
 - e. After the May review meeting, the next event is expected to take place in the last quarter of 2011, with a view to holding a pledging session in 2012.

Agenda item 2 – Update on International Monetary Fund (IMF) program and recent macroeconomic developments

4. Ari Aisen, IMF, presented on recent macroeconomic developments, IMF program performance, and the timely issue of liquidity loans to the banking sector (see attached presentation).
5. The Council discussed the presentation, highlighting concerns regarding:
- a. Rising food and fuel prices and resulting impact on inflation, which would in turn affect the social situation in the country. Alzira Ferreira, WFP, stated that WFP will circulate its related analyses to members. **Follow-up: WFP**
 - b. Liquidity loans from the National Bank of Tajikistan to banks, and discussing a common DCC position in the issue and possible support to the banking sector. **Follow-up: private sector development working group to arrange a meeting**
6. The IMF tax policy mission team, which is currently in Dushanbe, may be available to debrief interested DCC members on their recent discussions with the government. **Follow-up: DCC Secretariat to liaise with IMF to arrange a possible meeting**

Agenda item 3 – Aid effectiveness in Tajikistan

7. Vali Musaev, UNDP/ACIP, informed the DCC on results to date of the DFID- and UNDP-supported project, Tajikistan's participation in the Paris Declaration Monitoring Survey, and the draft JCPS action plan:
- a. The draft country chapter on Tajikistan is expected shortly from OECD and will be circulated to the DCC when received. **Follow-up: ACIP**

- b. The draft JCPS action plan has been circulated for DCC members' review and comments.
Follow-up: DCC Secretariat to liaise with ACIP on consultation process

Agenda item 4 – Other business

- 8. ADB will be reviewing its country partnership strategy and country operations business plan. It will discuss and coordinate with DCC members on the process. **Follow-up:** ADB