

# Development Coordination Council Tajikistan

## Minutes

Meeting of 13 October 2011

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### Participants

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Nassim Jawad, FAO	Jose Euceda, UNHCR
Zainab Kenjaeva, IFAD	Arthur van Diesen, UNICEF
Christopher Miller, IFC	Jeffrey Lehrer, USAID
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Tojiddin Najmedinov, JICA	Alzira Ferreira, WFP
Amjad Hussain B. Sial, Pakistani Embassy	Jurabek Sattorov, GoT/MEDT
Aleksandr Averin, Russian Embassy	Abdusamad Rajabov, GoT/SCISPM
Yazzed Al-Rwijih, Saudi Arabian Embassy	Rosa Charpentier, DCC Secretariat
Nicolas Guigas, SCO	Sitora Shokamolova, DCC Secretariat
Ali Vural, Turkish Embassy	Tahmina Rahmatova, DCC Secretariat

**Chair:** Joji Tokeshi, ADB

**Next meeting:** TBD

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1. In his introductory remarks, Joji Tokeshi, DCC Chair:
  - a. welcomed representatives from the embassies Pakistan, Russia, Saudi Arabia and Turkey;
  - b. introduced Sitora Shokamolova, the newly recruited DCC Secretariat Program Coordinator. In anticipation of Rosa Charpentier's transition to part-time involvement in 2012, Sitora will take over many tasks and will be the main contact for members. Tahmina Rahmatova will continue to provide support to the Secretariat until December 2011; and
  - c. informed participants that Jurabek Sattorov, MEDT, and Abdusamad Rajabov, SCISPM, are observing the meeting.

### Agenda Item 1 – Chairman's update

#### 26 September meeting of the National Development Council Secretariat and the DCC

2. The Council discussed the outcomes from the recent GoT-DCC meeting, whose objective was to preview overall progress to date against the Development Forum Action Plan (DFAP) agreed in December 2011, and agree on preparatory steps required for a more

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comprehensive 1-day review meeting of the National Development Council (NDC) and Development Forum in December 2011:

- a. Participants totaled 68, with about 40 from the GoT. Farrukh Hamraliev, Minister of Economic Development and Trade, was the highest ranking government representative. Deputy Ministers of Health, Labor and Social Protection, and Water and Land Reclamation were present, along with department heads or senior specialists.
- b. The DCC's assessment of Development Forum Action Plan progress was mixed, with some sectors ahead of others. The expected discussion with GoT counterparts on achievements to date and challenges ahead did not take place. A lesson learned was that the presence of high-level officials may inhibit discussion.
- c. Expectations for a pledging session in 2012 were scaled back, and the need to focus on reforms and results against the DFAP and PRS-3 was underscored. Additional funding is not guaranteed, but may be an outcome of substantive discussions on development issues.
- d. Given constraints on development partners' funding levels, which are affected by budget cycles and ongoing global economic uncertainty, the importance of attracting nontraditional partners to the JCPS and Development Forum process was highlighted.

#### December GoT-DCC meetings

3. The Chair briefed the Council on a recent meeting with Minister Hamraliev on outcomes from the September GoT-DCC meeting and plans for the Development Forum in December. After discussion, the Council agreed that, to accommodate government as well as DCC objectives, there would be two parts to the planned GoT-DCC meeting in December:

##### 5 December technical meeting of the National Development Council Secretariat and DCC

- a. A technical meeting will take place on Monday, 5 December, which would consist of cluster break-out sessions for natural resources, infrastructure, human development, governance and public sector development, and economic and private sector development.
- b. Clusters would discuss their assessment of progress made against the Development Forum Action Plan and PRS-3, as well as challenges ahead in 2012. Summaries would be presented to the plenary, followed by a discussion.
- c. Outcomes from the technical meeting, which may include recommendations for the possible 2012 Development Forum, would be reported at the 12 December meeting.
- d. Matlubkhon Davlatov, Head of the Executive Office of the President, may be able to participate in the opening or closing of the meeting.
- e. To facilitate an open discussion among partners, participants on the GoT side should consist mostly of technical staff. However, the DCC should ensure that technical input feed into policy decision-making processes.

##### 12 December meeting of the National Development Council and Development Forum

- a. The formal meeting will take place on Monday, 12 December. As Chair of the NDC, the President is expected to deliver opening and closing statements and stay for the entire proceedings. There will be statements from the GoT and DCC on PRS-3, macroeconomic situation, fiscal policy and DFAP. Next steps for the 2012 Development Forum would also be outlined.

4. A key accomplishment in the past year is the formalization of the coordination mechanism not only within the DCC, but also between the DCC and GoT. Jeffrey Lehrer, DCC Deputy Chair, stressed the need for DCC working groups to continue to work closely with GoT counterparts to help ensure gains on the DFAP in the next several weeks.
5. To allow more time for GoT to achieve progress against PRS-3 and DFAP, the 2012 Development Forum will likely take place between July and September. Preparing for continuing challenges in the PRS-4 period (2013-2015) would also be a key issue.

#### JCPS stock-taking

6. A JCPS 2010-2012 progress report, which will review progress made by both the DCC and GOT on planned actions and benchmarks, is being prepared. It will be shared with JCPS signatories in the coming weeks, and will be followed by a meeting in November. Outcomes of the discussion will directly inform the DCC's work program in 2012, the last year to implement JCPS commitments.

#### High Level Forum on Aid Effectiveness in Busan, Korea

7. In response to a request from the government for DCC participation, the DCC Chair may join the delegation from Tajikistan, which will be headed by Davlatali Saidov, SCISPM Chairman. The forum would be an opportunity to share the experience to date on coordination and partnership in-country. A draft joint message to be delivered by the delegation will be initially developed with the Principals Group and circulated in advance to the DCC. **Follow-up: DCC Secretariat**

#### **Agenda item 2 – Other business**

8. Beginning in February 2012, DCC meetings will be held on the first Tuesday of each month.
9. Members shared details on upcoming events:
  - a. The 8<sup>th</sup> session of the Consultative Council, in which the President will participate, will likely take place between 20 and 27 October.
  - b. The 2<sup>nd</sup> EU-sponsored International Agribusiness Investment Forum will be held on 18-19 October.
  - c. The PrepCom Conference on water cooperation issues will be held on 19 October. The DCC Chair was requested to deliver a statement on behalf of the Council. **Follow-up: Nassim Jawad, FAO, to provide draft speech**
  - d. The IFC is organizing a DCC-GoT workshop on public-private partnerships on 3 November, and welcomes the participation of the DCC Chair as a speaker and members as panelists. **Follow-up: Chris Miller, IFC, to provide further details**
10. Members are requested to share information on upcoming events with the Secretariat for posting on the website.