

Local Market Development Project

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Information Bulletin

1 Working Group Meeting

On 22nd June in the Helvetas Office, the Local Market Development Project held the first meeting of the working group developing exports of fresh and processed fruit and vegetables from Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan to neighbouring countries. The following items were on the agenda:

1. Discussions about the LMD proposal to hold meetings (seminars) for agricultural produce growers and processors from Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan and potential buyers of these products from Kazakhstan and Russia to be held from 21st -26th September this year.

2. A short presentation about farmers who have fresh vegetables who are involved with the LMD in Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan and also processing produce under the Taste of the Sun trade mark.

3. A short presentation on the possibilities for growing organic produce in Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan. In Kyrgyzstan international organisations have certified fields for growing organic produce.

It was unanimously agreed that the Association of Fruit and Vegetable Enterprises of Kyrgyzstan would run the seminar for potential buyers.

2 Publication: Business Advice in the Kyrgyz Republic 2009

The LMD project would like to draw your attention to the annual Business Advice in the Kyrgyz Republic Handbook published jointly with AgrolInformatsiya Ltd.



This publication contains information about

businesses/companies and organizations offering various professional advisory services to agricultural producers and processing and trading companies selling agricultural products.

Anyone interested in this publication can get more information from AgrolInformAsia Ltd: Flat 41, Street Toktogul 175, Bishkek, Kyrgyz Republic; tel (996 312) 31-76-49, 46-27-44.

There are some free copies in the project office.

3 Platform for Developing Agricultural Chains

On 23rd June a meeting was held of the Platform for Developing Agricultural chains in Northern Kyrgyzstan.

The main theme of the Platform was: Drawing up strategic activities and joint work of organisations in the chain: agricultural producers – processing enterprises – trading companies. A wide range of strategic activities for 2009 were discussed covering three main areas:

1. The seminar to be held from 21 – 26 September 2009 in Issyk-Kul for representatives of Russian and Kazakh companies.
 - ❖ Receiving offers of cooperation from Russian and Kazakh trading companies.
2. Strategic Planning seminar in southern Kyrgyzstan for heads of processing enterprises, support organisations and credit companies to develop a Joint Working plan for 2010 and paying for the services of support organisations for mobilising and training farmers.
3. Research into agricultural advisory service providers in Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan.