

Local Market Development Project

Helvetas Swiss Association for International Cooperation
ICCO, Dutch Cooperation Development Organisation

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Meeting of the Platform for setting up the Association of Agricultural Services Providers

1. On February 16th in Osh, in the office of DCCA PA a meeting was held dedicated to setting up the Association of Agricultural Services Providers. The meeting was attended by representatives of DCCA, Tayan and Mehr-Shaukat PAs and the representative of the Helvetas / ICCO LMD Project

The discussions covered the following issues:

1. Charter of the Association
2. Structure of the Association
3. Fees
4. Establishing and registering the Association (Executive). Choosing the President of the Association
5. The Association's plan was developed
6. Project proposal for donors (justification, budget, plan)
7. Selecting the Chair of the Association from among the partners

The following tasks were developed for the Association:

1. Standardization of training for farmers by partners;
2. Common pricing policy by MCO, project partners, farmers;
3. Training and Development, organizing training on agriculture, economics and marketing;
4. Lobbying Interests (Finance) on agricultural advice;
5. Systematic work on techniques and approaches;
6. Training staff and members of the Association;
7. Exchanging experiences with partner organizations;
8. Promoting the interests of its members in attracting investment in business development.

By the end of the meeting it had been agreed:

1. To register the AASP by March 15
2. An Action Plan had been drawn up
3. A budget had been drawn up
4. By March 1 prepare a project proposal
5. Contributions of 10 000 soms per year
6. President AAP - Ikbol Bahramov.



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The platform for Developing Agricultural Chains (in the north of Kyrgyzstan)

On February 25, 2010 in the Agribusiness Competitiveness Centre (ABCC) office, a scheduled meeting of the Platform for Developing Agricultural Chains was held, the theme of which was the Plan for Supporting Organizations in 2010.

The platform was attended by representatives from the following organizations: GTZ (promoting sustainable economic development), RDC-Elet, DCCA, SIDA (Swedish Agency for International Development), Association of Fruit and Vegetable Enterprises, TAIC (Training, Consulting and Innovation center), ELDOM credit company, Raiffeisen-Kyrgyzstan Fund, AgroInformAsia LLC (Agricultural Information Marketing System), GS AgroLid, LMD Project and representatives from the ABCC.

The next platform is scheduled for May 27 2010 in the office of AgroLid PA.

Planned issues for discussion and presentation:

1. Ongoing work of organizations.
2. Certification of land - experience of the Project for Developing and Producing and Promoting Trade in Organic Cotton (Bio cotton)

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Training on: water resources management

A two-day training course was held on 26-27 February 2010 in the Tes-Centre In the city of Osh.

The objectives of the training were:

1. Increasing the knowledge of trainers of partner organizations of the project on ways of irrigating crops, by defining the technology of furrow irrigation using water-efficient irrigation technology.

During the training the following issues were addressed:

1. Justification of water use, crop water requirements and irrigation scheduling of crops.
 2. Zoning.
 3. Methods of determining the duration of irrigation.
 4. Drawing flow charts of the duration, irrigation norms and agro-technical measures for various areas and crops.
 5. Determining the cost of water per field and furrow.
- Coaches: P. Zhooshov, K. Abdraimov, M. Eraliev
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Seminar on the Development of the economy and local economic development

Date: The Seminar on the development of the sector is scheduled for 15-24 March.

Venue: Osh.

Objective: This seminar will focus on the economic development of the sector and region and will address how partner organizations should cooperate with each other at institutional and policy level and define the functions and roles of partner organizations on how to share responsibilities for common work.

Participants: Managers and senior staff of organizations involved in working on local economic development - a partner organization of the LMD Project.