

**Minutes of the Project Steering Committee (PSC) meeting along  
The Water Productivity Improvement at Plot Level (WPI-PL) Phase II Project.**

Tashkent city, Uzbekistan

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**Participants:**

*The members of the PSC:*

Olivier Magnin – Water Resources Management Advisor, SDC Tashkent Office

Alexander Rogachev – Regional Manager of the Water Sector Program, SDC Tashkent Office

Mukhitdinov Kh. - Head of the Interstate Commission for Water Coordination (ICWC) Secretariat

Hodjiev H. – Provincial Coordinator for the Republic of Tajikistan

Toktobaev M. – National Coordinator for the Kyrgyz Republic

Umarov H.U. - National Coordinator for the Republic of Uzbekistan

**Participated:**

Mohan Reddy Junna - WPI-PL Project Leader from IWMI

Mukhamedjanov Sh. - WPI-PL Project Leader from SIC ICWC

Invited participants: 47 people from the three target countries.

The meeting of the PSC was chaired by Mr. Mukhitdinov Khayrullo.

Agenda of the meeting:

1. Approval of the Annual Progress Report for 2010 along the WPI-PL (Phase II) Project;
2. Approval of the Yearly Plan of Operation for 2011 of the WPI-PL (Phase II) Project;
3. Budget of the Project for 2011.

Outcomes of the meeting:

1. The Committee Members acknowledged the progress and outcomes of the WPI-PL project in 2010, functioning innovation system and specific dissemination strategies for each of the three countries of the Fergana Valley. Therefore, the Committee Members approve the progress report for 2010 taking into account the comments from SDC.
2. The Committee Members proposed to approve the Yearly Plan of Operation for 2011 taking into account the comments from SDC. Meanwhile, Committee Members proposed the following:
  - a. The project should contribute into the issues regarding assessment of farmers' satisfaction with information dissemination methods (ER4) more effectively;
  - b. Agree and coordinate the time-frame and ToRs for conduction of Monitoring and Evaluation by the third party (ER 6) with the planned External Review Mission of the project in order to avoid duplications.
3. The Committee Members familiarized with the proposed budgets of the partners for 2011 and came to the following conclusions:

- 3.1.1. Approve the proposed budgets for 2011 of the following project partners: Kyrgyz National Office, ZOKI, Osh RAS, WUA Support Unit, Tajik National Office, IAC, Uzbek National Office, SANIIRI, Andijan BISA, Ferghana BISA, Namangan BISA, Information Center Andijan and Association budgets of IWMI and SIC.
- 3.1.2. The Committee Members approve the budgets of the rest Project Partners for 2011 as provided with the following comments:
  - a. Kyrgyz NII: (i) provide reasonable explanation for increasing amount for Personnel, and (ii) transfer the allocated amount of Miscellaneous budget item line to Supplies and Services budget item line;
  - b. SOF: (i) Committee Members stressed that requested changes to Personnel budget item line is too high. Therefore, SOF should provide reasonable explanation for increasing amount for Personnel;
  - c. TajikGiproVodkhoz: (i) provide reasonable explanation for increasing amount for Personnel, and (ii) remain Publication and Dissemination budget item line without changes as per Final Planned budget for 2011.
  - d. Zarzamin: (i) provide reasonable explanation for increasing amount for Personnel with subject of approval from WPI-PL (IWMI and SIC) Project Leaders;
- 3.2. Based upon Order of Cabinet of Ministries of Republic Uzbekistan #31 as of January 19, 1998, Uzbek National Team has exemption from direct taxes. Therefore, Association of IWMI and SIC asked to reallocate the unused funds of Supplementary Credit for Uzbek National Project Partners totally in the amount of 47 614 USD to the following activities:
  - a. Allocate additional funds for Namangan BISA budget 2011;
  - b. Allocate additional funds for Travel budget item line of SANIIRI for 2011;
  - c. Allocate additional funds for Uzbek National Office Equipment budget item line with the purpose of equipping demo plots of the project for 2011;
  - d. Allocate additional funds for the Association (IWMI and SIC) to cover planned three Project Regional Workshops expenses for 2011;
  - e. Allocate additional funds for the Association (IWMI and SIC) to cover expenses of Monitoring and Evaluation by the Third Party.

The Chairman of the Steering Committee  
Khayrullo Mukhitdinov

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