

**Minutes of the Project Steering Committee (PSC) meeting along  
the Water Productivity Improvement at Plot Level Project**

Ferghana city, Uzbekistan

March 25, 2010

**Participants:**

***The members of the PSC:***

Hanspeter Maag – Country Director of Swiss Cooperation Offices (SCO) in Kyrgyzstan and Uzbekistan

Khayrulla Mukhitdinov – Head of the ICWC Secretariat

Anvar Zoirov – authorized representative of the Ministry of Melioration and Water Resources of the Republic of Tajikistan

Mavlyan Toktobaev – authorized representative of the State Agency “Irrigation”, Department of Water Resources under the Ministry of Natural Resources of the Kyrgyz Republic

Khamdam Umarov – authorized representative of the Ministry of Agriculture and Water Resources of the Republic of Uzbekistan

***Participated:***

Nicolas Guigas – Deputy Country Director, SCO in Tajikistan

Olivier Magnin – Water Resources Management Advisor, SDC

Omina Islamova – Regional Manager of the Water Sector Program

Ruslan Sadykov – National Project Officer, SCO in Tajikistan

Bakyt Makhmutov – National Project Officer, SCO in Kyrgyzstan

Viktor Dukhovny – Director of SIC ICWC

Herath Manthrithilake – Project Leader of WPI-PL Project from IWMI

Shukhrat Mukhamedjanov – Project Leader of WPI-PL from SIC ICWC

Invited participants: 48 people from three target countries

The meeting of the PSC was chaired by Mr. Hanspeter Maag.

**Agenda of the Meeting:**

1. Approval of the report for 2009 along the WPI-PL Project
2. Approval of the Yearly Plan of Operation for 2010 of the WPI-PL Project

### 3. Miscellaneous

#### Outcomes of the Committee Meeting:

1. The Committee Members acknowledged the progress and outcomes of the WPI-PL project in 2009 and established partnerships to create sustainable agricultural innovation system in three countries of the Ferghana Valley. Therefore the Committee Members approve the progress report for 2009.
2. The Committee Members proposed to approve the Yearly Plan of Operational for 2010 with following comments:
  - a. The project activities should fit the requirements of farmers, especially women farmers;
  - b. The project has to identify and assess constrains for accepting recommendations by farmers;
  - c. The project should fully cover at least one WUA in each country with water flume meters with the purpose of proving the effect of water measuring;
  - d. Enhance effectiveness and efficiency of extension services to the level that farmers can afford to pay (increase the area coverage and number of farmers);
  - e. Finalize the extension services strategy agreed by National partners to the next annual stakeholder meeting;
  - f. The project should contribute to public awareness activities amongst farmers to promote payment for irrigation services for volume of water they receive.
- 2.1. The Committee Members approve the budget for 2010 as provided
3. No questions were raised.

The chairman of Steering Committee

Hanspeter Maag

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Uzbekistan