



CORE TOPICS:

- Establishment of Working Group on Improvement of Investment Climate in Tourism Sphere
- Meeting of representatives of Secretariat of the Consultative Council with partners
- Presentations Head of Secretariat of the Consultative Council on Improvement of Investment Climate under the President of the Republic of Tajikistan and strengthening Secretariat Investment Council's activity

ESTABLISHMENT OF WORKING GROUP ON IMPROVEMENT OF INVESTMENT CLIMATE IN TOURISM SPHERE

For the purpose of implementation of paragraph 3 chapter 3 of Minutes of the 10th Session of the Consultative Council on Improvement of Investment Climate under the President of the Republic of Tajikistan held on 19 October 2012, №1c/12.2-13 by order of Head of State Committee on Investment and State Property Management of the Republic of Tajikistan a Working Group on Improvement of Investment Climate in Tourism Sphere consisting of representatives of ministries and departments and private sector with support of development partners was established.

Head, Deputy Head and Secretary of the Working Group were appointed Zavkidjon Zavkiev, Lochin Fayzulloev and Numon Abdujaborov, respectively. The main tasks of the Working Group are to conduct a thorough analysis of investment climate in tourism, to prepare concrete recommendations and to submit the results to a Session of the Investment Council under the President of Tajikistan envisaged some time in autumn this year. At this juncture, active support of development partners, especially in hiring experts for conducting analysis and in helping the Working Group would be key in successful completion of the tasks.

The Head of the Working Group already began to effectively coordinate work



of the Working Group with the respective Working Group of development partners chaired by Mr Christopher Miller (IFC) and would maintain such cooperation during the whole process. First meeting of the Working Group is planned for this Thursday.

Preliminary studies have shown that the tourism sector is multidimensional and analysis should include the following 4 directions: (i) Licensing and Permits (ii) Visa and Registration (iii) Airport, Borders and Training of Customer Services (iv) Statistics and Information.

Therefore, the Working Group and four subgroups are carrying out their activities in the directions described above.

The Working Group held three meetings and required information about existing condition and problems in a tourism sphere from relevant ministries and departments.

An Action Plan of the activity of the Working Group was developed with recommendations of members of the Working Group and was shared with the development partners. Also according to the Action Plan, financing of measures of the Action Plan was agreed by development partners and coordinated by Head of International Finance Cooperation Mr Christopher Miller.

Noteworthy, the development partners have established another group on Improvement of Investment Climate in a Tourism Sphere, which is chaired by Robin Ord-Smith, UK Ambassador to Tajikistan and Co-chaired by Mr. Chris Miller, Country Officer, IFC Tajikistan.

The Working Group on Improvement of the Investment Climate in Tourism Sphere is working in close cooperation with all interested partners and is coordinating its activity with them.



***MEETING OF REPRESENTATIVES OF SECRETARIAT OF THE
CONSULTATIVE COUNCIL WITH DEVELOPMENT PARTNERS***

In April 2013 the representatives of Secretariat of the Consultative Council on Improvement of Investment Climate under the President of the Republic of Tajikistan held a meeting with a numbers of development partners.

At the meeting, representatives of Secretariat presented to partners the draft Agenda of the 11-th Session of the Consultative Council. After discussion, the draft Agenda was supported by partners.

Also at the meeting were identified the speakers from development partners on each issue of draft Agenda of the 11th Session. At the end of the meeting, representatives of development partners expressed their willingness to provide support to activity of the Consultative Council and its Secretariat, and also on the preparation for the 11-th session of the Consultative Council.



**PRESENTATIONS OF HEAD OF SECRETARIAT ON
CONSULTATIVE COUNCIL ON IMPROVEMENT OF INVESTMENT
CLIMATE UNDER THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF
TAJIKISTAN AND STRENGTHENING OF SECRETARIAT OF THE
INVESTMENT COUNCIL'S ACTIVITY**

On April 15 and June 18, 2013 a bilateral meeting between Head of Secretariat of the Consultative Council under the President of the Republic of Tajikistan on Improvement of Investment Climate Mr Zavkidjon Zavkiev and Head of the Representation Office of International Finance Corporation in Tajikistan Mr Christopher Miller was held.

The issues of coordination of development partner's support in conducting an analysis of investment climate in tourism sphere according to the Working Plan of the activity of the Working Group, the issue of a trip of the Secretariat of the Investment Council under the Government of the Republic of Kyrgyzstan to the Republic of Tajikistan and cooperation of the International Finance Corporation regarding technical support of the Investment Council's web-site have been reviewed at the meeting.

It was noted, with satisfaction, that International Finance Corporation is ready to provide support for activity of the Working Group on improvement of investment climate in a tourism sphere on conducting analysis of specific problem investment climate of tourism sphere, and is coordinating activity of development partners on this directions. It was also informed that the Office of the International Finance Corporation made commitment to provide financial support of Investment Council's web-site till 2015 year and a trip of Secretariat of the Investment Council under the Government of the Republic of Kyrgyzstan to the Republic of Tajikistan, which is planned in summer of this year.

After close bilateral cooperation with Head of Representation Office of International Finance Corporation in Tajikistan Mr Christopher Miller the Draft Program of the Trip of Secretariat of the Investment Council under the Government of the Republic of Kyrgyzstan to the Republic of Tajikistan was adopted.

In order to exchange views and experiences are planned a series of meetings with representatives of private sector, Regional Councils, development partners and



also conducting a seminar on "Public Private Dialogue in Tajikistan and Kyrgyzstan".

On June 06, 2013 Head of Secretariat of the Consultative Council on Improvement of Investment Climate under the President of the Republic of Tajikistan Mr Zavkidjon Zavkiev had a meeting with Economist of Economic Analysis and Research Department of Asian Development Bank Mr Utsav Kumar and Consultant-Economist of Asian Development Bank Mr Kadir Tanju Yurukoglu.

Counterparts had an exchange of views on development of future Bank's strategy on economic development of Tajikistan. The issues on economic development of the country, improvement of its investment climate, process and purposes of activity of Secretariat of the Consultative Council on Improvement of Investment Climate under the President of the Republic of Tajikistan were discussed during this meeting. Head of Secretariat of the Investment Council informed about reforms, which were held in the framework of activities of the Investment Council and future plans of the Council.

On May 18, 2013 within the framework of the 38th Annual meeting of the Board of Governors of the Islamic Development Bank by support of Islamic Corporation for the Development of the Private Sector, under Leadership of the President of the Republic of Tajikistan, His Excellency Emomali Rahmon, in cooperation with the State Committee on Investment and State Property Management of the Republic of Tajikistan "Dushanbe Business Forum 2013" took place in Dushanbe, Tajikistan.

In the Forum the First Deputy Prime Minister of the Republic of Tajikistan, Mr. Matlubkhon Davlatov, the Deputy Prime Minister of the Republic of Tajikistan, Mr. Murodali Alimardon, the Chairman of the State Committee on Investment and State Property Management of the Republic of Tajikistan, IDB Governor from Tajikistan, Mr. Davlatali Saidov, the CEO of the ICD, Mr. Khaled Al Aboodi, heads of ministries and governmental agencies, representatives of the private sector, including investors and entrepreneurs of IDB countries have participated.

The Forum was inaugurated by the speech of Chairman of the State Committee on Investment and State Property Management of the Republic of Tajikistan, Mr. Saidov D.Sh. and distinguished guests were warmly welcomed.



Head of Secretariat of the Consultative Council under the President of the Republic of Tajikistan on Improvement of Investment Climate Mr Zavkidjon Zavkiev had a presentation on Public Private Dialogue in Tajikistan during this Business Forum.

On June 20, 2013 the Session of the Consultative Council on Improvement of Investment and Entrepreneurship Climate was held under the chairmanship of the Chairman of Kulob city, Chairman of the Consultative Council Mr Abdughafor Rahmonov. Representatives of Local authorities, private sector and development partners were participated in this Session.

Head of Secretariat of the Consultative Council under the President of the Republic of Tajikistan on Improvement of Investment Climate Mr. Zavkidjon Zavkiev participated in this Session and had a speech on strengthening of fruitful activity of Consultative Council on Improvement of Investment and Entrepreneurship Climate under the Chairman of Kulob city and suggested some useful recommendations.

The participants expressed their opinion about issues, which were discussed and relevant decisions were adopted.

Sincerely Yours,

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