



CORE TOPICS:

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MONITORING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF DECISIONS OF THE CONSULTATIVE COUNCIL ON IMPROVEMENT OF INVESTMENT CLIMATE UNDER THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF TAJIKISTAN

In the framework of the activity of the Consultative Council on Improvement of the Investment Climate under the President of the Republic of Tajikistan significant results were achieved in the process of the economic reforms.

The decisions adopted at the 14th Session of the Consultative Council on November, 17 2014 aimed to develop of secondary market for securities and a stock exchange, investment attraction in Khatlon region and strengthen the public private dialogue in the regions. Other decisions addressed simplification of procedures



allocating land plots for construction of industrial enterprises, improvement of investment climate in the agricultural sector and agribusiness development, and introduction of the “Single Window” for obtaining construction permits. These decisions aimed to improve Tajikistan’s indicators in “Doing Business” Report of the World Bank Group.

For the implementation of the decisions, the following work has been done:

The Action Plan of the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan on Improvement of Investment Climate in the Insurance Sector has been adopted by the Resolution of the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan dated December 31, 2014, #788.

In continuation of insurance reform, a draft Law of the Republic of Tajikistan “On Insurance Activity” in a new edition has been developed by the interministerial Working Group under the Ministry of Economic Development and Trade and coordinated with relevant ministries and agencies. The draft law has been developed taking into account recommendations of the interministerial Working Group’s Report on Improvement of Investment and Business Climate in the Insurance Sector, as well as the international best practice.

In response to the instructions of the President of the Republic of Tajikistan at the Meeting with Entrepreneurs and Investors on October 14, 2014 to create a more favorable investment climate, the draft Law “On Investments” in a new edition has been developed and submitted to the consideration of the 15th Session of the Consultative Council.

According to the protocol instruction of the 14th Session of the Council, the National Bank of Tajikistan, jointly with the Secretariat of the Consultative Council, improved the draft Action Plan of the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan on Development of Secondary Market for Securities and Stock Exchange

To develop secondary markets for securities and stock exchange markets, OJSC “Stock Exchange Market – Osiyoi Markazi” has been established.

OJSC “Stock Exchange Market – Osiyoi Markazi” submitted a range of recommendation to the draft Action Plan of the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan on the Development of Secondary Market for Securities and Stock Exchange, which according to the Government’ instruction, were considered and supported by relevant ministries and agencies.



To improve the investment climate in industry, a working group of the Ministry of Industry and New Technologies will submit a comprehensive analysis and recommendations on ways to support national producers and grow of national production to the subsequent Session of the Council.

Also, to improve investment climate in agribusiness a working group consisting of relevant ministries and agencies, private sector, development partners under the Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Tajikistan is analyzing opportunities and barriers to investment in agriculture. It is expected that the Report and comprehensive recommendations of the working group will be submitted to the 16th Session of the Council.

For the implementation of the Protocol instructions of the 14th Session of the Consultative Council, a Guidebook for the establishment of the councils on improvement of business and investment climate in the cities and regions of the country was developed in collaboration with development partners.

For the full realization of "single window" approach at registration of business entities for Tax Committee in cooperation with the Agency of Statistics and State Social Insurance purposes a legal basis for the electronic information exchange system was fully completed. Registration of the businesses should take place in accordance with the "Single Window" system.

With the aim to implement the "Single Window" principle for obtaining construction permits, the Committee of Architecture and Construction has begun a study of the issue. A list of necessary equipment for the purchase has been already submitted to the World Bank.

With the purpose of introduction of the "Single Window" system for real estate registration, a working commission completed work on acquiring and transferring of property, documents and archives of previous structures to the newly established State Unitary Enterprise of "Registration of Immovable Property".

Currently, these acts are in the process of approval by relevant ministries and agencies. Meanwhile, training of specialists, provision of computer equipment and establishment of a unified data archive are being implemented.



From January 02, 2015, the Customs Service under the Government of the Republic started the pilot implementation of the Single Window system for export-import procedures and transit operations.

Also, for the improvement of border service system, the Customs Service remains in effective cooperation with Asian Development Bank to ensure the continuation of work on establishment of the National Single Window of the Republic of Tajikistan.

As an effort to increase export capacity, and promote domestic exporters, the Trade and Industry Chamber established a National Bureau of Services, which will explain technical requirements of trade and sanitary and phytosanitary standards to exporters. Its activities help to obtain information on the criteria of technical regulation, standards, and procedures compliant with the phyto-sanitary requirements in overseas markets.

With the initiative of the President of the country, Chairman of the Consultative Council on Improvement of Investment Climate, His Excellency Emomali Rahmon, and October 14th was announced as an Entrepreneurship Day. On its first anniversary, on October 14, 2015, a number of activities have been planned.

The Secretariat of the Consultative Council will continue to monitor the implementation of the decisions and protocol instructions of the Consultative Council' Sessions and present its results.

**PREPARATION FOR THE 15TH SESSION OF THE CONSULTATIVE COUNCIL
ON IMPROVEMENT OF INVESTMENT CLIMATE UNDER THE PRESIDENT
OF THE REPUBLIC OF TAJIKISTAN**

In regard with organization and conduction of subsequent Session of the Consultative Council on Improvement of Investment Climate under the President of the Republic of Tajikistan, Secretariat of the Consultative Council developed comprehensive analysis for Council' session consideration. Particularly draft Agenda of the Session is prepared as follows:



1. Update on implementation process of decisions of the Consultative Council on Improvement of Investment Climate under the President of the Republic of Tajikistan.
2. Presentation of analysis and Draft Action Plan on Improvement of Investment Climate on Sectors of Industry, Supporting Domestic Producers and Development of National Production.
3. Submission of Draft Law of the Republic of Tajikistan "On Investment".
4. Proposal of Draft Agenda for the next Session of the Consultative Council.

The 15th Session of the Consultative Council under the President of Tajikistan is envisaged to take place in July of this year.

CONTINUATION OF REFORMS ON IMPROVEMENT OF BUSINESS AND INVESTMENT CLIMATE IN INDUSTRIAL SECTORS AND DEVELOPMENT OF NATIONAL PRODUCTION

On May 28, 2015, the Ministry of Industry and New Technologies of the Republic of Tajikistan organized the 4th meeting of the interministerial Working Group on Improvement of Investment Climate in the Sectors of Industry, Supporting Domestic Producers and Development of Domestic Production.

The meeting was opened by Deputy Minister of Industry and New Technologies of the Republic of Tajikistan Ruzizoda A. Kh. (Head of the Working Group) who presented the Agenda of the Meeting to the participants.

Agenda:

1. The results of industrial sectors' development in 2015
2. Consideration of building materials industry development
3. Consideration of food industry development
4. Consideration of the Report of the Working Group on improvement of the investment climate in the industrial sector, support domestic producers, and development of the national production.
5. Conduction of seminars-exhibitions on the theme "My Choice – is national product". He noted that during its effective activity the working group discovered a number of problems of the development of the country's industry and prepared recommendations for their solution. The Ministry submitted the information



regarding the development of the industry in 5 months of current year was submitted.

Also the Head of the Secretariat of the Consultative Council on Improvement of the Investment Climate under the President of the Republic of Tajikistan N. Abdujaborov noted that, currently the Report of the Working Group and the draft Action Plan of the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan on Improvement of Investment Climate in the Sectors of Industry, Supporting Domestic Producers and Development of Domestic Production have been developed.

Report and the Action Plan cover four directions of the industry, including light industry, mining, food processing and production of construction materials.

The Working Group members were invited to study the Report and draft Action Plan and to submit their opinions, proposals and comments to the Working Group.

DEVELOPMENT OF THE PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP MECHANISM

On May 15, 2015, the First Deputy Prime Minister of the Republic of Tajikistan, Chairman of the State Council on Public-Private Partnership Mr Davlatali Said convened the second session of the Council on Public-Private Partnership.

The Council reviewed implementation of the decisions of the first session, including the "Construction of Hydropower Projects on the Zarafshan River and its Tributaries", "Construction of Transport Logistic Center" in Tursunzoda city, "Rehabilitation of Water Supply System", "Construction of the Railway Line" and "Construction of Basic Infrastructure" projects in the "Sughd" free economic zone.

The Council also considered new public-private partnership projects, including "Construction of transmission lines to the Danghara FEZ", "The Establishment of a Medical Simulation Center in the Republic of Tajikistan" and "Construction, Operation and Transfer of Bustonsaroi" project.

Finally, the Council heard the report of the Secretary of the Council, Director of the



State Center for the Implementation of Public-Private Partnership on the establishment of the Fund for the development of public-private partnership projects.

STRENGTHENING OF REGIONAL COUNCILS' ACTIVITIES

On June 15 of this year, business representatives and government officials in Rasht Valley convened for the third Session of the Consultative Council on Improvement of Investment and Business Climate in the Rasht Valley under the leadership of the Chairman of the State Committee on Investment and State Property Management of the Republic of Tajikistan esteemed Qodiri Qosim - the Chairman of the Consultative Council on Improvement of Investment and Business Climate in Rasht Valley.

At the first Agenda, Rasht Council considered the termination of the responsibilities of the former cochairman and members of the Council, and joining of the newly elected members to the Consultative Council.

The Secretary of the Rasht Council - Zafar Hisoriyev presented the results of monitoring the implementation of decisions and action plan on improvement of investment climate in the tourism sector in the Rasht Valley. It was noted that significant work has been completed by the relevant authorities, private sector and development partners in this area. Several programs have been implemented to promote tourist products of the valley, which were presented at exhibitions, forums and high-level events. The increasing number of visiting tourists from year to year was noted.

Regarding to the second issue, members of the Council Saydali Saidrahmonov and Yuldash Latifov presented results of the analysis and recommendations on improvement of investment climate in the agricultural sector, particularly in the areas of gardening, potato and beekeeping in the Rasht Valley. It was noted that in the valley the necessary conditions for stimulation of these areas is created, and the government adopted of a series decisions and programs to agricultural development. In the region for affluent and high yields of fruits, vegetables and honey, ensuring these products and export opportunities are available. However,



the agriculture sector needs a radical and comprehensive reform. In order to overcome the challenges and solution solutions, an action plan and a package of measures was submitted to the government.

The Head of Department of the Private Sector' Development of the German Agency for International Cooperation Hartwig Ungethuem made a speech and expressed his opinion on role of development partners in conducting the analysis and implementation of recommendations on the development of the agricultural sector in the Rasht Valley.

On the third issue the General Director of the Center of Modern Technical and Technological of the Panjakent city Mr. Me'rojiddin Khudoyberdiyev expressed his opinion regarding the activity of the centers of the modern technical and technological oriented to the innovation and their role in the growth of the national production.

It was noted that these centers create a good basis for the prosperity and development of business activities in the country, job creation, investor attraction and growth of local industrial enterprises.

Regarding the improvement of the investment climate in the agricultural sector in the Rasht Valley Cochairman of the Council, Chairman of the Jirgatol district - Umedkhujai Zoir, Chairman of the Rasht district - Qanoatsho Loiqtoda, Chairman of Nurobod district - Hasan Dustzoda, Chairman of the Tojikobod district - Hussein Alizoda and Chairman of the Tavildara district - Himmatshoi Ghayrat shared their views on the challenges of the agriculture sector and potential solution in the region.

In concern with the last issue of the session Agenda, a member of the Council, Director of the LLC "Orzu" Mr. Dilovar Orzuev proposed the issue of the development of cross-border trade between Tajikistan and bordering districts of the Republic of Kyrgyzstan as an Agenda of the next session of the Council. The proposal was supported by all the members of the Consultative Council.



The entrepreneurs of the valley actively participated in the discussion of all considered issues, development of the tourism sector, agricultural areas and strengthening activities in this direction, the future issue of the Council session.

Also, the representatives of the state authorities and agencies expressed the views on mentioned issues.

At the end of the session, Qodiri Qosim - Chairman of the Consultative Council on Improvement of Investment and Business Climate of Rasht Valley gave relevant instructions to officials and representatives of relevant ministries and bodies regarding issues and decisions made at the session. The final document was adopted formally during the session.

THE 5TH CONFERENCE ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF PUBLIC-PRIVATE DIALOGUE IN THE MINERAL RESOURCES SECTOR

On June 8-9, 2015, the 5th Session of the Regional Program of public-private dialogue on "Mineral resources for Central Asia development" regarding on the theme of "Cluster networks: a tool for innovation and increasing competitiveness" was conducted in Astana, Republic of Kazakhstan.

A report and discussion was done regarding this topic by the ministries and departments of the Republics of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and International Experts in the meeting.

The presentation regarding this theme was presented Numon Abdujaborov - Head of Secretariat of the Consultative Council, as well as, noted that in a number of economic sectors of Tajikistan there is a possibility for the introduction of clusters with the purpose of ensuring the sustainability of the private sector.

The participants of the meeting, as well as international experts noted that the Consultative Council on Improvement of Investment Climate under the President of the Republic of Tajikistan as an important platform of public-private dialogue.



STRENGTHENING THE COOPERATION AND ADVOCACY ON THE REFORM RESULTS WITH PARTNERS

On May 15, 2015 in the framework of preparations for the next Session of the Council a Head of the Secretariat of the Council, Numon Abdujaborov met with managements of the mining sector and food enterprises.

The draft recommendations of the working group on improvement of investment in the industrial sector, including in mining and food industries were discussed at the meeting.

Representatives of food processing and production companies noted the urgent need of that currently state support in accessing grocery shelves and markets.

Also, the representatives of the mining companies suggested a number of recommendations to the draft Action Plan of the Government on Improvement of the Investment Climate in the Sectors of Industry, Supporting Domestic Producers and National Production.

In order to conduct exploratory work on reforms regarding improvement of investment and business climate a significant works have been done by the Secretariat of the Council, the website and Secretariat' page in Facebook is active and regular meetings are conducted with investors and entrepreneurs.

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