

Project
MODERNIZATION OF CUSTOMS SERVICES IN AZERBAIJAN
LOCAL PROJECT APPRAISAL COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES

Date: December 28, 2012

Venue: UNDP Conference room

Participants:

UNDP: Ms. Nato Alkhazishvili, UNDP Deputy Resident Representative
Ms. Jamila Ibrahimova, Assistant Resident Representative
Mr. Shamil Rzayev, Senior Programme Adviser
Mr. Chingiz Mamedov, Senior Programme Adviser
Ms. Leyla Fathi, Programme Adviser
Mr. Mezhahir Efendiyev, UNDP Cluster Manager
Mr. Farasat Mursalov, System Integration Department, State Customs Committee

Project Presenter: Mr. Mezhahir Efendiyev, UNDP Cluster Manager

1. Introduction

Ms. Nato Alkhazishvili opened the meeting by welcoming the participants. The purpose of the meeting was to review and discuss the project document on Modernization of Customs Services in Azerbaijan. The Government counterpart for the project is the State Customs Committee. It was stressed that the aim of this project is to establish Automated Management System for Cargo Transit processing through the customs territory of Azerbaijan Republic.

2. Presentation of the project

Mr. Efendiyev presented the Customs Modernization project covering the project background, niche for the UN support, project objectives, activities, results, key actors and budget. The project includes two components:

Component 1. Establishment of Automated Management System for Cargo Transit processing

Component 2. Training of Customs Officers in use of modern technologies.

Mr Efendiyev also noted that Project implementation modality will be National Implementation (NIM) with support services provided by UNDP.

3. Summary of discussions

The following remarks were made during the discussion:

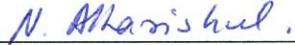
Jamila Ibrahimova asked how transit cargo processing is handled in State Customs Committee at present.

Mr. Mursalov explained that currently there is no automated system applied in processing of cargo transit. He mentioned that SCC uses only simple GPS beacons to track the location of transit cargo. With newly introduced system SCC will be able not only track the location of transit cargo but register the safety of the cargo. The GPS/GIS devices installed to the transit transport will send signals to the SCC HQ and mobile teams in case if the transport is delayed, cargo is opened, evade planned road route and etc.

4. Decisions & Actions

Ms. Nato Alkhazishvili finalized the LPAC meeting by thanking all participants, and soliciting opinion of the LPAC members regarding the project's approval. The LPAC members were unanimous is recommending approval of the "Modernization of Customs Services in Azerbaijan"

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