

## Minutes<sup>1</sup>

### of Fourth Project Board Meeting (PBM) of UNDP-GEF/Government of the Republic of Uzbekistan Project “Achieving ecosystem stability on degraded land in Karakalpakstan and Kyzylkum Desert”, held jointly with the extended National Steering Committee Meeting of “Central Asian Countries Initiative for Land Management (CACILM)”

- **Date:** November 30, 2010.
- **Venue:** Tashkent, Business Center “Poytaht”
- **Participants:** 30 people

#### The purpose of the meeting:

1. Project activities review for 2010
2. Approval of work plan for 2011

#### Opening speeches were made by:

**V. E. Chub**, General Director of the Center of Hydrometeorology under the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Uzbekistan.

**S. F. Ergashev**, Deputy Minister of Agriculture and Water Resources, Head of the Main Department of Forestry, Project National Coordinator.

**Sitara Syed**, Assistant Resident Representative of UNDP CO Uzbekistan

#### Presentation of the Project Manager:

Project Manager Irina Bekmirzaeva thanked Project Board members for taking part in the PBM, and informed them about the project activities in the current year. In particular she dwelled on the results of works on the program and organizational and institutional evaluation, as well as on activities conducted on pilot sites in the village “Kazakhdarya” of the Republic of Karakalpakstan and in the village “Kizilrovot”, Romitan district of Bukhara oblast of the Republic of Uzbekistan. At the same time participants were introduced with the main activities of the project for 2011. Particular attention in the presentation was paid to the Risks and Issues which the project is facing or may encounter in the course of the project implementation.

#### Discussion:

The agenda of the meeting included discussion (questions, comments, recommendations and proposals) and decision making on all identified issues.

<b>№</b>	<b>Question/Proposal</b>	<b>Response/Comment</b>
1.	<b>B. Muradov</b> , <i>Chief Expert, Department for Development of Agriculture and Water Resources, Ministry of Economy of the Republic of Uzbekistan, Project Board Member</i>  To what extent Farmers Field School will be effective at the end of the project, what is their capacity and sustainability? And what kind of technology are they? In my opinion, the local population of project territories need only water resources, to cultivate the land they know	<b>U. Nazarkulov</b> , <i>National Technical Coordinator of the project</i>  Farmers Field School is training of local population with their active participation in the process and directly in their household plots. Project experts are teaching local community modern methods of land management. Local population are engaged in agriculture in extreme conditions and they

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	<p>already.</p>	<p>lack knowledge and skills to improve the productivity of land and crops, they lack basic knowledge of product processing and storing (canning, etc.). In the future, based on Farmers Field School information database will be created for the residents of the villages, where they can exchange views and experience for the efficient production of agricultural products.</p>
<p>2.</p>	<p><b>Sitara Syed, Assistant Resident Representative of UNDP CO Uzbekistan</b></p> <p>1. Among the risks you mentioned the duration of processes for adoption of new legislation. Do you think this is the only risk in the area?</p> <p>2. The project will soon be completed and there should be some kind of exit strategy. In your plans for 2011 wide dissemination of best practices and knowledge is planned, in particular implementation of integrated land use management methods at district level. Are there any risks in this area, in connection with project completion, and is there an opportunity to involve other stakeholders?</p>	<p><b>Irina Bekmirzaeva, Project Manager</b></p> <p>In addition to the risk in advancing the issue of amending the legislation until appropriate level (adoption by the Government of the country), there is a specific risk on implementation of integrated land use concept.</p> <p>1. At this time, there is no such a concept as an integrated land use in national legislation.</p> <p>The project will develop and propose a model of integrated land use at the district level. To this end, working group comprising of experts and members of district khokimiyats who are in charge of land use, ecology and economy will be established. We will demonstrate the benefits of the proposed model. Due to limited duration of the project, it is unlikely that we will have time for large scale implementation We will include this risk in the table of risks/problems of the project and will always take it into account when planning and implementing further actions.</p>
<p>3.</p>	<p><b>B. Salibaev - Head of Main Department of Livestock, Poultry, Apiculture and Fishery under the Ministry of Agriculture and Water Resources of the Republic of Uzbekistan</b></p> <p>1. Are there any livestock head count records?</p> <p>2. What activities are being carried out to restore wells?</p> <p>3. Is international expertise on pasture use being applied?</p>	<p><b>U. Nazarkulov, National Technical Coordinator of the project</b></p> <p>1. Yes, studies on the development of livestock in the households of the project territory are being conducted. Various ways of improving livestock breed analysis and the transition to the stabling are being carried out. Recommendations on improving animal fodder preparation developed.</p> <p>2. More than thirty wells have been inspected, 18 of which can be restored. Project is considering the possibility of</p>

		<p>using low-cost devices to operate wells by applying alternative energy sources (wind and solar energy).</p> <p>3. Yes, it is being applied. In addition, research and experiments being carried out. For example, a focal and longitudinal focal enrichment method of desert pastures and degraded lands.</p>
4.	<p><b>N. Shulepina, "Dry Net" Project in Central Asia, National Expert from Uzbekistan</b></p> <p>Who can help solving gasification problem of the village Kazakhdarya? Uztransgaz laid 26 km pipeline from Chimbay district to village Kazakhdarya. Help in gasification will immediately stop ruthless cutting of vegetation by the villagers for fuel.</p>	
5.	<p><b>M. K. Mukhanov, Head, Secretariat for Agriculture and Water Resources, Council of Ministers of the Republic of Karakalpakstan</b></p> <p>Local population and authorities of the village Kazakhdarya well acquainted with Project Manager and experts of the project. I believe that the main objective of the project to determine salt-resistant plants for planting on degraded land in Karakalpakstan is completed.</p> <p>At the same time, I suggest the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Local population should be used in small business development.</li> <li>2. Fodder preparation and fodder preparation development</li> <li>3. Organization production of paper and paperboard production from cane on an industrial basis. This will significantly increase the economic component of the project territory.</li> </ol>	
6.	<p><b>D.B Zaynutdinova, Head, NGO Ecological Law Centre «Armon», Project Board Member</b></p> <p>Priorities of the project are directed to the local community. This is a people's project. Local population is not enlightened and do not know how to carry out alternative land use, get environmentally clean energy. Project's activity on Farmers Field School is useful; the younger generation of the village is being trained.</p>	

7.	<p><b>B. Muradov</b>, <i>Chief Expert, Department for Development of Agriculture and Water Resources, Ministry of Economy of the Republic of Uzbekistan, Project Board Member</i></p> <p>Through the UNDP Small Grants Programme, project could carry out some works on gas supplying and settlement gardening. Consider this option.</p>	
8.	<p><b>L. Aksenova</b>, <i>Head, International cooperation and program department of State Committee for Nature Protection of Republic of Uzbekistan, Project Board Member</i></p> <p>In implementing activities for testing renewable energy resources, I believe that it is reasonable to cooperate with the Eco Centre for Renewable Energy Resources under the State Committee for the Nature Protection of the Republic of Uzbekistan. They have very good practical knowledge and extensive experience gained over the years in this field.</p>	
9.	<p><b>V. E. Chub</b>, <i>General Director of the Center of Hydrometeorology under the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Uzbekistan</i></p> <p>I propose to conclude this discussion of detailed Report on the work done in 2010 and the plans of the project for 2011.</p>	

## RESOLUTION:

Having examined and discussed the issues of the Agenda, information of the Project Manager, questions and answers, as well as taking into account recommendations and proposals of the Project Board members with regard to the activities accomplished in the year 2010 and planned events for 2011,

### Project Board took the following decision:

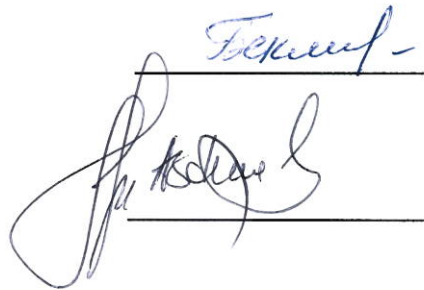
1. Note the positive results achieved by the GEF/UNDP/Uzbekistan Project "Achieving ecosystem stability on degraded land in Karakalpakstan and Kyzylkum desert" in the current year. Executing agency and Project Manager to provide National Secretariat report on implementation progress of the project to include results into monitoring report of CACILM not later than December 10, 2010.
2. Approve project work plan for 2011 and accept for execution, taking into account comments and proposals of Project Board members.
3. Schedule Fifth Project Board meeting to be held in the first half of the 2011.

**Prepared by:**

**Irina Bekmirzaeva, Project Manager**

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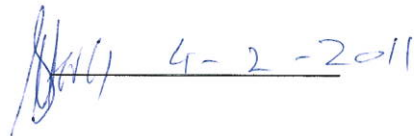
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**Approved by:**

**Sitara Syed  
Assistant Resident Representative  
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**S. F. Ergashev  
Deputy Minister of Agriculture and Water Resources,  
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## Meeting participants

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3. **Sitara Syed**, Assistant Resident Representative of UNDP CO Uzbekistan
4. **M. K. Mukhanov**, Head, Secretariat for Agriculture and Water Resources, Council of Ministers of the Republic of Karakalpakstan.
5. **B. Sh. Kadyrov**, First Deputy General Director of the Center of Hydrometeorology under the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Uzbekistan
6. **Sh.M. Bobomuradov**, Department Head, State Committee for land resources, geodesy, cartography and state cadastre of the Republic of Uzbekistan.
7. **S.S. Sanginov** Deputy Chairman of the Environmental Movement of Uzbekistan
8. **B.E. Tuhdaev**, General Director of SPP Center “Botanika” under the Academy of Sciences of Uzbekistan.
9. **B.K. Muradov**, Chief Expert, Department for Development of Agriculture and Water Resources, Ministry of Economy of the Republic of Uzbekistan.
10. **R.V. Tariannikova**, Head, CACILM National Secretariat.
11. **D.B. Zainutdinova**, Head, NGO Ecological Law Centre «Armon».
12. **L. Aksenova**, Head, International cooperation and program department of State Committee for Nature Protection of Republic of Uzbekistan
13. **I. Bekmirzaeva**, Project Manager, UNDP-GEF / Government of the Republic of Uzbekistan Project “Achieving ecosystem stability in degraded lands in Karakalpakstan and Kyzylkum desert”.

### **Representatives of International Organizations**

14. **A. Abdurahmanov**, Head of Environment and Energy Unit of UNDP CO Uzbekistan;
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16. **Joseph Turk**, Regional Coordinator of ICARDA;
17. **Kirsten Kinstler**, International Expert of ICARDA-CACILM;
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19. **I. Mokhammad**, Project “Improvement of land in Bukhara, Navoi and Kashkadarya regions”;
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22. **U. Buranov**, Technical Director of the Aral Sea Basin Programme, Agency for the implementation of the GEF Project.
23. **B. Salibaev**, Head of Main Department of Livestock, Poultry, Apiculture and Fishery under the Ministry of Agriculture and Water Resources of the Republic of Uzbekistan.
24. **A. Namozov**, National Coordinator of GTZ, Head of the Investment Department of the Ministry of the Agriculture and Water Resources of the Republic of Uzbekistan.
25. **N. Shulgina**, GEF/UNDP/GTZ, National Coordinator of the Multi-Country Capacity Building Project of CACILM.
26. **U. Nazarkulov**, National Technical Coordinator of the Project.
27. **Dj. Nazarov**, Administrative/Finance Assistant of the Project.
28. **Shulepina Natalya Vsevolodovan**, “Dry Net” Project in Central Asia, National Expert from Uzbekistan.
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