

Minutes No. 7
of the Meeting of Governing Council of Millennium Challenge Account – Armenia
held October 31, 2006

The session was chaired by the Chairman of the Governing Council, RA Prime Minister Andranik Margaryan.

In attendance:

Andranik Margaryan	Prime Minister of the Republic of Armenia, Chairman of the Board
Vahram Nercissiantz	Chief Economic Advisor to the President of Armenia
Andranik Manukyan	Minister of Transport and Communication of the Republic of Armenia
Vardan Khachatryan	Minister of Finance and Economy of the Republic of Armenia
David Lokyan	Minster of Agriculture of the Republic of Armenia
Andranik Andreasyan	President of the RA State Water Committee
Tonakan Ghazaryan	“Shenik” WUA
Nazeli Vardanyan	“Forests of Armenia” Environmental NGO
Vanik Soghomonyan	“National Union of Farmers” NGO
Vardan Hambardzumyan	Federation of Agricultural Associations Union of Legal Entities

The following persons participated to the session:

Ara Hovsepyan	MCA-Armenia, CEO
Alexander Bakhtamyan	MCA-Armenia, Procurement Office, Interim Secretary of the Governing Council
Alex Russin	MCC Resident Country Director, MCC Armenia, Governing Council Observer,
Simon Ghonakhchyan	Head of the Economic Department of the Staff of the RA Government
Mary Harutyunyan	Press Secretary, Staff of the RA Government

The following matters were on the Agenda of the Meeting:

1. Discussion and approval of the composition of the evaluation panel and the text of the Request for Proposals (RFP) for the competition for consulting services for Technical and Economic Justification for the Construction of New Irrigation Reservoirs under the Irrigated Agriculture sub-activity of the MCA-Armenia Program.
2. Discussion and approval of the composition of the evaluation panel for identifying the pre-qualified companies and the text of the Expression of Interests for the competition to Review and Improve the Current System of the Performance Based Routine Maintenance.
3. Discussion and approval of the composition of the evaluation panel and the text of the Expression of Interest for the selection of the pre-qualified companies for the Environmental and Social Assessment Oversight.
4. Discussion and approval of the results of the combined technical and financial evaluation of the selection of the Feasibility Study consultant for the Rural Road Rehabilitation sub-activity of MCA-Armenia program.
5. Discussion and approval of the composition of the evaluation panel and the text of the Expression of Interest for the competition for consulting services for the Final design and Construction/Supervision of Eight Gravity Schemes and Final design and Construction/Supervision of Four Gravity Schemes under the Irrigated Agriculture sub-activity of the MCA-Armenia Program.

6. Discussion and approval of the results of the combined technical and financial evaluation of the selection of the independent manager of the Water to Market component under the Irrigated Agriculture sub-activity of MCA-Armenia Program.
7. Discussion and approval of the short list, the composition of the evaluation panel and the text of the Request for Proposals for the competition for consulting services for the Design and Construction/Supervision of Six Main Canals under the Irrigated Agriculture sub-activity of the MCA-Armenia Program.
8. Discussion and approval of the modifications and additions proposed by MCC to the Irrigated Agriculture sub-activity work plan and the financial plan.
9. Discussion and approval of the modifications and additions proposed by MCC to the MCA-Armenia's Interim Procurement Plan.
10. Discussion and approval of the staff list, salaries and the bonus structure of the MCA-Armenia SNCO's staff.
11. Discussion and approval of the results of the selection of the MCA-Armenia Chief Financial Officer.
12. Discussion and approval of the results of the selection of the MCA-Armenia Legal Council.
13. Discussion and approval of the modifications and additions proposed by MCC to the contracts of the MCA-Armenia Bank and the Fiscal Agent.

[Resolutions]

As to the **1st** item on the Agenda, to approve the composition of the evaluation panel and the text of the Request for Proposals (RFP) for the competition for consulting services for Technical and Economic Justification for the Construction of New Irrigation Reservoirs.

As to the **2nd** item on the Agenda, to approve of the composition of the evaluation panel for identifying the pre-qualified companies and the text of the Expression of Interests for the competition to Review and Improve the Current System of the Performance Based Routine Maintenance, adding a representative of RA Ministry of Agriculture at the suggestion of Minister D. Lokyan.

As to the **3rd** item on the Agenda, to approve the composition of the evaluation panel and the text of the Expression of Interest for the selection of the pre-qualified companies for the Environmental and Social Assessment Oversight.

As to the **4th** item on the Agenda, to approve the results of the combined technical and financial evaluation of the selection of the Feasibility Study consultant for the Rural Road Rehabilitation sub-activity of MCA-Armenia program.

As to the **5th** item on the Agenda, to approve the composition of the evaluation panel and the text of the Expression of Interest for the competition for consulting services for the Final design and Construction/Supervision of Eight Gravity Schemes and Final Design and Construction/Supervision of Four Gravity Schemes under the Irrigated Agriculture sub-activity of the MCA-Armenia Program.

As to the **6th** item on the Agenda, to approve the results of the combined technical and financial evaluation of the selection of the independent manager of the Water to Market component under the Irrigated Agriculture sub-activity of MCA-Armenia Program.

As to the **7th** item on the Agenda, to approve the short list, the composition of the evaluation panel and the text of the Request for Proposals for the competition for consulting services for the Design and Construction/Supervision of Six Main Canals under the Irrigated Agriculture sub-activity of the MCA-Armenia Program.

As to the **8th** item on the Agenda, to approve the modifications and additions proposed by MCC to the Irrigated Agriculture sub-activity work plan and the financial plan. By Suggestion of Minister Khachatryan, it was directed that Mr. Ara Hovsepyan submits additional information regarding the credit sub-component of Water to Market subactivity.

As to the **9th** item on the Agenda, to approve the modifications and additions proposed by MCC to the MCA-Armenia's Interim Procurement Plan.

As to the **10th** item on the Agenda, to approve the staff list, salaries and the bonus structure of the MCA-Armenia SNCO's staff.

As to the **11th** item on the Agenda, to approve the results of the selection of the MCA-Armenia Chief Financial Officer.

As to the **12th** item on the Agenda, to approve the results of the selection of the MCA-Armenia Legal Council.

As to the **13th** item on the Agenda, to approve the modifications and additions proposed by MCC to the contracts of the MCA-Armenia Bank and the Fiscal Agent.

Having concluded the business on the Agenda, the meeting adjourned.

MCA-Armenia Governing Council Chairman
RA Prime Minister

A. Margaryan

MCA-Armenia Governing Council Acting Secretary
MCA-Armenia Procurement Officer

A. Bakhtamyan