

Minutes No. 15

of the Meeting of Governing Council of Millennium Challenge Account – Armenia held on June 5, 2007, 16:15

The session was chaired by H.E. Serge Sargsyan, the Prime Minister of the Republic of Armenia and the Chairman of the MCA-Armenia Governing Council.

In attendance:

Members of Governing Council:

Vahram Nercissyantz	Chief Economic Advisor to President of Armenia
Hovik Abrahamyan	Minister of Territorial Administration of the Republic of Armenia
Vardan Khachatryan	Minister of Finance and Economy of the Republic of Armenia
Andranik Manukyan	Minister of Transport and Communication of RA
David Lokyan	Minister of Agriculture of the Republic of Armenia
Nazeli Vardanyan	“Forests of Armenia” Environmental NGO
Tonakan Ghazaryan	“Shenik” WUA
Vanik Soghomonyan	“National Union of Farmers” NGO
Vardan Hambardzumyan	Federation of Agricultural Associations Union of Legal Entities

In absence of:

Member of Governing Council:

Karen Nazaryan	Armenian Inter-Church Round Table NGO
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Invitees:

Andranik Andreasyan	President of the RA State Water Committee
David Avetisyan	Deputy Minister of Finance and Economy

In attendance of:

Ara Hovsepyan	CEO, MCA-Armenia SNCO
Ruzanna Ghazaryan	Legal Counsel of MCA-Armenia, Secretary of the MCA GC
Alex Russin	MCC Resident Country Director, MCC Armenia
Edith Petrosyan	MCC Program Assistant
Simon Ghonakhchyan	Head of the Economic Department of the Staff of RA Government
Mery Harutyunyan	Head of Public Relations Department of the Staff of RA Government

The following items were included in meeting agenda:

1. Discussion and approval of Combined Evaluation Results of the Technical and Financial Proposals submitted for the “Design and construction supervision for rehabilitation of six main canals”.
2. Discussion and approval of pre-qualification results for consulting services bidding for “Final Design and Construction Supervision for Construction of Four Irrigation Gravity Systems”.
3. Discussion and approval of the pre-qualified company and RFP for the consulting services contract to conduct Farming Practices Survey (FPS) as a data source for the impact evaluation of the training component of the Water to Market Activity.
4. Discussion and approval of the draft RFP for the tender to be announced for selection of a new fiscal agent for the MCA-Armenia Program.
5. Other issues:
 - Information about official visit to Armenia of Mr. John Danilovich, MCC CEO on June 11, 2007.

Resolutions:

Related the first issue of the agenda it was unanimously decided to approve the Combined Evaluation Results of the Technical and Financial Proposals submitted for the “Design and construction supervision for rehabilitation of six main canals”.

Related the second issue of the agenda it was unanimously decided to approve the Prequalification results for consulting services bidding for “Final Design and Construction Supervision for Construction of Four Irrigation Gravity Systems”.

Related the third issue of the agenda it was unanimously decided to approve the pre-qualified company and RFP for the consulting services contract to conduct the Farming Practices Survey (FPS) as a data source for the impact evaluation of the training component of the Water to Market Activity.

It was proposed and decided to involve a representative from RA Ministry of Agriculture in further works of Evaluation Committee for the above mentioned Consultancy Services.

Related the fourth issue of the agenda it was unanimously decided to approve the draft RFP for the tender to be announced for selection of a new Fiscal agent for the MCA-Armenia Program.

It was proposed and decided to involve a representative from the Staff of RA Government in Evaluation Committee for selection of Fiscal Agent.

Related the fifth issue of the agenda it was decided to take into account the information provided by A. Hovsepyan, CEO of the MCA-Armenia about official visit of Mr. John Danilovich, Ambassador, MCC CEO to Armenia on June 11, 2007 and on participation of all Governing Council members in the official opening ceremony of the MCA-Armenia program office.

At the end of the meeting the Prime Minister of the Republic of Armenia declared that during the meeting he had with OSCE Acting Chairman, preceding GC meeting, he gave excellent evaluation to parliamentary elections in Armenia on May 12, 2007.

The meeting concluded when the items were covered.

MCA-Armenia Governing Council Chairman
RA Prime Minister

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The minutes were taken by:

Ruzanna Ghazaryan

*Legal Counsel of MCA-
Armenia, Secretary of the
MCA Governing Council*