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I. National Implementation of CACILM

A. Summary of Institutional Arrangements Achieved

Establishment of NCC and Government Decree

Interdepartmental Coordination Council on implementation of the UN Convention to Combat Desertification and the National Programming Framework in the frame of Central Asian Countries Initiative for Land Management (CACILM) and CACILM National Secretariat was established by the Decree of the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic No 647-p on 21 November 2006 (see Annex 1). The same Decree has approved the National Programming Framework for Sustainable Land Management as a basis for implementation of the Kyrgyz Republic obligations under the UN Convention to Combat Desertification and attraction of the donor assistance.

A new draft of a Decree on NCC composition, enhancement of the status of UNCCD National Focal Point is submitted now to the KR Government in connection with changes in composition of the KR Government.

Dates of the NCC Meetings during 2007, and summary of key NCC decisions

Two meetings of the NCC were conducted during 2007:

1) Inception NCC meeting was held on 27 February 2007. Key NCC members or their representatives, representatives of the basic donors (ADB, UNDP, GTZ, and SDC) participated in it. CACILM tasks and goals, and NCC function and NCC responsibilities in the CACILM process were discussed at the meeting.

2) The 2nd NCC Meeting was held on 27 August 2007. Following resolutions have been accepted at the meeting:

- Approval of the NCC Standing Order;
- The decision on the state budgeting of SLM was accepted: a) Recommend the responsible ministries, departments and the organizations to consider themselves a budgeting problems on the above-stated issues and caused economic damages as a result of lack of means for adequate actions. b) Recommend the international donor organizations, participants of the Strategic Partnership Agreement on UNCCD implementation in the Central Asian Countries, to pay priority attention to support of own efforts of the national organizations in CACILM implementation;
- Decision on the SLM-R Program of the CACILM Multicountry Partnership Framework Support Project was accepted: identification of a responsible organization and a national program coordinator;
- Decision on SLM-IS Program of the CACILM Multicountry Partnership Framework Support Project was accepted: identification of a responsible organization and a national program coordinator.

Participation of NCC Members at 1st CACILM Steering Committee Meeting

Two representatives of the Kyrgyz Republic took part in the CACILM Steering Committee meeting on 30-31 October 2007. They are Mr. Jeenbekov Sooronbay, minister of agriculture, water resources and process industry, NCC Chairman, and Mr. Kulov Kubanychbek, UNCCD National Focal Point, Head of the CACILM National Secretariat. NSEC staff, some NCC members and other persons concerned has also attended the SC Meeting as observers.

Opening the Steering Committee Meeting, Chairman Mr. Jeenbekov addressed to Steering Committee with a welcoming speech in which he expressed gratitude to ADB in connection with accommodation of CACILM Multicountry Secretariat in Bishkek and highlighted long-term problems. KYR NSEC Head, Mr. K. Kulov addressed to the meeting with a report and presentation. He summarized issues of mobilization and CACILM progress in the Kyrgyz Republic, including reports on KR NCC meetings, implementation of the KYR NSEC working plan, and also reported on implementation of the CACILM multicountry projects and CACILM GEF-financed projects. During the discussion on Steering Committee procedures Kyrgyz side joined an opinion of representatives of Kazakhstan and Tajikistan that NCC Chairman of the hosting country should preside at the SC meeting.

Together with Global Mechanism's representative the Kyrgyz side suggested addressing to GEF on allocation of GEF-4 resources on behalf of Central Asian Countries ministers.

The Kyrgyz Republic could not make a presentation about CACILM program at the session of Interstate Committee on Sustainable Development (ICSD) in November 2007 in Bishkek because this time Mr. Kulov, ICSD member, attended the ICARDA workshop in Aleppo, Syria.

Establishment of NSEC and Government Decree

National CACILM Secretariat was established by the Decree of the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic No 647-p on 21 November 2006 (see Annex 1). The address of Secretariat is: 4a Toktonaliev Str., Bishkek, the Kyrgyz Republic, under the Kyrgyz scientific research irrigation institute (see list of the KYR NSEC staff - Annex 2).

Completion of Letter of Agreement with ADB

On 6 December 2006, Letter of Agreement: Central Asian Countries Initiatives for Land Management Multicountry Partnership Framework Support Project (TA 6357 REG) was signed between ADB and the Kyrgyz Republic.

On 15 June 2007, TA 6357 REG: Central Asian Countries Initiative for Land Management (CACILM) Multicountry Partnership Framework Support Project - Letter of Agreement ("Agreement") "Provisional of the Financing for Establishment of the National Coordination Council and National Secretariat" was signed between ADB and the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic. On behalf of the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic Letter of Agreement was signed by minister of agriculture, water resources and process industry, Mr. Jeenbekov Soorinbay. On behalf of ADB Letter of Agreement was signed by Mr. Katsuji Matsunami, Director, Agriculture, Environment, and Natural Resources Division, Central and West Asia Department. Under this Agreement, ADB agrees to provide financing for the National Secretariat activities for up to a total \$45,000 equivalent for the period 1 March 2007 to 31 May 2009. In addition ADB agrees to provide up to a total of \$10,000 equivalent to equipment.

Approval of Workplan by ADB, 1st and 2nd tranche funding received from ADB

A Work Plan and KYR NSEC Budget were sent to MSEC on 28 April 2007.

1st ADB tranche overall of \$10,000 was transferred to the account of the National CACILM Secretariat on 27 June 2007. Financial Report on the 1st ADB tranche was sent by FedEx express mail to the ADB Headquarter in Manila, Philippines, on 28 November 2007.

The inquiry for reception of 2nd ADB tranche was sent by e-mail to Mrs. Judy Vermudo on 28/11/07 and 17/12/07. 2nd ADB tranche overall of \$10,000 was transferred to the account of the KYR NSEC on 24 December 2007.

Summary of in-kind funding provisions of the Kyrgyz Republic

##	Item	Amount	Remarks
1.	NSEC staff		
1.1.	translator	1	
1.2.	Local specialists (NCC members and its sectors)	26	Annex 1
1.3.	Cleaner	1	
2.	Communacation		
2.1.	Fax, Local telephony		
3.	Office		
3.1.	Premises, 57m2		
3.2.	Heating		
3.3.	Electricity		
3.4.	Public services		
4.	Transport expenditure		

4.1.	Local transport service	1	автомашина
5.	Office equipment		мебель
5.1.	Notebook computer	1	
5.2.	Table	1	
5.3.	Roller drawer pedestal (with wheels)	5	
5.4.	Computer table	1	
5.5.	Armchair with armrests and wheels	5	
5.6.	Telephone pedestal	1	
5.7.	Bookshelf	4	
5.8.	Bookcase	3	
5.9.	Work Table	5	
5.10.	Safe	1	
5.11.	Fax	1	
5.11.	Chairs	15	
5.12.	Desk lamp	1	
5.13.	Calculator	1	
5.14.	Organizer	3	
6.	Other expenditures		
6.1.	Stationery, cartridge		

Equipment Procurement

Cost of equipment purchased by NSEC makes \$10,000. The equipment was installed in the NSEC office on 5 November 2007. The Evaluation Report on equipment purchase was sent to ADB on 27 July 2007.

B. Summary of Interventions for Sustainable Land Management

How the NPF is used for SLM or is related to national initiatives of the KR Government

The National Programming Framework (NPF) was approved by the Decree of the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic No 647-p on 21 November 2006 as a basis for implementation of the Kyrgyz Republic obligations under the UN Convention to Combat Desertification and attraction of the donor assistance (see Annex 1).

A “Country Development Strategy” program document was prepared and adopted (approved by President’s Decree No 249 on 15 May 2007) by the Kyrgyz Republic. The position on attraction of resource potential of National Programming Framework for Sustainable Land Management for implementation of Strategy actions is included into the Country Development Strategy.

The following items for guaranteeing of ecological safety have been added into the priorities’ list of the Country Development Strategy: (1) to develop incentive policy for long-term investments into renewability and maintainability of natural resources, (2) to develop and introduce into practice measures enabling interconnection of local communities needs’ satisfaction with integrity of the environment, (3) to increase human capacity, capacity of the legislative regulation of central and local institutions and organizations, involved in the process of natural recourses and environment management.

Changes to laws, regulations, decrees, decisions of KR Government or Ministries related to SLM, improving rural livelihoods or environmental protection that is important or related to CACILM

Now Kyrgyzstan has more than 20 laws, concerning sustainable land management, rising of living standards of rural population, provision of ecological protection, and realises their improvement. Table 2 shows normative-legal acts.

Table 2

	Title of the law	Date of adoption
1.	Land Code and Water Code	2003, 2005
2.	Environment protection Law of KR	2001
3.	KR Law "About agricultural land management"	2001
4.	Decree of KR Government "About monitoring of agricultural land "	1999
5.	Law on "Local State Administration and Local Self-Government"	2002

There are 2 new documents on sectoral policy related to SLM. The first one is a Law of KR President "New directions and measures of land and agrarian reform" (17 of April 2004). The key point is a shift to wide-ranging development of cooperative association, farmer economy and cooperative agrarian enterprises with strengthening support of structures and services. The second document is "Agrarian Policy Concept of Kyrgyz Republic till 2010". This document puts SLM to a wider context of agrarian development and poverty reduction, examines issues of land, plants and pastures protection for prevention of land productive deterioration and water resources protection. It will be achieved by establishment normative-legal base to stimulate sustainable land management and also by an institutional reform of water issues with decentralisation of management, transmission economical functions to territorial and municipal level and private sector. Document also emphasizes necessity of cattle breeding development: "Taking into account a fact that cattle breeding is a traditional profitable agricultural activity in Kyrgyzstan and allowing its relatively easy technology and availability of highly productive pastures the intensive raise of livestock is presumed".

In 2007 the KR Government and KR Parliament have adopted following laws related to sustainable land and water resources management:

11 April 2007 – Regulation No 107 on State Agency of Environment Protection and Forestry

6 May 2007 – President's Decree No249 on approval of the Country Development Strategy on 2007-2010

29 June 2007 – standard regulation on conditions and procedures of accordance of land lease of the Land Re-allocation Fund (adopted by the Parliament, Regulation No 1997-III)

19 October 2007 – President's Regulation No 252 on approval of the Implementation M&E Matrix of the Country Development Strategy on 2007 – 2010

NCC discussion of recommended changes to laws, regulations, decrees, decisions related to SLM

Now the Pasture Department and Support Center of the Agrarian and Land Reforms initiated a development of a new Pasture Law.

II. Results of 2007 Workplan Implementation

Component 1: NCC oversight of NPF

1.1 NCC Oversight of NPF Implementation

Republican Funded Project(s)

The Government of the Kyrgyz Republic provides financing from the state budget for activity of ministries and departments realizing SLM activities. The total budget on the maintenance of these administrative agencies in 2007 has made 1,557.1 million som (\$43.3 million). This is ministry of agriculture, water resources and process industry (736 million som - \$20.4 million), the ministry of emergency (566.2 million som - \$15.7 million), State Agency of Environmental Protection and Forest Service (208.3 million som - \$5.8 million) and State Agency on Registration of the Real Estate Ownership at the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic (46.6 million som - \$1.3 million). On directions of SLM activities these means are allocated as follows:

- Construction of new both repair of existing mud dams and water-protective constructions and other activities of the Ministry of Emergency (545.6 million som - \$15.2 million).
- Maintenance and technical operation, general overhaul of state irrigation and ameliorative constructions (491.8 million som - \$13.7 million).
- State services for agricultural sector on manufacture of agriculture production (crop cultivation and animal breeding) (244.2 million som - \$6.8 million).
- Wildlife preservation and forest resources management (208.3 million som - \$5.8 million).
- Maintenance of the Hydro meteorological Center (20.6 million som - \$0.6 million).
- KR Land Management (46.6 million som - \$1.3 million).

CACILM Donor Partner Funded Project(s)

Full-size ADB Southern Agriculture Area Development Project (SAADP):

Mr. K. Kulov as the NCC member and the KYR NSEC Head accepted active participation in preparation of a project design. For this purpose a set of meetings were carried out with the Project Design Team Leader Mr. Peter Goodman, and also environment ADB expert Mr. J. Mark Ritchie. Such meetings passed on 10/01/06, 17/03/06, 27/03/06, 30/03/06, and 11/04/06. During discussions a list of the project components was formed and the choice of pilot areas and an opportunity of involving of KR national institutes in the project implementation were discussed.

KYR NSEC is being in contact with PIU at the MAWR&PI on the issues of the project implementation. KYR NSEC Head is included in the Project Steering Committee.

Other Donor funded projects of NPF

The Kyrgyz Republic has not on-going projects financed by other donors.

Other SLM related projects or projects with SLM related components not in NPF

1) NCC cooperates with the Policy Support Project financed by Swiss Development and Cooperation Agency management (SDC). Expected outputs of the project are the following: 1) co-ordination of agricultural projects; 2) extension policy in the rural advisory services; 3) capacity building of the Directorate for Agrarian Policy and Investments (MAWRPI). The project developed a Regulation approved by MAWR&PI. This Regulation determines the purposes, tasks and organizational bases of joint activity of MAWR&PI, donor organizations, agricultural projects, and private sector, which activities is addressed development of agrarian sector of economy and increase of rural population well-being.

The project established a Council to increase efficiency of joint activities. KYR NSEC Head is included in the Council.

One of project activities is preparation of the bulletin under on-going programs and projects of the agricultural sector implemented in the Kyrgyz Republic which is updated twice a year. KYR NSEC has provided for this document the information on Susamyr project and CACILM (forwarded to PIU on 17/12/07).

2) Water Management Improvement Project (WMIP). Validity - 2006 - 2010. A total project cost is \$28 million. Project objectives: 1) improved irrigation service delivery and water management for the benefit of a sustainable increase of irrigated land productivity; and 2) improved national water resources management for the benefit of water users and the nation as a whole.

According to the project design rehabilitation and modernization of 20 irrigation systems serving about 85 thousand ha will be performed.

3) On-farm Irrigation Project, phase II. (Project costs - \$20, 55 million, WB grant; project period - 2007-2013). The Project will be implemented in all regions of the republic and it will capture by its support 440 WUAs out of which 29 WUAs will get rehabilitation and modernization of irrigation and drainage schemes. Project objectives include an improvement of quality of irrigation services that will help to increase agriculture productivity among farmers. Project components: 1. WUA strengthening; 2. Rehabilitation and modernization of irrigation infrastructure. The project is an extension of the first phase of on-farm irrigation project. Implementing agency is MAWR&PI.

4) Agricultural Area Development Project in Chui oblast. (ADB, validity - 2001-2009). Goal: to increase farm productivity and rural incomes in Chui oblast. Objectives: a) to increase crop yields and farm profitability by 20-30%; b) to improve reclamation condition of irrigated land and its irrigation water supply; c) to develop enterprises established for input supply, processing and other services; d) to increase production of export-oriented agricultural outputs. Experience of project design development and project implementation was used during development of the Southern Agriculture Area Development Project.

5) Rural investment project (II phase). Implementing Agency is Community Development and Investment Agency. Period of validity is January 2007 - December 2010. Project cost is \$35.7 million (WB). Objective: Poverty reduction by empowering communities to improve access to social and economic infrastructure. Components: 1) Capacity building and empowerment: information, trainings, consultations, new technologies, strategic planning, experience sharing visits, development of community organizations, and etc. 2) Village Investments: technical and financial assistance (investments) for the purposes of community development. 3) Project management: monitoring and evaluation of the activity process and outputs on accomplishment of VIP goals and objectives. Analysis, summarizing and experience dissemination.

6) Kyrgyz Swiss Agricultural Programme (Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation, period of validity is 1995-2010). Project cost is \$15,7 million. Goals: provide appropriate advisory services to farmers in the whole country through a network of 7 Rural Advisory Services (RAS) centers + a common training center (Advisory Training Center). The last phase of the project started in July 2007 and will last until Dec. 2010. The exit strategy jointly designed with the World Bank in 2007 has set a clear priority on i) giving more decision making powers to farmers; ii) increasing the cost efficiency of the RAS network; and iii) converting the Advisory Training Center into a more ambitious center of excellence in the field of information and service delivery for rural development.

7) USAID Project Land Reform and Land Market Development in Kyrgyzstan (Validity period: 10 2005 – 09 2008). Implementing Agency - Chemonics International Inc. Objective: to strengthen the development of a land market in Kyrgyzstan. Components: 1. Introduce market mechanisms in the management of the State-owned agricultural land (Land Re-allocation Fund (LRF)). 2. Stimulate effective land market / Conduction of the information-training activities among the population. 3. Agricultural land mortgage. 4. Market-based urban land use planning (zoning). 5. Professional development of the real estate appraisers.

8) Agricultural investments and services project. Validity period: 2008 – 2012. Project cost is \$19, 4 million (\$8 million – WB grant, \$9 million – IFAD grant, \$2, 4 million – SDC grant). Now there is a preparatory phase of the project. The project consists of two basic components: (a) Pasture management and pasture improvement, and (b) Agricultural Support Services, and also includes a

small project management component. Within the project framework the significant amount of financing to support community-based pasture management, services of dissemination of agricultural knowledge and experience, state and private veterinary and other services in animal husbandry, including brucellosis protection, complex pest control, seeds manufacture and seeds cultivation.

9) Agribusiness and Marketing Project. Validity period: 2005-2010. Project cost: Loan/Grant \$14,875 million (WB). Objectives: to provide assistance to the Borrower to: (i) expand the level of activity of processing, marketing, and trade enterprises downstream the farm-gate; (ii) increase the number and economic importance of producer organizations, and (iii) improve the functioning of markets and trade linkages between producers, and primary and secondary level trade organizations.

New multicountry project proposal

NCC contemplated and approved regional project proposals of ICARDA for GEF-4. Several supporting letters on behalf of KYR NCC were sent to ICARDA with comments and approval of the project proposals. They are:

1. "Diversification of crops and intensification of plant cultivation for SLM and improvement of living conditions of farmers in Central Asia" - (\$2,425 millions for 3 years)
2. "Resource Conserving agriculture for sustainable land and water resources management and increasing of farmers' prosperity in the main agro-ecological zones of the Central Asia"

1.2. NCC Oversight of CACILM GEF Funded SLM Projects

UNDP Medium Sized Project

Medium-size UNDP project: PIMS No.3220 - CACILM CPP: Demonstrating Sustainable Mountain Pasture Management in the Susamyr Valley, Kyrgyzstan.

NSEC Head, as the NCC member, on behalf of the NCC was in correspondence with local UNDP office in Bishkek and regional UNDP office in Prague during preparation of the project proposal. In particular, it was offered to indicate the Pasture Department as the national implementing agency of MAWR&PI in application documents, and also to choose organizations and experts during project implementation through the commission established by NCC. NCC also recommended using an experience of ARIS and WB projects for restoration of pastures infrastructure.

ADB Full Sized Project

The Kyrgyz Republic has not ADB Full-sized project funded by GEF

1.3. NCC Oversight of CACILM SLM Multicountry Components

SLM- Research Component

Issue on implementation of the SLM-Research component was contemplated at NCC meeting on 27 August 2007. NCC members heard a Report of the National ICARDA Coordinator Mr. M. Bekenov. By the results of the report and following discussion the decisions were accepted:

- Oblige Kyrgyz agriculture scientific research institute and Kyrgyz scientific research irrigation institute to include researches' issues on experimental sites №1 and №2 into subjects of scientific researches of the institutes.
- Request donor community while a drawing up the budget of researches' projects to envisage payment for researches work of the state agencies.
- Request Ministry of Finance of the Kyrgyz republic to increase in amount of financing to agrarian scientific research institutes for their more effective work.
- Recommend project and experimental sites coordinators to come into business contact to ADB project "Regional agriculture development in Chu oblast" and fund of Rural Advisory Service, for further distribution of researches project' results.

SLM-Information System Component

Issue on implementation of the SLM-Information System Component was contemplated at NCC meeting on 27 August 2007. NCC members heard a Report of the SLM-IS National Coordinator Mr. R. Litvak. By the results of the report and following discussion the decisions were accepted:

- Oblige KSRIL to include the researches issues related to SLM IS development (at presence of corresponding financing) into subjects of scientific researches of the institute.
- 4. Recommend the project coordinator to create working group for carrying out of a spadework in which it is necessary to include the experts having long-term experience in performance of below listed kinds of works:
 - a) Estimation of land-reclamation condition of irrigated lands;
 - b) Estimation of forest status;
 - c) Estimation of pasture status;
 - d) Use space of cosmic and air photographs for estimation of land resources status;
 - e) Estimation of agriculture water use impact on land resources condition.

SLM-Knowledge Management Component

KYR NSEC has not any information regarding this issue

SLM-Capacity Building

By order of the NCC the Head of National CACILM Secretariat supervised over the process of project preparation. The continuous communication with UNDP office PROON in Bishkek and by regional UNDP office in Prague was supported. Comments concerning the contents of design document have been prepared and sent to UNDP office in Bishkek on 19/10/07. NCC has expressed an opinion that capacity building should not consist only in training. The only-one knowledge will not help to introduce the improved technologies or to receive scheduled incomes. It is necessary to put in the project budget also means for pilot demonstration actions, strengthening of material, technical and financial opportunities of those bodies and people groups that are engaged in these kinds of activities.

1.4 Results from other Activities of the NCC

For the purpose of increase of population awareness on CACILM program a following actions have been executed:

- 12-21/03/2007. Fifth Session of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (CRIC 5) in Buenos Aires, Argentina. UNCCD National Focal Point, Mr. Kubanychbek Kulov and Information, Outreach and Training Consultant, Mr. Paiazidin Joshov attended the CRIC5. Mr. Kulov took part in the side event (round table discussion) on presentation of the CACILM program as the only partnership at the multi-country level that has achieved a level of success with implementation of the UNCCD. He made a presentation about building a programmatic approach (process & challenges, & CACILM programmatic elements).
- 21-23/05/2007, Prague, Czechia. NCC Member, Director General of the Water Resources Department, Mr. Baratally Koshmatov attended the 15-th Economic and Ecological OSCE Forum. He made a speech "Efforts of the Kyrgyz Republic to Combat Desertification".
- 15/06/07, UNCCD National Focal Point, Mr. K. Kulov and Information, Outreach and Training Consultant, Mr. P. Joshov appeared on television in live Kyrgyz TV broadcast "Zamana" on the following themes: UNCCD activities, CRIC 5 activities, how to help the farmers in land and water resources use and agricultural production distribution.
- 20/06/07, Director General of Water Resources Department, Mr. Baratally Koshmatov, and UNCCD National Focal Point, Mr. K. Kulov took part in a round table on the Kyrgyz radio on the following issues:
 - Current status condition of irrigation water supply;
 - Investments into water management and their efficiency;

- Land-reclamation status of the lands;
- Use of appropriate irrigation technology;
- Manufacture of environmentally appropriate production.
- 22/06/07, Radio “Azattyk” – talking of UNCCD National Focal Point, Mr. K. Kulov, about CACILM activities.
- 2-4/07/2007, Tashkent, Inception ICARDA workshop on SLM-Research Component (SLM RP). UNCCD National Focal Point, Mr. K. Kulov, National ICARDA Coordinators, academician J. Akimaliev and Mr. M. Bekenov and Information, Outreach and Training Consultant, Mr. P. Joshov attended it.
- 3–14/09/2007, Madrid, Spain. Mr. K. Kulov, UNCCD Focal Point and NCC Chairman, minister of the agriculture, water resources and process industry Mr. S. Jeenbekov attended the eighth session of the Conference of the Parties (COP 8) to the UNCCD and had a meeting with donors (Annexes 4).
- 22/07/2007-02/08/2008 - Information, Outreach and Training Consultant went for a trip to Southern regions of the republic (Batken, Djalal-Abad and Osh oblasts). The purpose of the trip was:
 - to meet deputy governors of oblasts on agriculture, discuss the further cooperation of CACILM with oblasts, acquaint the current state of water and land resources management.
 - Discussion of needs in trainings and workshops for land and water users.
 - Acquaintance with mass-media possibilities in oblasts for dissemination of CACILM information and information about NCC activities through them.
- 1/11/2007, Secretariat staff took part in a closure meeting of the project “Community-based rangeland management in Temir village, the Kyrgyz Republic” - CIDA/GM/UNDP (Issyk-Kul oblast). NCC considers that its successful experience has been accumulated during project implementation is necessary to use during Susamyr project implementation.
- 1-4/11/2007, Secretariat staff took part in GTZ Regional Workshop in UNCCD framework on Issyk Kul Lake. Participation in the workshop was very useful for exchange of SLM experience (presentations made: “DESIRE - on the way to sustainable land management”, “Experience on community-based rangeland management in Temir village, Kyrgyzstan”). Secretariat staff took part in training “Local agreements on natural resources management”.
- 16/11/2007, meeting of the Interstate Commission on Sustainable Development took place in Bishkek on which a draft of Central Asian Subregional Sustainable Development Strategy was discussed.
- 20-21/11/2007, Information, Outreach and Training Consultant of the KYR NSEC and the Kyrgyz national drought expert took part in a Technical Workshop on preparation towards Terms of Reference for a regional drought centre in Central Asia in Tashkent, Uzbekistan. They presented the viewpoint of Kyrgyzstan on a necessity of establishment of such drought center and how work of such center corresponds with national experience in drought management. CACILM Program and also its relation to the future drought center also was submitted to the workshop’s participants.

Component 2: NSEC Monitoring & Reporting of NPF to NCC

o Database of SLM Projects

Database of CACILM projects contains the following kinds of information: project title, geographical location of project area, description (goals, objectives, expected outcomes), hypothetical project resources (loan and grant) (human resources, financial and in-kind resources), sources of financing (contribution of the national government, donors and GEF), implementing agency, partners in the project implementation, terms of implementation (starting date and date of end), contact person, telephone, fax, e-mail address. The current database of the CACILM projects is shown in the Annex 5. The narrative of database is in the NPF annexes.

2.2 Monitoring and Evaluation of Projects of NPF

NSEC participation at NPF project meetings or workshops

There is no any project meetings of workshops where NSEC staff took part

NSEC gathering or receiving of project logframes, design and monitoring frameworks, monitoring reports, indicators, budgets or other project management information

All NPF projects of the 1st CACILM phase have own M&O mechanisms based on a project logic framework. KYR NSEC responsibility is monitoring of the NPF implementation in whole, not monitoring of NPF projects.

2.3 Monitoring and Evaluation of CACILM GEF Funded SLM Projects

NSEC participation at GEF Funded project meetings and workshops

19/11/2007 NSEC staff attended the Local Project Appraisal Committee Meeting under UNDP Project “Demonstrating Sustainable Mountain Pastures Management in Suusamyр Valley, Kyrgyzstan”. Mr. Kulov was present at the meeting as the NCC member, UNCCD National Focal Point and National Project Director. In his speech he has emphasized that during project implementation it is necessary to pay a big attention to coordination between the project, Project Steering Committee, CACILM Secretariat and relevant state bodies.

NSEC continuously is communicating with local UNDP office to supervise a preparation process of the Project. During project preparation process UNDP office has provided versions of design project documents in Russian and English languages (29/03/06, 03/04/06, 06/04/07, 15/11/07 and 06/12/07). The project document contains a logical framework matrix and a set of indicators, and also the total budget and workplan.

NSEC gathering or receiving of project logframes, design and monitoring frameworks, monitoring reports, indicators, budgets or other project management information

13/12/2007 NSEC was handed the final approved version of the project document “Demonstrating Sustainable Mountain Pastures Management in Suusamyр Valley, Kyrgyzstan” in Russian and English languages.

In July 2007 NSEC received final documents developed by the project design team of the Southern Agriculture Area Development Project (Project Preparation Technical Assistance PPTA 4438). There are following documents in Russian:

- 1) Final report. Summary Report on initial environment study.
- 2) Final report. Annexes to Summary Report on initial environment study.
- 3) Final report. Annexes to the report on initial environment study.
- 4) Final report
- 5) Final report. Annexes

6) Final report. Summary

Progress/monitoring information the CACILM GEF Funded SLM Projects should provide to NSEC to enable monitoring and reporting of these projects to NCC

All regular reporting under the projects incoming to donors should be in parallel to NSEC. In case of need to get additional information, the NSEC staff should have an opportunity to interview members of Project Implementation Unit, project partners, and also to make trips to a project area.

2.4 Other Monitoring and Evaluation Activities

On 29-31/10/2007 the KYR NSEC Head and the project monitoring & implementation specialist have taken part in Monitoring and Evaluation Workshop for NSEC members organized by MSEC in Bishkek. Development of Guideline on CACILM M&E and Guideline on CACILM Coordination were discussed at the workshop. Workshop's participants came to opinion that the main function of participants of CACILM process at national level (NSEC and NCC) should become a management and monitoring of NPF project portfolio to formulate gradually a second NPF project generation in more high quality and with more precise purposes basing on different financing sources, including financing from the national budget.

Now the KYR NSEC gathers the information concerning on-going scientific SLM research made by scientific national institutes (institute of irrigation, agriculture, animal husbandry and veterinary pastures).

Component 3: NSEC Support to CMPF-SP SLM Components

3.1 SLM Research Component

a) Start-up Support to SLM-R

The NSEC Head, the project monitoring & implementation specialist and the Information & Outreach consultant took part in several meetings:

- 1) 23-24/04/ 2007 - visit to Bishkek of Dr. Surendra Beniwal, ICARDA Regional Coordinator and Dr. Raj Gupta, ICARDA scientific expert. Purpose of the visit was discussion of agreement on ICARDA research activities and the work plan.
- 2) 27-31/08/2007 - visit to Bishkek of Dr. Raj Gupta. KYR NSEC has assisted to organize a visit of demonstration sites, meetings and discussions with farmers. The NSEC participated actively in discussion of the research program on demonstration sites, and also discussion of the project research program throughout Kyrgyzstan, and agreement and further action plans under the project.
- 3) 29/10/2007-01/11/2007 - visit to Bishkek of Dr. Raj Gupta. NSEC assisted in the second visit to demonstration sites, examined winter crops and checked up preparation of agro technical actions.

b) Monitoring and Evaluation of SLM-R

During of NCC meeting on 27/08/2007 ICARDA National Coordinator M. Bekenov made a report and presentation on the project status. NSEC was handed a draft of the ICARDA Project Work Program for Kyrgyzstan. The final version of the Work Program expects its approval at the ICARDA Regional Office in Tashkent. Now the annual report on research program implementation is being prepared.

c) Useful information SLM-R should provide NSEC for monitoring purposes

Following information is necessary for project implementation monitoring:

- Final variant of the work program;
- Schedule of the project implementation;
- Semi-annual reports;
- Annual reports;
- Final report;
- Minutes of meetings at national level on program implementation progress with participation of the ICARDA Regional Coordinator and the Head of ICARDA Regional office;
- Minutes of multicountry meetings of ICARDA program' participants.

Performance indicators and monitoring mechanisms are available in Design and Monitoring Framework of the project proposal on Research Program and will be used during performance of work at national level.

3.2 SLM Information Systems Component

a) Start-up Support to SLM-IS

On 27/11/2007 a meeting of ADB consultant Mr. Cy Ji, MSEC Deputy Head, KYR NSEC Head, representatives of scientific research irrigation institutes and scientific research agriculture institute took place at MSEC office. Issues of SLM-IS Component implementation, SLM Database structure, land degradation issues, GIS maps were discussed during the meeting. Representatives of scientific research irrigation institute expressed an opinion, that SLM information system should be based not only on the information already available in the countries but should have a mechanism for collecting of new data. The SLM-IS program should foresee development of methodology of increasing of information trustworthiness. Also the opinion was stated that use of space pictures can be effective for reflection of pasture and forest lands, however cannot be effective for arable lands.

On the NCC meeting on 27 August 2007 the report of the SLM-IS National Coordinator Mr. R. Litvak was announced. By results of the report and following discussion the decision on establishment of work

group was accepted. This work group comprises of specialists having a long-term experience in performance of above-listed kinds of work and should perform a preparatory work.

To estimate national potential of agencies that will be involved in development of information system at national level, the agencies having relevant information database was determined. As a result of preliminary study it has been disclosed that below-mentioned agencies have the following potential:

- Kyrgyz hydro-geological survey (measurement of ground water level and evaluation of land reclamation condition)
- Land reclamation service of Chu oblast's water resources department (data on land-reclamation condition)
- Kyrgyz scientific research irrigation institute (data on a set of experimental plots, data of other organizations for the period 1938 – 2007, data of Kyrgyz meteorology centre since 1920, check-out methodology of data reliability and building of Database; institute has computer Information systems)
- State Planning Institute "KyrgyzGiproZem" at the State Agency on Registration of the Real Estate Ownership
- Water Resources Department of MAWR&PI

b) Monitoring and Evaluation of SLM-IS

Detailed information about progress of the project implementation has a paramount value as the information system is called to support monitoring and evaluation of implementation of NPF projects' portfolio.

c) Useful information SLM-IS should provide NSEC for monitoring purposes

Useful information SLM-IS should provide NSEC for monitoring purposes is project design documents, M&E project plan, M&E reports.

3.3 SLM Information Knowledge Component

a) Start-up Support to SLM-KM

On 23/04/07 NSEC was provided the draft project proposal of CACILM SLM-KM in English. On 26/04/07 NSEC received a Russian translation of the draft project proposal. KYR NSEC agrees with opinion of Mr. V. Mamayev (message at 03/05/07) that there should be a strong relationship between this project and multicountry capacity building project.

KYR NSEC personnel attended CACILM Knowledge network orientation workshop on 10-11 July 2007 in Bishkek organized by ADB. A room of the Kyrgyz Republic was created for administrative use on a web-site in CKN Administration Corner (<https://cacilm.adb.org>). Now the room is being filled by the information that may be interesting for other partners. The responsible person for work with this web-site is NSEC Project Implementation and Monitoring Specialist.

b) SLM-KM Implementation

On 17 December 2007 a knowledge dissemination plan was sent to ADB Headquarter in Manila (publication and distribution of leaflets, brochures, posters, distribution of SLM information through mass media). Preliminary budget of activities is \$5000.

The following information is placed now on CACILM website:

- In folder "Reports" – KYR NSEC semi-annual report 2007.
- In folder "Guidelines & Procedures" – guideline on CACILM monitoring and guideline on CACILM coordination;
- In folder "General" - memo received within 2007 from MSEC with breakdown on themes, and also the information about NSEC (personnel, photos, office location, contact data).

– In folder "Finance" – KYR NSEC Budget and Workplan for 2007 and the financial report for the 1st tranche.

3.4 SLM Capacity Building Component

a) Start-up Support to SLM CB

ON 12/04/07 KYR NSEC addressed to Regional UNDP office in Prague with a request to provide a current version of a draft project proposal on capacity building. On 14/04/07 the draft project proposal was received. On 17/10/07 KYR NSEC received from the local UNDP office the last version of the project document, comments to which was sent by NSEC to the local UNDP office in Bishkek on 19/10/07.

b) *Monitoring and Evaluation*

There is no M&E for this component.

Component 4: Administration

4.1 Progress Report

Date of completion of Letter of Agreement with ADB. Date of Workplan approved by ADB

On 6 December 2006, Letter of Agreement: Central Asian Countries Initiatives for Land Management Multicountry Partnership Framework Support Project (TA 6357 REG) was signed between ADB and the Kyrgyz Republic.

On 15 June 2007, TA 6357 REG: Central Asian Countries Initiative for Land Management (CACILM) Multicountry Partnership Framework Support Project - Letter of Agreement ("Agreement") "Provisional of the Financing for Establishment of the National Coordination Council and National Secretariat" was signed between ADB and the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic (see Annex 3).

The NSEC Work Plan and budget was approved on 18/04/2007.

List of Progress Reports and presentations prepared by NSEC in 2007

Following documents were prepared by NSEC according to the Work Plan:

- Report on NSEC activity for the period 1/03/07 - 31/03/07 (18/04/07);
- Terms of Reference of KYR NSEC personnel with the account of Kyrgyz conditions (forwarded to MSEC on 18/04/07); in October 2007 Terms of Reference for KYR NSEC Deputy Head was prepared and submitted to MSEC;
- KYR NSEC Work Plan (approved on 18/04/07);
- Evaluation report on equipment purchase (27/07/07);
- Semi-annual report on NCC and NSEC activities (05/10/07).

Following **presentations** were prepared for CACILM actions (workshops, meetings):

- 1) Fifth Session of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (CRIC 5) on 12-21 March 2007 in Buenos Aires, Argentina:
 - Presentation on the third national report on UNCCD implementation in the Kyrgyz Republic.
- 2) NCC meeting on 27/08/07:
 - Information on the Central Asian Countries Initiatives for Land Management (CACILM) (reporter - Mr. K. Kulov);
 - Information on the ICARDA research program of the CACILM Multicountry Partnership Framework Support Project (reporter – ICARDA National Coordinator Dr. M. Bekenov);
 - Analysis of the national budget for 2006-2007 on the issues of use and preservation of land and water resources (reporter – expert of budgeting sector of NCC Mrs. G. Klimakova);
- 3) CACILM Steering Committee Meeting on 29-31 October 2007:
 - Report on NCC and NSEC activities (reporter – KYR NSEC Head);
- 4) 1st M&E workshop on 29-31/10/07:
 - Preparation for monitoring and reporting on NPF projects' implementation in the Kyrgyz republic (reporter - Project implementation and Monitoring specialist of the KYR NSEC, Mrs. N. Mitiakova);
 - Creation of a database on NPF projects (reporter - Project implementation and Monitoring specialist of the KYR NSEC, Mrs. N. Mitiakova).

4.2 Financial Reports

Information on the 1st and 2nd tranche funding received from ADB

First ADB tranche in the amount of \$10,000 transferred to the KYR NSEC account on 27/06/2007.

The liquidation report for first ADB tranche was sent to ADB Headquarter in Manila, Philippines, on 28/11/2007 by express mail FedEx.

The inquiry for reception of 2nd ADB tranche was sent by e-mail to Mrs. Judy Vermudo on 28/11/07 and 17/12/07.

Second ADB tranche in the amount of \$9985 transferred to the KYR NSEC account on 24/12/2007.

Equipment procurement and equipment installation

Equipment has been installed at the NSEC office on 5 of November 2007. The Evaluation report on equipment purchase was sent to ADB on 27 July 2007.

III. KYR NSEC Financial Report for 2007

CACILM Multicountry Partnership Framework Support Project CMPF-SP)				
CACILM National Secretariat Year End Report 2007 (Kyrgyz Republic)				
NSEK FINANCIAL REPORT 2007				
Planned Budget by Expense Category	CAC	ADB	GTZ	TOTAL
01 Mar - 31 Dec 2007	Budget	Budget	Budget	BUDGET
NSEC Personnel	2750	18250	6200	27200
NSEC Communications/Outreach	8000	1500	6100	15600
NSEC Office& Expenses	14500	0	0	14500
NSEC Equipment	15750	10000	0	25750
NSEC Contingency	2000	250	500	2750
Travel & transportation	3000		3200	6200
	46000	30000	16000	92000

NSEK FINANCIAL REPORT 2007				
Planned Budget by Component	CAC	ADB	GTZ	TOTAL
01 Mar - 31 Dec 2007	Budget	Budget	Budget	BUDGET
Component 1: NOC Oversight	7250		8750	16000
Component 2: NPF Proj Monitoring	4350	7000		11350
Component 3: OMPF SLM Support	1450	5750		7200
Component 4: Administration	30950	7000	7250	45200
Equipment		10000		10000
NSEK Contingency	2000	250		2250
	46000	30000	16000	92000

NSEK FINANCIAL REPORT 2007				
Expended by Expense Category	CAC	ADB	GTZ	TOTAL
01 Mar - 31 Dec 2007	Expended	Expended	Expended	EXPENDED
NSEC Personnel		18250		18250
Secretary, Translation	2500			2500
Other consultants	3000		5400	8400
NSEC Communications/Outreach		1344		3500
NSEC Office& Expenses	2000			2000
NSEC Equipment	5000	9927		14927
NSEC Contingency	1000	243		1593
Travel & transportation	1000			1250
Meetings, Seminars, Workshops, Trainings			2600	
	12000	29764	8000	49920

NSEK FINANCIAL REPORT 2007				
Expended by Component	CAC	ADB	GTZ	TOTAL
01 Mar - 31 Dec 2007	Expended	Expended	Expended	EXPENDED
Component 1: NOC Oversight			8000	

Component 2: NPF Proj Monitoring		5750		
Component 3: OMPF SLM Support		7000		
Component 4: Administration		17014		
	30000	29764	8000	

In-kind contribution of the Kyrgyz Republic

IV. Recommendations for NSEC 2008 Workplan

NSEC proposal on the format for Workplan 2008

Format for preparation of the Workplan offered by MSEC on December 2007 is convenient for NSEC.

NSEC recommendation on new or different activities to be implemented in Workplan 2008

Lobbying of financial resources to achieve SLM goals from the national budget in the ministries.

V. Recommendations of NSEC/NCC for MSEC Workplan 2008

NSEC proposal on the MSEC Woprkplan 2008

NSEC suggests MSEC to include in the MSEC WorkPlan for 2008 following trainings for CAC NSECs' personnel:

- Practical application of the Guideline on CACILM Monitoring and Evaluation;
- LFA course (Log Frame Approach)
- website management
- English course
- Financial management

Training needs for NCC members:

- Management of project cycle;
- Planning of logic frameworks;
- Training on definition of damages caused by land degradation

NSEC suggests MSEC personnel to join the most important NSEC field visits.

VI. Other Issues to be Addressed

NSEC suggests developing and accepting at the following CACILM Steering Committee Meeting a procedure (mechanism) of duly and fulling providing the information from PIU to NSECs for M&E.