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ACRONYMS

<i>No</i>	<i>Abbreviation</i>	
	<i>a/o</i>	Ayil Okmotu
	<i>MCB Project</i>	Multicountry Capacity Building Project
	DIFS	Designing Integrated Financing Strategy for Combating Desertification
	ECU	Economic Commission for Europe
	GM	Global Mechanism
	GEF	Global Environment Facility
	GKR	Government of the Kyrgyz Republic
	IA	Implementing Agency
	ICSD	Interstate Commission on Sustainable Development
	KGS	Kyrgyz National Currency
	KR	The Kyrgyz Republic
	KyrGov	The Kyrgyz Government
	KYR NSEC	Kyrgyz National CACILM Secretariat
	SAEP&F	State Agency of Environment Protection and Forestry
	MCBP	Multicountry Capacity Building Project
	MSEC	Multicountry CACILM Secretariat
	MAWR&PI	Ministry of Agriculture, Water Resources and Process Industry
	NCC	National CACILM Coordination Council
	NGO	Non-government Organization
	NPF	National Programming Framework
	NSIU	National SLMIS implementation Unit
	PIU	Project Implementation Unit
	RAS	Rural Advisory Service
	SAADP	Southern Agriculture Area Development Project
	SLM	Sustainable Land Management
	SLM-IS	Sustainable Land Management Information System
	SLM-R	Sustainable Land Management Research Project
	WRD	Water Resources Department
	UNCCD	UN Convention to Combat Desertification
	UNDP	United Nations Development Program

I. NATIONAL IMPLEMENTATION OF CACILM

A. Summary of the Work of the NCC

(i) Dates of NCC meetings during 2008, and NCC key decisions

Second NCC Meeting is carried out on 18/04/08 according to the Work Plan. Five decisions are made:

- 1) To approve changes in the list of NCC members;
- 2) To approve the NCC Work Plan on 2008;
- 3) To approve Performance Monitoring Report of Implementation of the National Programming Framework of the Kyrgyz Republic for 2007 – 1 quarter 2008;
- 4) To recommend the Institute of Land Use Planning (GIPROZEM) as Organization that will be responsible to form of a National SLMIS Implementation Unit. This decision is submitted on the 2^d CACILM Steering Committee Meeting.
- 5) To distribute NCC Standing Order among renovate NCC composition, and to recommend NCC members to use Standing Order at implementation of the state programs and projects in frameworks of CACILM.

NCC Sectors' Meeting is carried out on 09/12/08 according to the Work Plan. Three decisions are made:

- 1) To support the offer on review the NPF for SLM taking into consideration the 10 year strategic plan and framework to enhance the implementation of the UNCCD, adaptation to climate change and water resources management themes, acceptance of a new country strategies in agriculture and ecology;
- 2) To recommend the NCC to include new pilot proposals and priorities into NPF;
- 3) To address donor community and to request them to render financial and technical support to update the NPF.

NCC Meeting is carried out on 19/12/08 according to the Work Plan. Following decisions and recommendations are made under the agenda:

- 1) To approve NSEC activity on carrying out of preparatory work for NPF updating;
- 2) To request GTZ and ADB to provide methodical and financial assistance for NPF updating;
- 3) To support MSEC plans on the extension of the initial phase of CACILM and preparation of CACILM Program for Full Implementation Phase.

4) As for CACILM national projects:

- To approve work of Project Implementation Unit of the Suusamyр Project;
- To assist the Southern project to repair a situation.

5) As for Multicountry projects:

On SLM-R:

- To enter into the cooperation agreement with RAS for dissemination of experience;
- RAS should organize the telephone reference centre which will include the achievements, experience gained, lessons learnt, available technologies, equipment, preparations, etc of all participants of agrarian-industrial complex.

On SLM-IS:

- To consider an opportunity of inclusion of the Temir Ayil Okmotu territories and Jergital watershed into SLM-IS since implementation of the last project on pasture management is already started and there is an initial map material.

On SLM-KM:

- To arrange simplification of access to the site <https://cacilm.adb.org>;
- To request the ADB to find an opportunity of financing of the expert on site support, preparation and promotion of knowledge information, including local level, and regular connections with stakeholders;

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- To take into account efficiency of representation of CACILM in mass-media: addressing the governmental structures, availability to regions while selecting the PR-company;

On SLM-CB:

- To approve UNDP activities on promotion of the GEF project;
- UNDP should disseminate last version of the project proposal in Russian in January - February, 2009, among NCC members.

(see. Annex 1 – List of the NCC members, Annex 2 - decisions of NCC meetings, Annex 3 - lists of NCC meetings' participants)

(ii) Information provided to NCCs meetings by the NSEC

NSEC has submitted for NCC meetings and NCC sectors' meeting the following information:

For NCC meeting on 18/04/08:

- 1) NCC and NSEC Work Plan for 2008 (submitted by Mr. K. Kulov, KYR NSEC Head);
- 2) Performance Monitoring Report of NPF Implementation for 2007 – 1 quarter 2008 (submitted by Mr. K. Kasymov, UNCCD National Focal Point);
- 3) Information on the 1 CACILM Steering Committee Meeting on 30-31/10/07 (submitted by Mr. K. Kulov, KYR NSEC Head);
- 4) Information on KyrGov's Decrees on NCC composition (submitted by Mr. K. Kasymov, UNCCD National Focal Point);
- 5) Information on launching of the CMPF-SP Multicountry Component: Sustainable Land Management information System and selection of the National Institute for implementation of SLM-IS (submitted by Mr. A. Tashtemirov, chief engineer of Institute of Land Use Planning (GIPROZEM, NCC member).

Reports prepared by short-term experts within the framework of GTZ Work Plan implementation are submitted on the NCC meeting on 09/12/08:

- (i) Acting ministries, departments, institutions of local governing, related to SLM (submitted by short-term expert Mr. P. Jooshov);
- (ii) Analysis of a draft of the agrarian-industrial complex development till 2010 and new agrarian strategy (prepared and submitted by short-term expert Mr. S. Tynaev);
- (iii) Project proposal «Improvement condition of reclamation-unfavourable lands and water-management for the purpose of prevention land degradation in Batken rayon, Batken oblast» (submitted by short-term expert Mr. I. Joldoshaliev);
- (iv) Review “Current condition of the Biosphere Reserve of Issyk Kul: project proposal «Integrated management plan of spruce forest, Issyk-Kul oblast” (submitted by short-term expert Mrs. C. Jakupova, employee of SAEP&F);
- (v) Analysis of irrigated land management, gathering materials on the best practices for drawing up of a brochure (submitted by short-term expert Mr. P. Jooshov);
- (vi) Concept of Project Proposal for establishment informational-marketing system to develop agriculture market of the Kyrgyz Republic (prepared and submitted by short-term expert Mr. M. Shakirov);
- (vii) “Disbursement of state budget funds on performance actions to combat desertification. Planning state budget disbursement in 2007-2008 and up to 2011” (submitted to Mrs. D. Ermekova);
- (viii) Analysis and assessment of economic damage caused by land degradation as a result of improper land resources use (submitted by short-term expert Mr. A. Kasymov);
- (ix) Report “Pasture status and pasture management in the Kyrgyz Republic, positive experience improvement of legislation” (submitted by short-term expert Mr. S. Kulov);
- (x) Implementation of GTZ/UNCCD Project on Sustainable Pasture Management in watershed of Jergital and Ottuk rivers (submitted by representatives of Public Fund CAMP Ala-Too).

Following materials are submitted on the NCC meeting on 19/12/08:

1. 10 year UNCCD Strategic Plan and framework to enhance the implementation of the UNCCD (2008-2018);
2. The Plan for the Preparation of Financial Strategy of the CACILM Implementation Phase (2010-2013) (submitted by MSEC staff);
3. Mr. K. Kulov's report "Updating of the NPF for SLM for 2006-2016: Preparatory activity";
4. Presentation "CMPF-SP Multicountry Component: Knowledge Management System (submitted by Mrs. N. Mitiakova, Project Implementation and Monitoring Specialist of the KYR NSEC);
5. Presentation "Implementation of the Southern Agriculture Area Development Project (ADB/GEF)" (submitted by Mr. K. Kulov).

(iii) Participation of NCC members at 2nd CACILM Steering Committee

Following persons took part at 2^d CACILM Steering Committee Meeting (23-24/04/08, Ashkhabad, Turkmenistan):

Mr. Kambarali Kasymov, UNCCD National Focal Point, Stats-Secretary of the MAWR&PI;

Mr Mamatov Samagan, representative of NCC member, the deputy director of SAEP&F;

Mr. Kubanychbek Kulov, Head of the CACILM KYR NSEC.

Mr. K. Kasymov and Mr. K. Kulov made presentations "Progress of National Programming Framework of the Kyrgyz Republic" and "Mobilizing of internal resources for Sustainable Land Management"

Before the 2 CACILM Steering Committees Meeting both presentations were discussed at the NCC meeting on 18/04/08.

(iv) Results of meetings, seminars, training, field trips or other Activities that increased the knowledge or awareness of the NCC members about SLM, improving livelihoods of rural people, environmental protection

14/02/08 – Mr. Noguev, NCC chairman, Minister of Agriculture, NCC members Mr. K. Kasymov, Mr. K. Kulov, S. Tynaev, B. Koshmatov, Ch. Mambetova, participate meeting of Coordination Council of the Policy Support Project (Helvetas/SDC, on which issues of teamwork of MAWR&PI and donor organizations to implement Country Development Strategy (2007-2010) and coordination of actions of the international organizations, projects in agriculture area and process industry were discussed.

13/05/08 – Mr. K. Kulov and K. Kasymov, NCC members, participate in the Inception Workshop of the Project "Demonstrating Sustainable Mountain Pasture Management in the Susamyr Valley, Kyrgyzstan" (Chui oblast, Djayil rayon, Suusamyr village).

16/05/08 - Mr. K. Kulov and K. Kasymov, NCC members, participate in the meeting of the Coordination Council of the Policy Support Project (Helvetas/SDC). One of the questions which was examined at the meeting is Presentation of ADB Southern Agriculture Area Development Project. The agenda has been agreed with Mr. Noguev, NCC chairman, minister of agriculture, water resources and process industry.

4/06/08 – Mr. A. Davletkeldiev, NCC member, jointly with National Statistic Committee of the Kyrgyz Republic, under UNDP support, within the framework of annual World Environment Day celebrating, carries out a presentation of Statistic collection "Environment Protection in the Kyrgyz Republic" and results of social-ecological study "Overcoming of poverty through sustainable development of local communities".

15/07/08 – NSEC conducts the Round table on Sustainable Pasturer Management on which NCC members Mr. K. Kasymov, Mr. A. Egemberdiev, Mr. S.Tynaev took part.

16-18/07/08 - joint visit of KYR NSEC staff and members of Republic Kazakhstan's NCC to the pilot territory of the project "Community-based Pasture Management in Temir Ayil Okmoty", Issyk-Kul rayon, for studying a positive experience of the project.

22/07/08 – Mr. K. Kasymov approved the initiative of Norway to allocate \$3.8 million in support of the GM's initiative 'Integrated Financing Strategies (IFs) for UNCCD implementation', in reply to the message of GM of 30/06/08.

(v) Participation of NCC members at different international meetings and workshops on behalf of NCC that increased the knowledge or awareness of donors and international organizations about CACILM

26/04/08 – Mr. K. Kulov, assistant of UNCCD National Focal Point, KYR NSEC, and Mr. S. Mamatov, visit project area of the project «Capacity building and investments at local level for land resources sustainable management» (GEF, GTZ, UNDP and the Turkmenistan Government) in Turkmenistan. They familiarized with the information and experience of designing, implementation and monitoring of SLM project, and also with indicators of living standard which can be used in CACILM SLM-IS project at national level in the Kyrgyz Republic.

29-30/05/08 – Mr. K. Kasymov, UNCCD National Focal Point participate in the 2^d workshop on Preparation of the ToR for the establishment of a Drought Management Centre for Central Asia, in context of UNCCD”.

3-5/06/08 - Mr. A. Davletkeldiev, NCC member, takes part in the I International Forum on sustainable development “Sustainable development of the Eurasian continent” (Astana, Kazakhstan).

5/06/08 - Mr. A. Davletkeldiev, NCC member, visits project area (Karagandinskaya oblast, Shetskiy rayon, Kazakhstan): presentation of “Dry land management” Project results.

4-5/10/08 - meeting of the Swiss GEF constituency took place in Geneva. GEF political and contact person of the Kyrgyz Republic were invited to attend it. KYR NSEC prepared a CACILM presentation for submission at the meeting to publicize CACILM Program. CACILM has been sounded at the meeting by the head of international department of SAEP&F and has received good responses, including Mrs. M. Barbut, GEF CEO.

4-6/11/08 - Mr. K. Kasymov, NCC member, presented CACILM Program at the International Conference on 6-7 November 2008, Beijing, Chinese People's Republic (GEF Partnership on Land Degradation in Dryland Ecosystems International Conference on Integrated Ecosystem Management).

4-14/11/08 - KYR NSEC staff participates at the CRIC-7 and on side-event on pasture management in Central Asia, organized by GTZ, (Istanbul, Turkey).

18/12/08 – a special place in NCC activities occupies the letter (Thanks' Letter), signed by NCC member, Mr. K. Kasymov, and sent to ADB in which on behalf of the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic, is expressed deep appreciation to the Asian Development Bank for supporting the implementation of CACILM, hope that the ADB will continue to support his initiative in the future.

B. Summary of the Work of the National Secretariat during 2008

(i) Work of NSEC in support NCC during 2008

18/04/08 – KYR NSEC organizes on NCC meeting.

17/06/08 – KYR NSEC arranges a press conference in Kabar Agency, devoted to the World Day of Combat Desertification. Mr. K. Kasymov, UNCCD National Focal Point, Mr. J. Bekbolotov, director of agro-chemical station, Mr. B. Usubaliev, manager of the CACILM Suusamyr Project, Mr. A. Matisakov, SAADP manager, and Mr. K. Kulov, KYR NSEC Head, took part in it.

15/07/08 – KYR NSEC organizes Round Table on Pasture Management with participation of all interested parties in the field of pasture management.

4-6/11/08 – KYR NSEC provides a support to Mr. K. Kasymov, UNCCD National Focal Point, in preparation of materials for participation in International Conference on Integrated Ecosystem Management (GEF Partnership on Land Degradation in Dryland Ecosystems), Peking, China.

18/11/08 – KYR NSEC submits to the Commission on development of the State Development Strategy till 2020 the plan on use of CACILM Program as an element of the state development.

24/11/08 – Mr. K. Kulov, NSEC head, takes part in the meeting of Interstate Commission on Sustainable Development, Bishkek.

09/12/08 – KYR NSEC organizes a meeting of NCC sectors. Presentations under reports of the short-term experts employed within the framework of GTZ Work Plan implementation are made.

10/12/08 – KYR NSEC submits to MSEC Head the Letter on extension of the initial phase of CACILM signed by Mr. K. Kasymov, UNCCD National Focal Point.

19/12/08 – KYR NSEC organizes NCC meeting.

(ii) Work of NSEC in support CACILM Projects during 2008

23/01/08 – Mr. K. Kulov, NSEC Head participates at the meeting of SAADP Coordinating Council in MAWR&PI, on which regulations of Coordinating Council, project implementation schedule and project budget for 2008 are authorized.

28/01/08 - meeting of the SAADP manager, ADB representative, MSEC staff and NSEC staff to discuss mechanisms of cooperation.

8-10/02/08 - Mr. K. Kulov, NCC member, participates at the workshop on SLM-R Project (ICARDA) in Tashkent on which demonstration sites, budget and work plan were determined.

13/03/08, 19/03/08, 26/03/08 - Mr. K. Kulov and Mr. K. Kasymov, NCC members, meet to discuss the work plan of Suusamyр project at the Animal Husbandry Department, Projects Implementation Unit and Pasture Department of MAWR&PI.

7/05/08 – Mr. K. Kulov participates in the Inception Workshop on CACILM: Multicountry Partnership Programme: Multicountry Capacity Building Project.

17/06/08 - press conference in Kabar agency, devoted to the World Day of Combat Desertification. Mr. K. Kasymov, UNCCD National Focal Point, Mr. J. Bekbolotov, director of agro-chemical station, Mr. B. Usabaliev, manager of the CACILM Suusamyр Project, Mr. A. Matisakov, SAADP manager of the Southern project, and Mr. K. Kulov, KYR NSEC Head, take part in it.

7-8/07/08 – NSEC staff attend the Workshop on MCBP Log frame.

15/07/08 – NSEC organizes Round Table on pasture management with participation of all interested parties in the field of pasture management in which the SAADP manager and staff of Suusamyр project took part.

6/08/08 – Mr. K. Kulov conducts a meeting with National Expert Group on MCBP development.

11/08/08 – Mr. K. Kulov provides to Mr. A. Tashtemirov (National SLMIS implementation Unit - NSIU) a recommendation on coordination of gathering information for the Natural Resources Atlas of Central Asia.

11/08/08 – NSEC provides recommendations on preparation of National Report on MCBP development to the team leader of the National Expert Group;

29/08/08 – Mr. K. Kulov takes part as a moderator in the Workshop on MCBP preparation (UNDP, Bishkek).

6-8/10/08 – Mr. K. Kulov and Mrs. N. Mitiakova participates at the Inception Workshop on CACILM SLM-IS in Tashkent, Uzbekistan. There were made two presentations: 1) “CACILM projects in brief. Cooperation with the National SLMIS implementation Unit” and “Revised indicators of NPFs: expectation from SLM-IS component”.

23/10/08 – Mr. K. Kulov and Mrs. N. Mitiakova participates at a work meeting of national expert group on development of indicative plan and budget for the MCBP at the national level, Bishkek.

24,30,31/10/08 – KYR NSEC submits to ADB the data for the Natural Resources Atlas. The basic sources of the data were: Statistical Collection “Environment Protection in the Kyrgyz Republic” for 2000-2006, Internet, the State Agency on Geology and Mineral Resources.

27/10/08 – NSEC provides for the national expert group on MCBP preparation the information on the contribution of Kyrgyz Scientific Research Irrigation Institute, livestock-breeding institute, farming institute, RAS and ATC to the project.

31/10/08 - NSEC officially requested the State Agency on geology and mineral resources on information needed for the Natural Resources Atlas.

25/11/08 - National Knowledge Dissemination Plan, prepared by KYR NSEC, is approved by ADB.

11/12/08 – Information on NCC sectors' meeting on 09/12/08 (reports and presentations) is uploaded on ADB site <[https:// cacilm.adb.org](https://cacilm.adb.org)>.

(iii) NSEC participation at different international meetings and workshops on behalf of NSEC that increased the knowledge or awareness of donors and international organizations about CACILM

17-18/06/08 – Mr. N. Mitiakova, NSEC Project Implementation and Monitoring Specialist participates (on behalf of Mr. K. Kasymov, UNCCD National Focal Point, NCC member), in the workshop of the project “Enhancement of civil society network on issues of land degradation and poverty problems in the context of strategic development frameworks and UNCCD” (DRYNET) in Almaty. Memorandum on cooperation between CACILM and DRYNET project is supposed to be signing.

01/07/08 – KYR NSEC provides the report “UNCCD and CACILM Implementation in the Kyrgyz Republic” to project DryNet for uploading to a site.

(iv) NSEC work related to other SLM initiatives

6/03/08 – Mr. K. Kulov and NSEC staff participate start-up Meeting for new Pasture Management Project Jergetal, Naryn oblast (GTZ). Project is aimed on reclamation of distant pastures and establishment of pasture committee. Issue of arrangement of round tables on a permanent basis to discuss problem of pastures and progress achieved in this problem in connection with several on-going pasture projects in the Kyrgyz Republic was discussed.

15/04/08 – Mr. K. Kulov and Mrs. N. Mitiakova, KYR NSEC staff, participate at the workshop organized by SAEP&F, “GEF in the solving of environmental problems in the Kyrgyz Republic” on which issues of cooperation between the Kyrgyz Republic and GEF in the area of environment preservation were discussed. Mr. A. Davletkeldiev, NCC member, SAEP&F director is an organizer and participant of the workshop.

(v) Joint activities and agreements with other Regional initiatives

Carrying out of joint actions and the conclusion of agreements with others regional initiatives are not stipulated in the NSEC Terms of Reference, therefore at the moment KYR NSEC has not any joint agreements or actions with other regional initiatives, however NCC member Mr. A. Davletkeldiev ICSD Chairman during 2008, NSEC Head Mr. K. Kulov is a member of ICSD. During 2008 Mr. A. Davletkeldiev and Mr. K. Kulov took part in ICSD meetings in Bishkek three times namely:

21/06/08 – Mr. A. Davletkeldiev, ICSD Chairman and NCC member, Mr. K. Kulov took part in ICSD meeting in Bishkek.

23-25/06/08 - Mr. A. Davletkeldiev, NCC member, ICSD chairman (Interstate Commission on Sustainable Development - ICSD) and Mr. K. Kulov, NCC member, took part in ICSD meeting in Cholpon-Ata city, Kyrgyzstan (negotiations of Mrs. Monique Barbut, CEO and Chairperson of GEF, with ministers of environment protection of the Central Asian countries to discuss questions of regional and bilateral cooperation was conducted). Mr. K. Kulov, ICSD member from the Kyrgyz Republic, addressed to Mrs. M. Barbut on behalf of the Central Asian countries on issue of support from GEF-4 and GEF-5 resources. This address will be taken into account.

24/11/08 - Mr. A. Davletkeldiev, ICSD Chairman and NCC member, Mr. K. Kulov took part in ICSD meeting in Bishkek. Issues on implementation and improvement of the Regional Action Plan on Environment Preservation for Central Asian Countries and further development of the international and regional cooperation were considered. CACILM was presented by MSEC (K. Nurymgereev). Ministers of Nature Protection have a proposal to reorganize CACILM under the aegis of ICSD in spite of the fact that the donor community in ICSD is represented only by UNEP.

Besides in June 2008 NSEC took part in the workshop of the project “Enhancement of civil society network on issues of land degradation and poverty problems in the context of strategic development frameworks and UNCCD” (DRYNET) of the Regional Environmental Centre for the Central Asia. Probably, the establishment of contacts between regional organizations involved in SLM activities (ICSD, RECCA, International Coordination Water Committee, Regional Mountain Centre of Central Asia) will be stipulated in the KYR NSEC Work Plan for 2009 (Annexes 4 and 5 are absent).

(vi) Work of NSEC supported by GTZ parallel funding during 2008

During 2008 GTZ Work Plan is executed in all for the sum of \$12,000, while the total annual budget was \$23,000.

During the reporting period 2 NCC meetings, 1 NCC sectors’ meeting, and Pasture Round Table were carried out at the GTZ financial support. Besides the short-term experts have been employed who performed works under their Terms of References, having prepared the reports and having presented presentations at NCC sectors’ meeting on 09/12/08. The list of the performed actions at the support of parallel GTZ financing in details is shown in the Annex 10.

(vii) Changes in the NSEC

KYR NSEK composition remains unchangeable since 01/05/08:

No	Name	Position	Data of Contract Signing
1	K. Kulov	NSEC Head	01/03/07
2	B.Saipov	Deputy NSEC Head	01/05/08
3	N. Mitiakova	Project implementation and Monitoring Specialist	01/03/07
4	N. Nuralieva	Administration and Financial Accounting Specialist	01/03/07

II. Results of Implementation of NCC/NSEC Work Plan 2008

Component 1: NCC oversight of NPF

1.1 NCC oversight of Republican Programs

a) NPF Updating in 2008. NCC/NSEC Plans on NPF updating

Necessity of NPF updating was discussed at the NCC meeting on 19/12/08. Mr. K. Kulov made the report “Updating of NPF for SLM in the Kyrgyz Republic”.

NCC considers that in connection with a changed situation, namely:

- 1) Global climate change;
- 2) Global economic crisis;
- 3) Necessity to ensure country’s food safety;
- 4) Energy crisis in the country and necessity to search for alternative energy sources;
- 5) Acceptance by UNCCD the 10-year strategic plan and framework to enhance the implementation of the Convention,
- 6) Acceptance of new country strategy in agrarian sector and ecology,

It is necessary to reconsider and update NPF priorities, having coordinated global challenges with national priorities and initiatives.

The following decisions were accepted by results of the NCC discussion:

- (i) To approve NSEC activity on carrying out of a preparatory work for NPF updating and additions (NCC sectors’ meeting, Annex 3);

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- (ii) To accept the offered Conceptual approach and use the preparatory materials of NCC sectors' meeting during NPF updating;
 - (iii) To request GTZ and ADB to provide assistance through their parallel funding mechanism to assist the NCC and NSEC begin to update the NPF.

10/12/08 – Mr. K. Kulov arranges a meeting with Mr. R. Bodemeyer, during which they have discussed following questions:

- 1) Necessity of the review the NPF for SLM and an opportunity, in this connection, of providing by GTZ the financial assistance to NCC and hiring of the international consultant;
- 2) Necessity of CACILM inclusion to the Joint Donors Support Program of the Kyrgyz Republic;
- 3) Necessity of inclusion of the Project on Sustainable Pasture Management in watershed of Jergital and Ottuk rivers (GTZ) into NPF.

b) New SLM projects or proposals endorsed by NCC

Activities on development of new project proposals were included into GTZ Work Plan for 2008 (see above). These project proposals were submitted and discussed at the NCC meeting on 19/12/08 and were recommended for inclusion in a package of the NPF project proposals. These are the following project proposals:

- 1) Project proposal «Improvement condition of unfavourable reclamation lands and water-management for the purpose of prevention land degradation in Batken rayon, Batken oblast;
- 2) Review “Current condition of the Biosphere Reserve of Issyk-Kul: project proposal «Integrated management plan of spruce forest, Issyk-Kul oblast;
- 3) Concept of Project Proposal for establishment informational-marketing system to develop agriculture market of the Kyrgyz;

09/12/08 - employees of the Public Fund CAMP Ala-Too submit Project on Sustainable Pasture Management in watershed of Jergital and Ottuk rivers (GTZ) at the NCC sectors' meeting. Mr. K. Kulov, NSEC Head and Mr. R. Bodemeyer, GTZ representative, have agreed to include this project into NPF.

c) Changes undertaken by the Government during 2008 that enabled or improved SLM in the country

In 2008, under initiative of SAEP&PI, the Kyrgyz Government accepted two standings:

- 1) Regulations on forest ecosystem development department of the SAEP&PI at the KyrGov (KyrGov decision No 139 dated 10/04/08);
- 2) Regulation on SAEP&PI (KyrGov decision No 139 dated 10/04/08)

Besides now a following documents are being developed:

- 1) New Strategy on of agrarian sector development. NCC submitted its offers to MAW&PI. NCC members Mr. A. Nogojev, Mr. S. Tynaev, Mr. A. Adzhibekov, Mr. K. Kasymov, share in development.
- 2) The Law on agriculture development. NSEC submitted an offer to MAWR&PI. The law will be considered on the next session of the KR Parliament.
- 3) KyrGov Order on development of the KR Food Safety Concept is issued. The interdepartmental work group is created. Its chairman is a deputy minister of MAWR&PI, Mr. B. Murataliev. Mr. K. Kulov is a part of a working group and will promote CACILM issues.
- 4) Pasture Law. It was approved at the autumn session of the KR Parliament (18/12/08). Its signing by KR President is expected now.
- 5) Program on establishment of ameliorative service in the framework of MAWR&PI (under WRD initiative). The program is accepted by the Government, and the Ministry of Finance has allocated the budget for this program.

Actions taken, recommendations or decisions of the NCC regarding the State Programmes and Strategies related to SLM in KR

№	Activities, documents, others	Responsible agencies, executors, NCC members...	Remarks
1	Pasture Law	Pasture department: – A. Egemberdiev MAWR&PI – K. Kasymov KGov – T. Tuleev, head of the agrarian development department KR President Administration – A. Osmonaliev, expert of economic and social policy department	Under adjustment and agreement Pasture Round Table is being conducted
2	Strategy of agrarian sector development	MAWR&PI – K. Kasymov – S. Tynaev – A. Ajibekov KGov – T. Tuleev, head of the agrarian development department KR President Administration – A. Osmonaliev, expert of economic and social policy department	Submitted for adjustment to KR President Administration
3	NCC decision on including of resources mobilizing for SLM purposes into plans of ministries and departments	NCC, KYR NSEC – K. Kasymov Ministry of Finance – B. Azykov	KGov provides financing from the state budget for activity of ministries and departments realizing SLM activities. The total budget on the support of these administrative agencies in 2007 has made \$43.3 million or 4% of total state budget. This is MAWR&PI (\$20.4 mln.), ministry of emergency (\$15.7 mln.), SAEP&F (\$5.8 mln.) and State Agency on Registration of the Real Estate Ownership (\$1.3 mln.)
4	Establishment of State Reclamation Department	WRD of MAWR&PI – B. Koshmatov KGov – T. Tuleev	Decree of KGov is being preparing (20 mln. KGS per year)
5	Госпрограмма по State Programm on building of waterworks facilities for new irrigated lands development in KR for 2008-2010	WRD of MAWR&PI – B. Koshmatov	Kov Decree 2008-2010 1.309 billion KGS is allocated 330 mln. KGS for 2008
6	State program to combat weeds and insects in agriculture	Department of chemicalization and plant protection of MAWR&PI	

		- Argynbaev	
7	Conception of ecological safety	SAEP&F - A. Davletkeldiev KGov - T. Tuleev - M. Ismailov	KRG Decree No506 on 23/11/07 KRG Decree No 294 on 13/06/08 Set of measures to implement KR President Decree "Ecological Safety Conception up to 2010"
7.1	Implementation of ECE strategy for education for sustainable development	SAEP&F - A. Davletkeldiev	State budget, special means, approved on the current year
8	Conception of targeted support of agriculture by fertilities and weed and pest killers for 2008-2010	Department of chemicalization and plant protection of MAWR&PI - V. Pak MAWR&PI - D. Kenjebaev - A. Sagynbaev	30 mln. KGS per year for purchase of fertilities

The analysis executed by employees of the MAWR&PI KR and employees of Water Resources Department under order of the KYR NSEC, shows that the Republic increases expenditures allocated for the main state agencies working in the field of combating desertification. Following table shows the state budget for 2007-2008 for these agencies. It is visible, that the increase of the state budget for 2008 in comparison with 2007 has made 105 % in average.

State budget, \$ million

Year	Total	MAWR&PI	Ministry of Emergency	Gosregistr	SAEP&PI	Ministry of Education
2007	96.28	24.21	18.62	1.28	6.93	45.23
2008	101.28	24.01	23.13	1.32	8.48	44.33
	105%	99%	124%	103%	122%	98%

1.2 NCC Oversight of CACILM GEF Funded SLM Projects

a) Middle size GEF\UNDP Project «Demonstration of sustainable pasture management in Susamyr valley»

3/03/08 and 26/03/08 - work plan of Suusamyr project was twice submitted to Mr. K. Kulov, NCC member, for comments. These comments were conveyed to UNDP and to Project manager.

15/04/08 – at the workshop organized by Mr. A. Davletkeldiev, NCC member, "GEF in the solving of environmental problems in the Kyrgyz Republic" on which issues of cooperation between the Kyrgyz Republic and GEF in the area of environment protection were discussed, was presented briefly a launching of the project.

13/05/08 – Mr. K. Kulov and K. Kasymov, NCC members, participate in the Inception Workshop of the Project "Demonstrating Sustainable Mountain Pasture Management in the Susamyr Valley, Kyrgyzstan". Mr. Kasymov requested in his speech to pay attention to the project, its objectives and tasks as the result depends on it. He noted that project try to help to improve breed of cattle, fodder supply, and pasture infrastructure. The basic purpose is to find out real pasture owners. He called local habitants to be involved actively into project implementation process.

15/07/08 – Staff of Suusamyr Project participates in the Round Table on Sustainable Pasture Management organized by NSEC.

16-18/07/08 - joint visit of KYR NSEC staff, Suusamyr Project staff, and members of Republic Kazakhstan's NCC to the pilot territory of the project "Community-based Pasture Management in Temir Ayil Okmoty", Issyk-Kul rayon, for studying a positive experience of the project.

b) ADB Full-size "Sourthen Agriculture Area Development Project"

23/01/08 – Mr. Kulov, Member of NCC, participates in the Steering Committee Meeting of SAADP Project, where the essential authorized regulation on Steering Committee performance and establishment, implementation schedule and project costing for 2008 were considered. Materials were conveyed to the NSEC for monitoring.

28/01/08 - meeting of SAADP Project manager, ADB officer (Mrs. Ch. Mambetova), employees of MSEC and NSEC to discuss cooperation mechanisms.

15/04/08 - K.Kulov, as the deputy UNCCD Focal Point, took part in a workshop by SAEP&F “GEF role in the issues of cooperation between GEF and KR within environmental protection”. Mr. A. Davletkeldiev, NCC member, SAEP&F director is the organizer and the participant of the workshop. Mr. A. Matisakov presented information on project implementation progress at the workshop.

16/05/08 – Participation of UNCCD Focal Point, Mr. K. Kasymov and K. Kulov in the session of the Coordinating Council by the Policy Support Project in the MAWR&PI. One of the considered issues was Presentation of ADB “Southern Agriculture Area Development Project”. The agenda was adjusted to NSC member, Mr. A. Nogoev, Minister of Agriculture, Water Resources and Processing Industry.

23/10/08 - project manager Mr. A. Matisakov took part in a workshop on indicative plan and costing development for MCBP at national level.

9/12/08 - project manager Mr. A. Matisakov took part in the NCC sectors’ meeting.

In June 2008 GEF informed on intention to approve \$ 2.5 million grant fund allocation to support of additional activities under the project.

In December, 2008 the project is suspended under the KR Government’s initiative. MAWR&PI takes efforts to restrict and commence project implementation.

1.3. NCC Oversight of CACILM SLM Multicountry Components

a) SLM- Research

NSEC traced performance of works: commence, preparation of demonstration sites, financing, equipment – through the Project National Director, Mr. M. Bekenov and Team Leader Mr. A. Atakanov. NSEC promoted in the organization of ICARDA missions (visa support, etc.).

09/05/08 - national ICARDA Coordinator, Mr. Bekenov takes part in the Initial Workshop on Multicountry Capacity Building Project. His opinion: question farmers as major resource users and on findings basis determine what the needs are. Use RAS experience and resources as well as ICARDA demonstration sites to show opportunities of progressive technologies to the farmers practically. Increase capacity of civil services through training their employees on seminars and trainings.

09/12/08 – ICARDA National Coordinator, Mr. M. Bekenov takes part in NCC sectors’ meeting.

19/12/08 - ICARDA National Coordinator, Mr. M. Bekenov takes part in the NCC meeting, making presentation on working plan performance on ICARDA researches related to SLM.

b) SLM-Information Systems

A decision to recommend recommend the Institute of Land Use Planning (GIPOZEM) as Organization that will be responsible to form of a National SLMIS Implementation Unit which to include personnel from other stakeholders in the Kyrgyz Republic, was taken at NCC session dated 18/04/08. The decision to take part in establishment and implied supervision over activities by the National Organization on IS-SLM implementation, its main task is carrying out monitoring of land degradation and reporting on directions and land degradation’s indicators for NCC and CACILM Steering Committee.

Mr. A. Tashtemirov, Chief engineer of Kyrgyzgiptozem institute, was appointed to the position of Project Coordinator. NSEC held two meetings to MSEC participations on cooperation to partner organizations, discussion of ADB agreement, advisers' selection, etc.

5/06/08 – Mr. K. Kulov, Mr. K. Nuryngireev and Mr. A. Tashtemirov held a meeting at MSEC where SLM-IS development were discussed.

19/12/08 – Mr. A. Tashtemirov Project Coordinator took part in NCC meeting where he made a presentation on working plan implementation and establishment of SLM information system.

c) **SLM-Knowledge Management**

19/12/08 – NCC members examine NSEC KR progress report on SLM-KM project implementation at a national level.

d) **SLM-Capacity Building**

18/04/08 - NCC members examine progress report on project implementation within the framework of presentation on Performance Monitoring of the NPF Implementation made by Mr. Kasymov, UNCCD National Coordinator.

19/12/08 – Project implementation status was briefly presented by Mr. L. Takenov at he NCC meeting. Presently, common project design development on the basis of the Natrional Reports prepared by the National Expert Groups comes to the end. Project approval by GEF and commencement is expected in 2009.

1.4 NCC Oversight of Other Donors Funded and State Funded (not CACILM) SLM Projects

Supervision of NCC members over the projects financed by other donors and state budgets (not CACILM) is not stipulated within Terms of Reference, however:

1) KR NSEC regularly receives Bulletin of agriculture sector and related projects including projects having common features to SLM. This Bulletin updated twice a year and released by the Policy Support Project (PSP), and KR NSEC provides project information for it. This information is represented to attention of NCC members at NCC meeting. Besides NCC members Mr. A. Nogoev, Mr. B. Koshmatov, Mr. K. Kulov, Ms. Ch. Mambetova, Mr. S. Tynaev, are simultaneously members of the PSP Coordinating Council where the issues of project implementing and coordinating agricultural projects including SLM projects, are considered.

2) Under the order by KR NSEC 2008, the comparative analysis of state budget on 2007-2008 to the interim budget KR till 2010 concerning financing activity of the ministries and the departments on SLM activities implementation was executed. This information was represented to NCC members at NCC meeting.

2) Mr. K. Kulov, NCC member, carries out supervision of project design territory for «Community-based pasture management in Temir village» (UNDP). Presently the support to local inhabitants to transfer grant funds in the amount of 30,000 USD to render micro-credits from Ayilbank to Temir AO in connection with increasing the credit interest rate by "Temir-Kashat-credit".

Membership of NCC members in the Projects' Steering Committees

No	Project title	Donor	Terms	IA	NCC members comprised to the Project Steering Committees
1	Policy Support Project	SDC	01/2002-12/2009	Helvetas MCBX и ПП	S. Tynaev, Chief of central administrative board of agrarian policy and investments of the MAWR&PI
2	Water Management Improvement Project	WB	08/2006 – 12/2011	WRD	B. Koshmatov, Director General of WRD (MAWR&PI)
3	On-Farm Irrigation	WB	2007-	MAWR&PI	B. Koshmatov, Director General of

	Project, Phase II		2013		WRD (MAWR&PI)
4	Agriculture Area Development Project in Chu oblast	ADB	2001-2009	MAWR&PI	A. Noguev, minister of MAWR&PI - Co-chairman of the Project Steering Committee Steering Committee members: S. Tynaev, Chief of central administrative board of agrarian policy and investments of the MAWR&PI K. Jybykeev, Deputy Governor of Chu oblast B. Koshmatov, Director General of WRD (MAWR&PI)
5	Rural investment Project, Phase II	BE	01 2007 – 12 2010	ARIS	K. Dyikanbaev, Chief of the Association of the Local Self-Governance Bodies in the Kyrgyz Republic
6	Kyrgyz Swiss Agricultural Programme	SDC	1995-2010	Branch of Swiss International Cooperation Association "Helvetas" in KR	Sagynbaev chief of the MAWR&PI's Department
7	Project "Land Reform and Land Market Development in Kyrgyzstan"	USAID	10 2005 – 09 2008	Chemonics International Inc.	
8	Agricultural investments and services project	WB, IFAD, SDC	2008-2012	MAWR&PI WB	S. Tynaev, Chief of central administrative board of agrarian policy and investments of the MAWR&PI
9	Agribusiness and Marketing Project	WB	2005-2010	Ministry of Finance, MAWR&PI Centre of Competitiveness and Agro marketing	S. Tynaev, Chief of central administrative board of agrarian policy and investments of the MAWR&PI
10	"First National forest inventory in the Kyrgyz Republic"	FAO	2008	FAO SAEP&F	A. Davletkeldiev, Director of the SAEP&F

Component 2: NSEC Monitoring & Reporting of NPF to NCC

2.1 Database of SLM Projects

Any new information on change in national projects status (grant and investment projects) is presented in Annex 6 to the report, Column «Current project status».

The information on the current NPF projects status was represented to NCC members twice within 2008, at NCC meetings on 18/04/08 and 19/12/08.

18/04/08 project information was included into the report and presentation by Mr. K. Kasymov's Performance Monitoring Report of Implementation of the NPF» to show project contribution into achievement of outcomes of NPF LogFrame.

At NCC meeting on 19/12/08 all NCC members were enabled to aware on the progress achieved by of each project separately.

2.2 Monitoring and Evaluation of Projects of NPF

a) NSEC Reports on Republican funded SLM projects

By the inquiry of NSEC, within the framework of GTZ work plan implementation, NCC requested various ministries to prepare reports on the subjects listed below, (ii) Chapter A of present report, including:

Agency	Subject
MAWR&PI	Analysis of a draft of the agrarian-industrial complex development till 2010 and new agrarian strategy
MAWR&PI	Acting ministries, departments, institutions of local governing, related to SLM
Ministry of Finance	“Disbursement of state budget funds on performance actions to combat desertification. Planning state budget disbursement in 2007-2008 and up to 2011

b) Work of NSEC in assisting MSEC prepare the Performance Evaluation Report provided to 2nd CACILM Steering Committee Meeting

According to the KR NSEC work plan, the Performance Monitoring Report of Implementation of the NPF for the period of 2007-2008 is prepared. On the basis of this report general MSEC presentation on monitoring and implementation of CACILM was prepared by MSEC and submitted on 2-nd CACILM meeting on 23/04/08 in Ashgabat.

c) Performance Indicators for the Outcomes of the NPF

NPF LogFrame is modified according to MSEC requirements. We find that actual monitoring of NPF implementation will be carried out due to indicators assessment within national projects' LogFrame and also through information by SLM-IS and Capacity Building Project.

2.3 Monitoring and Evaluation of CACILM GEF Funded SLM Projects

a) Availability of logframes for all the CACILM GEF funded projects

NSEC has LogFrame of both CACILM projects financed by GEF (Suusamyр Project and SAADP).

b) Receiving information and reports of the CACILM Projects by NSEC

In accordance with the requests, NSEC receives information and reports under CACILM projects. Fresh information from Project Implementation Unit of Suusamyр project was received on 18/11/08. The third quarterly report of SAADP has been received on 18/11/08. The second semi-annual report on ICARDA findings was received on 17/12/08. As for ICARDA we wish to mention that in comparison to 2007 in 2008 information provision by Tashkent office has become regularly. Information on SLM-IS implementation has been reported on 19/12/08 at NCC meeting. Progress information on designing Capacity Building Project is regularly presented by UNDP through an electronic dispatch slmcb@lists.undp.kg.

c) Relation between NSEC and PIUs

Telephone consultations on the issues: opinion exchange on advisers' selection, drawing up work plan. NSIU recommended including Temir AO (UNDP) and Jergital watershed (GTZ) into the list of pilot territory of SLM-IS.

d) NSEC capability to make a report on the performance each CACILM Project and to report these results to NCC

NSEC is able to make progress reports on CACILM projects within the same extents as in 2007-2008, and on the basis of information submitted by projects implementation units, and forward data to NCC.

e) Problems related to Monitoring and Evaluation of CACILM GEF Funded SLM Projects

As SLM CACILM projects are GEF financed, and are at the initial implementation stage, KR NSEC has not yet received reports on projects monitoring. We hope to receive such information within 2009.

Component 3: NSEC Support to CMPF-SP SLM Components

3.1 SLM Research Component

a) Support to SLM-Research: NSEC/NCC assistance provided for SLM-R implementation

8-10/02/08 – Mr. K. Kulov participates in SLM-R (ICARDA) workshop in Tashkent, where demonstration sites, budget and work plan were determined.

b) Monitoring and Evaluation of SLM-R

NSEC traced works performance: commencement, preparation of demonstration sites, financing, and equipment, through the National Project director, Mr. M. Bekenov and Team Leader, Mr. A. Atakanov. They have also promoted organization of ICARDA missions (visa support, etc.).

02/07/08 – Mr. A. Atakanov, ICARDA Team Leader, presented Implementation plan on demonstration sites for the period July 2007 - July 2009 to NSEC.

20/08/08 - NSEC received an annual report for the period June 2007 - July 2008 from the CA ICARDA Project Coordinator, Dr. Raj Gupta.

Besides KYR NSEC possesses a Report "Prospects of research: sustainable land management in the Central Asia", prepared with the ICARDA assistance.

c) Results from the research sites of ICARDA and National Research Institutes presented to NCC

19/12/08 – Mr. Bekenov, ICARDA National Coordinator presents the results of researches on two ICARDA demonstration sites. Following activities have been done:

1) On the flat demonstration site "Danjar":

Evaluation of performance of new cultivars (wheat/barley) suited to different tillage systems for improved water productivity in shallow water table conditions

Study of effect of different herbicide molecules (pre-and post emergence) on weeds dynamics and biomass, water productivity for increased farm incomes

Effect of conjunctive use of fresh and drainage water on crop yields and soil quality (salinity build-up)

Evaluation of impact of laser-assisted precision land leveling on water savings, salinity and crop yields in irrigated agro-ecologies

Calibration and use of Optical crop canopy sensors (Green Seekers) for measuring crop development, comparing crop management practices for SLM and efficient nitrogen management

2) On slope demonstration site "Kenenbay":

Studies on the effect of controlled irrigation methods in improving crop-water productivity, and reduce irrigation-induced soil erosion

All planned works were executed in conformity with the Work Plan, and all planned results are achieved.

M. Bekenov informed that the project has plans on distribution of the results of researches among rural commodity producers. Farmers Day and Field workshop was organized on use of raised bed planter during 10-11/07/08 on the fields of Daniar farmer holdings Information of Farmers' day and Field workshop were transmitted via three republican channels, two radio stations as well as were printed in three republican newspapers.

3.2 SLM Information Systems Component

a) Start-up Support to SLM-Information System

12/01/08 – NCC offers on SLM-IS were forwarded to MSEC.

3/03/08 - KYR NSEC's remarks on SLM-IS submitted to MSEC. Mr. K. Kulov had a meeting with MSEC Head on which the question of SLM-IS component implementation was discussed.

03/04/08 – Kyrgyz Scientific Research Irrigation Institute's offers on SLM-IS were forwarded to MSEC.

03/04/08 – Meeting of NSEC staff and KyrgyzGIPROZEM representatives took place. Meeting subject is SLM-IS implementation in KR.

18/04/08 - at the NCC meeting under Agenda's item "Selection of the National Institute for implementation of the CMPF-SP Multicountry Component: SLM-IS. Reviewing the Report on SLM-IS - Assessment of Institutional Capacity prepared by CACILM MSEC in February 2008", decisions were accepted to recommend the Institute of Land Use Planning (GIPROZEM) as Organization that will be responsible to form of a National SLMIS Implementation Unit (NSIU) which to include personnel from other stakeholders in the Kyrgyz Republic.

15/05/08 – MSEC got information about institute KyrgyzGiproZem.

04/06/08 - on the assistance of KYR NSEC the Memorandum on cooperation on SLM_IS is signed. Memorandum was signed by the Institute of Land Use Planning (GIPROZEM), Kyrgyz Scientific Research Irrigation Institute, and Republican soil-agrochemical station, National Statistic Committee and Forestry and Hunt Department (SAEP&F).

5/06/08 – Mr. K. Kulov and Mr. A. Tashtemirov, GIPROZEM representative, meet in MSEC to discuss an issue of SLM-IS.

6-8/10/08 – KYR NSEC staff took part at the Inception Workshop on development of SLM - Information System (Tashkent, Uzbekistan). Capability of the national participants, work plans of the National SLMIS Implementation Unit, contribution and obligations of MSEC, NSEC, and FAO were discussed.

28/11/08 – Information about CACILM Program and SLM-IS, purposes, goals and expected results of SLM-IS was provided to SAEP&F. The information on land degradation in the Kyrgyz Republic available in NPF, was also provided to SAEP&F.

b) Monitoring and Evaluation of SLM-IS

19/12/08 – National SLM-IS Coordinator, Mr. A. Tashtemirov, takes part at the NCC meeting and makes a progress report on the project implementation.

c) Assessment of Indicators for Land Degradation and Improving Rural Livelihoods in Performance Reports on NPF implementation

We assume that the data on land condition (erosion, salinization), land use, crop productivity, standard of living (incomes, poverty level), water resources, etc. will be essential for evaluation of the NPF implementation according to the indicators of NPF Program Logical Framework, and also according to general indicators that are common for all five CA countries, to assess successes of CACILM Program implementation as a whole in the region.

3.3 SLM Information Knowledge Component

a) Information posted by NSEC to CACILM website updates

No	Title of documents
1	KYR NSEC Work Plan for 2008 in ADB format (English, Russian)
2	KYR NSEC Work Plan for 2008 in GTZ format (English, Russian)
3	CMPFSP- Endorsement Letter: selection of the national institute for implementation of the CMPF-SP Multicountry Component SLM-IS
4	Brief Information on the Institute of Land Use Planning (KyrgyzGIPROZEM)
5	Presentation "Work Plan of NCC and KYR NSEC for 2008" for NCC meeting on 18/04/2008 (English, Russian)
6	NCC decisions on 18/04/08
7	Presentation "Progress of the NPF implementation in the Kyrgyz Republic" (NCC meeting on 18/04/2008) (English, Russian)
8	Presentation "Progress of the NPF implementation in the Kyrgyz Republic" (2nd CACILM Steering NCC meeting on 23-24/04/2008) (English, Russian)
9	Presentation "Mobilizing Internal Resources for SLM in the Kyrgyz Republic" (2nd CACILM Steering NCC meeting on 23-24/04/2008) (English, Russian)
10	Report "Performance Monitoring Report of Implementation of the National Programming Framework of the Kyrgyz Republic for 2007-2008" (2nd CACILM Steering NCC meeting on 23-24/04/2008) (English, Russian)
11	Updated CACILM project status (national and multicountries) in KR and Organizational diagram of key agencies - participants of CACILM in the Kyrgyz Republic current to April 2008.
12	Presentation "Current status of UNCCD implementation in the Kyrgyz Republic" for the workshop of the project "Enhancement of civil society network on issues of land degradation and poverty problems in the context of strategic development frameworks and UNCCD" on 17-18/06/08 (English, Russian)
13	Report "Current status of UNCCD implementation in the Kyrgyz Republic" for uploading to the website www.carec.kz
14	Report and presentation "Acting ministries, departments, institutions of local governing, related to SLM" for NCC sectors' meeting on 09/12/08 (Russian)
15	Report and presentation "Analysis of a current situation of the agrarian-industrial complex and review of a new agrarian development strategy till 2010 for NCC sectors' meeting on 09/12/08 (Russian, English)
16	Report and presentation "Improvement condition of reclamation-unfavourable lands and water-management for the purpose of prevention land degradation in Batken rayon, Batken oblast" for NCC sectors' meeting on 09/12/08 (Russian, English)
17	Report and presentation "Current condition of the Biosphere Reserve of Issyk-Kul: projects proposal «Integrated management plan of spruce forest, Issyk-Kul oblast" for NCC sectors' meeting on 09/12/08 (Russian, English)
18	Project Proposal and presentation "Establishing informational-marketing system to develop agriculture market of the Kyrgyz Republic" for NCC sectors' meeting on 09/12/08 (Russian, English)
19	Report and presentation "Disbursement of state budget funds on performance actions to combat desertification. Planning state budget disbursement in 2007-2008 and up to 2011" for NCC sectors' meeting on 09/12/08 (Russian, English)

20	Report and presentation “Analysis and assessment of economic damage caused by land degradation as a result of improper land resources use” for NCC sectors’ meeting on 09/12/08 (Russian, English)
	Report “Analysis of irrigated land management, gathering materials on the best practices” for drawing up of a brochure for NCC sectors’ meeting on 09/12/08 (Russian)
21	Report “Pasture status and pasture management in the Kyrgyz Republic, positive experience improvement of legislation” for NCC sectors’ meeting on 09/12/08 (Russian)
22	Presentation “Implementation of GTZ/UNCCD Project on Sustainable Pasture Management in watershed of Jergital and Ottuk rivers” for NCC sectors’ meeting on 09/12/08 (Russian)
23	Presentation “Plan for the Preparation of Financial Strategy of the CACILM Implementation Phase (2010-2013)” submitted by MSEC Deputy Head at the NCC meeting on 19/12/08 (Russian)
24	Presentation “Updating of the NPF for SLM for 2006-2016: Preparatory activity” submitted by K. Kulov at the NCC meeting on 19/12/08 (Russian)
25	Presentation “Progress of the Project: “Demonstrating Sustainable Mountain Pasture Management in the Suusamyr Valley, Kyrgyzstan” submitted by B. Usabaliev, Project manager at the NCC meeting on 19/12/08 (Russian)
26	Presentation “Implementation of the Southern Agriculture Area Development Project (ADB/GEF)” submitted by Mr. K. Kulov at the NCC meeting of 19/12/08 (Russian)
27	Presentation “Implementation of the SLM-I at the national level” submitted by M. Bekenov, National ICARDA Coordinator at the NCC meeting on 19/12/08 (Russian)
28	Presentation “CMPF-SP Multicountry Component: Knowledge Management System submitted by Mrs. N. Mitiakova, Project Implementation and Monitoring Specialist of the KYR NSEC at the NCC meeting of 19.12/08 (Russian)

b) Status of the Awareness Raising Activity financed by SLM-KM

KYR NSEC elaborated an Information Dissemination Plan (Annex 7). The plan is approved by ADB on 25/11/08. Nor the PR-campaign is recruited through the tender process for provision of services indicated in the plan.

c) Description of information provided to contribute to KM component

24,30,31/10/08 – KYR NSEC submits to ADB the data for the Natural Resources Atlas. The basic source of the data was: Statistical Collection “Environment Protection in the Kyrgyz Republic” for 2000-2006, Internet. A Formal request was made by KYR NSEC to the State Agency on Geology and Mineral Resources. Following information was provided by NSEC to ADB:

- Air pollutant emissions
- Withdrawals and water consumption from natural sources
- Access of the population to freshwater
- Evidence of toxic waste products
- Extraction and production of fuel and energy resources
- Existing hydropower projects
- Minerals
- Gold ore deposits

- Ethnic groups of the population
- Population below national poverty line
- Environmental Policies and Laws
- KR participation at the international Conventions and Agreements on Environment.

3.4 SLM Capacity Building Component

a) Start-up Support: NSEC/NCC assistance provided to UNDP for design and mobilization of this SLM-CBP

2/05/08 - International consultant Mr. Philip Tortell visits KYR NSEC and discusses with Mr. Kulov questions of development of the Capacity Building Project. Not having an opportunity to visit all five Central Asian Countries, he wanted to find out a capacity in SLM area.

7/05/08 – Inception Workshop on Capacity Building Project was carried out in UNDP. The priority problems concerning to SLM capacity in each country, concept of CBP project, list of strategic outcomes, involving of stakeholders, GEF incremental background were discussed at the workshop.

7/05/08 - Meeting in MSEC with representatives of Central Asian Countries NSECs for discussion of the further preparation of the capacity building project. It was agreed that upon necessity to the international advisers to work with NSECs, additional financing is possible. Project document in Russian should be available for NSEC to review it.

11/06/08 - NSEC is provided TORs for MCBP project's national consultants. NSEC has distributed TORs between suitable candidacies.

7-8/07/08 – NSEC participates at the workshop on MCBP Log frame on which indicative expected outcomes, outputs and activities of the project were determined.

6/08/08 – Mr. K. Kulov conducts a meeting with the National Expert Group on MCBP development.

11/08/08 – NSEC provides recommendations on preparation of National Report on MCBP development to the team leader of the National Expert Group;

29/08/08 – Mr. K. Kulov takes part as a moderator in the Workshop on MCBP preparation (UNDP, Bishkek).

23/10/08 – Mr. K. Kulov and Mrs. N. Mitiakova participates in a work meeting of national expert group on development of MCBP indicative plan and budget at the national level (Bishkek). It was said that it is necessary to develop a recommendation in the framework of the Project on establishment of a CACILM Regional Center.

27/10/08 – NSEC provides to the national expert group on MCBP preparation the information on the contribution of Kyrgyz Scientific Research Irrigation Institute, livestock-breeding institute, farming institute, RAS and ATC to the project. It is necessary to prepare TOR for such Regional Center and to determine its legal status. To promote CACILM, it is necessary to search for cooperation with the international organizations (RECCA, ICSD, Ecological Conventions).

27/10/08 – NSEC provides to the national expert group on MCBP preparation the information on the contribution of Kyrgyz Scientific Research Irrigation Institute, livestock-breeding Institute, farming Institute, RAS and ATC to the project.

19/11/08 - the National Report on MCBP is approved.

b) Recommendations of NSEC to assist UNDP with implementation of the SLM-CB project

7/05/08 – at the Inception Workshop on Capacity Building Project Mr. K. Kulov emphasized, that KR priorities in this project are introduction of market mechanisms and expansion of information technologies. He also underlined that integrated SLM is very important and may be divided into 4 sectors: arable lands, pasture lands, forest lands and integrated management. KR is in need of strengthening specialized services (agrochemical station, land reclamation service, etc.), development of economic stimulus to combat desertification.

11/08/08 – NSEC provides recommendations on preparation of National Report on MCBP development to the team leader of the National Expert Group: 1) to determine and describe

stakeholders capacity; 2) to reveal their problems in the SLM-CB context; 3) to develop recommendations on amplification of capacity;

NSEC provided following recommendations on project proposal preparation to UNDP team:

- (i) Project manager should be chosen under NSEC and NCC recommendations;
- (ii) Project Implementation Unit should be allocated under NSEC
- (iii) Project management budget should be conveyed to NSEC.

Consequently Result 3.1 “Human Resources Department unit within each NSEC established and HRD-strategy elaborated” is included into outcome 3 of the preliminary Draft Strategic Results Framework of the CACILM Multicountry Capacity Building Project.

c) Monitoring and Evaluation Logframe for the SLM-CB project

3/11/08 – Team Leader of the National Expert Group MCBP preparation, Mrs. L. Joldubaeva provided the final report in English for KYR NSEC.

The Russian version of the report is downloaded from a site <http://files.carnet.kg>.

The National Report contains Strategic Results Framework of the project, developed up to a level of activities. It does not contain indicators. Indicators will be developed at the preparatory stage of the common design of the project.

Component 4: Administration

4.1 NSEC Reports and Presentations

All reports and the presentations prepared by KYR NSEC for NCC, MSEC, CACILM Steering Committee, etc., are listed in the chapter 3.3.a and uploaded on the ADB site cacilm.adb.org (Annex 8).

4.2 Financial Reports

Provide the dates when Advance Liquidation Reports on were approved by MSEC

Provide the dates when Advance Tranches were received from ADB.

Attach the NSEC Equipment Inventory updated for 2008.

State the amount of funds received from GTZ for NSEC/NCC activities in 2008.

4.3 Personnel

All NSEC employees (Annex 9 - NSEC composition) work according to their Terms of References which are an integral part of their personal contracts.

1. According to his TOR, duties of the NSEC Head include:

- i) Supporting the NCC in the implementation of projects and activities mandated by the NPF, including:
 - (a) Annual reporting on NPF implementation to the NCC;
 - (b) Supervising the performance M&E of the NPF projects and activities underway;
 - (c) Supervising other specific activities assigned to the NSEC by the NCC;
 - (d) Assisting the Member of the CACILM Steering Committee for the country report the overall progress of implementation of CMPF to the CACILM Steering Committee;
 - (e) Reporting to CACILM MSEC on the progress and results achieved by the GEF-cofinanced elements of CMPF implementation in the Kyrgyzstan;

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- (f) Providing support for the organization of NCC meetings and workshops, and for the CACILM Steering Committee Meetings when hosted by the Kyrgyzstan;
 - (g) Provision of guidance and assistance in the preparation of new project proposals for inclusion in the NPF.

- (ii) Supervising the design and the implementation of the monitoring system of the NPF projects.
- (iii) Coordinating of country participation in the CACILM Multicountry activities.
- (iv) In coordination with ADB staff and key persons in relevant government agencies, developing the terms of reference and operational guidelines and procedures for the NSEC;
- (v) Supervision of all personnel assigned to and contracted by the NSEC;
- (vi) Supervision of financial management and reporting of funding provided to the NSEC through CACILM;
- (vii) Preparation of the annual work plans and budgets of the NSEC.
- (viii) Hiring of temporary experts within the NSEC budget framework and participation in selection of the consulting companies and consultants for the CACILM projects.
- (ix) Supervising planning and implementation state programs and other programs and projects in Kyrgyzstan and the Central Asian Countries, related to the CACILM goals, contribution into resources mobilization, debt reduction and coordination and harmonization of the state programs and investment projects.

2. According to her TOR, duties of the NSEC Project Implementation and Monitoring Specialist include:

- (i) Assemble, review, consolidate and report the implementation of the NPF projects using the project management objectives as stated in the Project Implementation Plans, Annual Workplans and Budgets,
- (ii) Assemble, review, consolidate and report the implementation of the NPF projects using the monitoring parameters of the project logframes and specifically, the SLM economic, environmental and social performance indicators where applicable for each NPF project or initiative;
- (iii) Put into action the program and activities of the NSEC by ensuring the timely delivery of logistics, information and knowledge and funds necessary for their implementation;
- (iv) Organize, assist in delivery and report on the CACILM national and regional workshops, meetings and training courses;
- (v) Assist the CACILM MSEC implement and actively participate in the: SLM-R program, SLM-IS, SLM-KM, MCBP;
- (vi) Review and revise cost estimates and budgets for individual project activities.

3. According to her TOR, duties of the NSEC Administration and Financial Accounting Specialist include:

- (i) Preparation of financial aspects of annual work plans and budgets;
- (ii) Contribute to the performance monitoring and reporting the progress of NPF implementation through the assembly, review, consolidation and reporting on the budget planning, allocation and disbursements of the NPF projects underway and projects in the pipeline;
- (iii) Devise and implement guidelines for developing budgets, setting up and making disbursements, issuing invoices, and setting claims of funding provided to the NSEC;
- (iv) Oversee the administration and financial reporting of NCC and NSEC operations and activities funded through CACILM;
- (v) Submission of timely requests for advances for travel and other activities, and submission of liquidation requests and disbursement reports to ADB,
- (vi) Provide timely and regular financial reports to the NSEC Head;
- (vii) Undertake administrative activities in support of the NSEC, NCC, CACILM MSEC, included above all contribution to resources mobilization out of state budget for the NPF/CACILM goals.

III. NSEC Financial Report 2008

	Budget as per LOA	Expended		Balance
		2008	Cumulative	
Personnel	41 957	19 100	37 350	4 607
Communications	2 543	949	2 292	251
Equipment	10 000		9 927	73
Contingency	500	20	263	237
TOTAL:	55 000	20 069	49 832	5 168

	Advances received in 2008	Liquidated	
		2008	Cumulative
Personnel	18250	19 100	37 350
Communications	1343	949	2 292
Equipment	9927		9 927
Contingency	243	20	263
TOTAL:	29764	20 069	49 832

Expense Category 2008	CAC	ADB	GTZ	TOTAL
1. NSEC Personnel	2 500	19 100		21 600
2. NSEC/NCC Communications		949		949
3. NSEC Office & Operating Expenses	5 000			5 000
4. NSEC/NCC Travel & Transportation	1 600			1 600
5. NSEC Equipment				
6. NSEC/NCC Seminars, Workshops	6 000		3 373	9 373
7. NSEC/NCC Awareness Raising				
8. NSEC/NCC Consultants and Contracts	7 000		8 989	15 989
9. NSEC/NCC Contingency	700	20	16	736
TOTAL	22 800	20 069	12 378	55 247

IV. Recommendations for NSEC 2009 Workplan

A decision on necessity of NPF updating and organizing work on NPF updating was accepted at the NCC meeting on 19/12/08. While GTZ Work Plan 2009 preparation, NSEC will include activities on

performance of such work and will address GTZ to render the financial assistance for its performance.

V. Recommendations NSEC/HKC under working plan MCEK for 2009.

NSEC training in Monitoring and Evaluation of Project Implementation, methods on adaptation to climate change, preparation of new project proposals, financial strategy, mechanisms of resources mobilization, assessment of ecological and social fragility

VI. Any other questions

- *NSEC considers that it is necessary to increase the status of CACILM program per organization of the CACILM Regional Center. Probably, this theme will be interested for CACILM Steering Committee's members.*
- *As NCC and NSEC works as comprehensive whole, therefore it is desirable not to divide their work between different report sections while report preparation. It could result in recurrent description of the same activities and increase report volume.*
- *To improve NSEC activities it is necessary to include the information and outreach consultant into NSEC staff who would regularly prepare and publish in mass-media news on NPF/CACILM.*

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No	Activity	Responsible person	Date
Result 3.1	A process is initialized leading to include SLM in the strategy and the budget of the country: Proposal on Combating Desertification for inclusion into Draft of the Long-term Development Strategy of the Kyrgyz Republic till 2020 transmitted to the Chief of the Work Group on Preparation of the Strategy Section "Improvement of use of bio-land development resources" as an element of a State Development	K. Kulov, NSEC Head	18/11/08
Activity 3.1.2	To conduct a comparative analysis of national budget on 2007-2008 with the medium-term state budget of KR until 2010 on funding ministries and agencies implementing SLM activities The Report prepared and presented at the NCC sectors' meeting on 9/12/08	D. Ermekova, short-term expert (WRD)	
Activity 3.1.3	To analyze the project strategy of agro-industrial complex development up to 2010 and make proposals on including SLM in the strategy The Report prepared and presented at the NCC sectors' meeting on 9/12/08	S. Tynaev, short-term expert (MAWR&PI)	
Result 3.2	Improved knowledge of NSEC about their position regarding increased pasture productivity		
Activity <u>3.2.1</u>	To collect data base of state institutions activities participating in the sector. The Report "Acting ministries, departments, institutions of local governing, related to SLM" is prepared and presented at the NCC sectors' meeting on 9/12/08	P. Jooshov, short-term expert (KSRII)	
Activity <u>3.2.2</u>	To analyze potential inputs of national projects in achieving outcomes of NPF The "Performance Monitoring Report of Implementation of the National Programming Framework" is prepared and presented at the NCC and SC meetings	NSEC Head M&E Specialist NSEC	April 2008
Activity <u>3.2.3</u>	To analyze to what extent and how the CACILM multicountry projects can contribute to achieving of NPF outcomes. The "Performance Monitoring Report of Implementation of the National Programming Framework" is prepared and presented at the NCC and SC meetings	NSEC Head M&E Specialist NSEC	April 2008
Sub-activity <u>3.2.4.1</u>	To elaborate project proposal "Analysis and evaluation of economic damage due to land degradation caused by inadequate use of land resources". Report "Pasture status and pasture management in the Kyrgyz Republic, positive experience improvement of legislation" prepared and presented at the NCC sectors' meeting on 9/12/08	S. Kulov, short-term expert (MAWR&PI)	
Sub-activity 3.2.4.2	To ensure field trips to the regions to explore best practices 16-18/07/08 - KYR NSEC staff and members of Republic Kazakhstan's NCC visited the pilot territory of the project "Community-based Pasture Management in Temir Ayil Okmoty", Issyk-Kul rayon, for studying a positive experience of the project.	NSEC staff, staff of the Suusamyр Project	16-18/07/08
Sub-activity 3.2.5.1	Round Table on information exchange between stakeholders (Bishkek) 15/07/08 – NSEC conducts the Round table on Sustainable Pasturer Management on which NCC members Mr. K. Kasymov, Mr. A. Egemberdiev, Mr. S.Tynaev took part.	NSEC staff	15/07/08
Result 3.3	Better knowledge of NSEC about their position in the field of increased productivity of irrigated lands		

Activity 3.3.3	To collect and analyze the best practices in the field of irrigated land management	P. Jooshov, short-term expert (KSRII)	
Sub-activity 3.3.3.2	To prepare printed materials in the format of a booklet. Develop the design of the booklet and ensure its translation into Kyrgyz.	P. Jooshov, short-term expert (KSRII)	
Sub-activity 3.3.4.1	To elaborate project proposal "Analysis and evaluation of economic damage due to land degradation caused by inadequate use of land recourses". Report is prepared and presented at the NCC sectors' meeting on 09/12/08	A. Kasymov, short-term expert	
Sub-activity 3.3.4.2	To elaborate project proposal "Comprehensive approach to sustainable land management in biosphere territory "Issyk-Kul" which is undergoing degradation and desertification". Report is prepared and presented at the NCC sectors' meeting on 09/12/08	short-term expert Ch.Yakupova (SAEP&F)	
Sub-activity 3.3.4.3	To elaborate project proposal "Improvement of deteriorated reclamation lands, monitoring arable lands and available hydro economic conditions aimed to prevent land resources degradation in Batken rayon, Batken oblast". Report is prepared and presented at the NCC sectors' meeting on 09/12/08	short-term expert I. Joldoshaliev (WRD)	
Sub-activity 3.3.4.5	To discuss the project proposal at NCC meeting and forward it to donors for future financing (2d meeting of NCC)	NSEC Head M&E NSEC Specialist	19/12/08
Result 3.4	Better livelihood of rural population, Links between agricultural producers and processing enterprises for products distribution are established.		
<u>Activity 3.4.2</u>	To elaborate the Concept of Project Proposal : "Setting information marketing system for developing agricultural products market in Kyrgyzstan." Report is prepared and presented at the NCC sectors' meeting on 09/12/08	M. Shakirov, short-term expert	
Sub-activity 3.4.2.1	To organize trips for experts to collect data for project proposal drafting.	NSEC Head	
Sub-activity 3.4.2.2	Analysis data and project proposal concept will be discussed at the first NCC meeting and transferred to further financing by donors.	M&E NSEC Specialist	19/12/08
Result 3.5	Links between multicountry projects and CACILM are supported		
Activity 3.5.1	To promote implementation of SLM-R component at the national level.	M&E NSEC Specialist	
Activity 3.5.2	To promote implementation of SLM Informational system (SLM-IS) component at the national level.	M&E NSEC Specialist	
Activity 3.5.3	To promote implementation of SLM-knowledge management component (SLM-KM) at the national level. Implement the information dissemination plan.	M&E NSEC Specialist	
Activity 3.5.4	To promote implementation of UNDP project on capacity building at the national level.	M&E NSEC Specialist	
Activity 3.5.5	Information on CMPF-SP progress are presented at the first and the second NCC meetings.	M&E NSEC Specialist	
Result 3.6	NSEC personnel' s and NCC members' capacities are increased.		
Activity 3.6.1	To take part in workshops and trainings of MSEC	NSEC staff	
Activity 3.6.2	To take part in workshops and trainings on CMPF-SP activities	NSEC staff	

Activity 3.6.3	To take part in various workshops and trainings at the national and the regional levels.	NSEC staff	
Sub-activity 3.6.4.1	To conduct the first meeting of NCC: The agenda: Information about the second meeting of CACILM SCM, Ashgabat; Discussing NRP implementation progress on the whole; Discussing projects implementation progress: SLM-R project (ICARDA); SLM-IS project (FAO); SLM-KM project (ADB); SLM-CB project (UNDP); Discussing information on on-going national programs in the field of SLM; Information on medium-term state budget of SLM financing.	NSEC staff	18/04/08
Sub-activity 3.6.4.2	To conduct the second meeting of NCC: The agenda: Information about the third meeting of CACILM SCM, Dushanbe; Discussing project implementation progress: UNDP Project: Demonstrating Sustainable Mountain Pasture Management in the Susamyr Valley, Kyrgyzstan ADB Project: South Agriculture Area Development Project; M&E of GEFofunded SLM Projects; M&E of NPF Projects Discussing concepts of NPF pilot proposals at the 2 phase of CACILM implementation;	NSEC staff	19/12/08
Activity 3.6.5	To conduct Meetings of NCC sectors	NSEC staff	09/12/08
Sub-activity 3.6.5.1	To conduct a meeting of NCC sector on pasture management	NSEC staff	09/12/08
Sub-activity 3.6.5.2	To conduct a meeting of NCC sector on arable lands management	NSEC staff	09/12/08
Result 3.7	Organisational activities of NSEC are implemented	NSEC staff	
activity 3.7.1	To arrange all matters of NSEC office (project personnel's' salary, payments for Internet, communication, post mail)	NSEC staff	
activity 3.7.2	To organize NCC meetings.	NSEC staff	
Activity 3.7.3	Preparation of various reports, including financial reports.	NSEC staff	