

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN
OPERATIONS EVALUATION DEPARTMENT, ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK
AND
EVALUATION DEPARTMENT, EUROPEAN BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION AND
DEVELOPMENT**

The Operations Evaluation Department (OED) of the Asian Development Bank (ADB) and the Evaluation Department (EvD) of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) agree to carry out a joint evaluation of the Almaty-Bishkek Regional Road Rehabilitation Project (ADB Loans 1774-KAZ and 1775-KGZ) (the Project) located in Kazakhstan and Kyrgyz Republic. This joint evaluation will comprise the following:

- (i) **Division of work.** OED will recruit and manage consultants to carry out (a) the traffic count and origin-destination surveys, and (b) socioeconomic survey. EvD will recruit and manage a consultant to carry out the technical assessment of the Project. The terms of reference for these consultants are provided in OED's evaluation approach paper dated May 2008.
- (ii) **Preliminary mission in June 2008.** An OED staff will carry out a preliminary evaluation mission in June 2008 to initiate the traffic surveys and the socioeconomic survey. This mission will coincide with the mobilization of EvD's consultant for technical assessment.
- (iii) **Joint mission in September-October 2008.** OED and EvD will carry out a joint evaluation mission in September-October 2008 to discuss, among others, the findings of the field surveys (Section [ii]) and to obtain feedback on the initial draft of the joint evaluation report. This mission will be led jointly by an OED staff and an EvD staff.
- (iv) **Sharing of data and information.** OED and EvD will share data and information related to the Project on the explicit condition that this information will not be disclosed to any persons outside the respective organizations.
- (v) **Ensuring consistency in joint evaluation and a joint report preparation.** OED and EvD will agree upon a broad report outline based on the evaluation methodology elaborated in OED's evaluation approach paper dated May 2008. Upon receipt of the consultants' reports, OED and EvD will distribute the work of writing the joint evaluation report based on the agreed outline. Using common evaluation guidelines based on OECD-Development Assistance Committee evaluation principles, OED and EvD will prepare the joint evaluation report whereby key elements of each of the institution's evaluation approach and methodology are taken into account. In the event of any disagreement on arriving at common ratings on indicators which OED and EvD have in common, the joint evaluation report will include arguments from both OED and EvD. This could lead, apart from different ratings, to separate scores as perceived by the two organizations.
- (vi) **Processing, distribution, and publication of the joint evaluation report.** The joint evaluation report will be processed and distributed separately within both institutions, under separate cover notes, and in compliance with each institution's procedures and practices. Thereafter, and in consultation between OED and

EvD, the joint evaluation report will be subjected to a compliance review according to each institution's (external) publication policy before its release for public consumption.

- (vii) **Joint report on lessons learned.** Upon completion of the joint evaluation, OED and EvD will then carry out an assessment of the evaluation experience of working together. This assessment will analyze the synergies that were generated as well as emerging issues. The main output of this analysis will be a brief report (5–10 pages), which will be presented by OED and EvD at the meeting of the Evaluation Cooperation Group members in 2009.

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