

ABOUT PROJECT



Main areas of project activities:

- Promoting public-private partnership;
- Strengthening lawmaking activities of the CCI;
- Establishment of Business Facilitation Centers;
- Supporting inclusive business projects.

Growing and healthy private sector is a key factor of sustainable economic development and is a source of wealth and competitiveness of the country. Private sector delivers important goods and services, provides jobs, generates revenue for public sector, and creates and maintains infrastructure.

The Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Uzbekistan (CCI) is the largest business support institution with offices in every district of the country and is mandated by the law to promote rights and interests of private sector and facilitate creation of favorable business environment.

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EXPERT COUNCILS

As part of the direction on strengthening CCI's analytical capacity, CCI Expert Group on analysis and monitoring of legislation on entrepreneurship has been established. During the year, regular meetings of Expert Councils on important issues of entrepreneurship development have been held, including such issues as licensing and permission procedures, reduction of statistical and tax reporting, off-schedule inspections of businesses, poultry industry development, etc.

Overall, more than 15 expert council meetings conducted in 2012.

A number of analytical papers elaborated, including:



- *“Development of poultry industry in Uzbekistan”, in cooperation with CCI and Association of poultry industry;*
- *“Development of Transport and Logistic Services”, in cooperation with CCI and International Forwarder's Association;*
- *“Actual issues in solid waste management in Uzbekistan”.*

It is noteworthy that the expert council conducted an important work on expertise of draft legal and regulatory documents and providing recommendations to existing laws and regulations. In particular, an independent expertise of over 40 draft legal acts has been conducted, to provide comments and suggestions considering legal rights and interests of entrepreneurs. As well, over 50 recommendations and comments have been developed on existing laws and regulations. A number of suggestions have been incorporated into issued laws. Forexample, Presidential Decree №4453 from July 16, 2012 foresees significant reduce in a quantity of tax, statistical and other declarations requested from small businesses and entrepreneurship.

PUBLICATIONS

❖ **COST OF DOING BUSINESS IN UZBEKISTAN 2012**

(in Uzbek language, for the first time as well)

The publication is a guide for foreign investors and local entrepreneurs in assessing the costs related with starting up and doing business in Uzbekistan. It provides information on wide range of matters: starting from registration procedures and costs, up to costs of advertisement.



❖ **PREFERENCES FOR THE BENEFIT OF ENTREPRENEURS**

(in Uzb&Rus)

The publication includes information on preferences for entrepreneurs existing in Uzbekistan on all types of taxes and other compulsory payments, for all types of enterprises and individuals.

❖ WHAT IS IMPORTANT TO KNOW ABOUT INSPECTIONS?

(in Uzb)

How entrepreneurs should get prepared for inspections? How to deal with inspections? What to do after inspections? – the answers for these and many other questions can be found in the given publication. The

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Manual is published aiming to increase legal literacy of entrepreneurs to ensure protection of their rights and interests. It provides comprehensive information about procedures, related to inspections of businessmen in Uzbekistan. As well, the publication provides the list and samples of documents, necessary to be formalized before, during and after inspections.

❖ INTERNET FOR ENTREPRENEURS and COMPUTER FOR ENTREPRENEURS

(in Uzb)

The publications are prepared for businessmen who wish to use computers and Internet for business purposes. The two manuals provide information about opportunities of using computer and Internet and guidelines for using various programs. A list of useful publications and links may also be found in manuals.

Publications can be downloaded from www.undp.uz or www.bfu.uz

PILOT PROJECTS

PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP & INCLUSIVE BUSINESSES

Unprecedented Project On Solid Waste Management: YANGIYUL



Pilot project on devolving functions on collection, disposition and utilization of solid household waste (SHW) to private sector has been launched as part of joint initiative of UNDP “Business Forum of Uzbekistan (phase 2)” Project, the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Uzbekistan, Yangiyul district Khokimiyat with support of State Committee on Nature Protection, Ecologic Movement of Uzbekistan and UzKommunhizmat Agency. The project is piloted in Yangiyul district, covering 60% of population, only 17% of which previously had an access to centralized government services of SHW disposition.

The operator company has been chosen on competitive basis, suggesting the best technical conditions of organizing work with the lowest tariffs. To reduce the load on private operator within the period of investing, as well as considering social importance of the project, specialized garbage truck was procured by UNDP. The truck will be used by private operator within the frameworks of Private-Public-Partnership Agreement. The Project will enable timely collection and disposal of approximately 80% of all waste generated in Yangiyul rayon. The Project will become a catalyst for development of new models of small businesses involving waste processing and production of finished products (boxes, timber bricks, recycled polymer

products). As well, private operator will also carry out social works, including the work in promoting cleanness in the district and ecologic awareness among youngsters.

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Private operator will start providing services on collecting and disposal of SHW from population and enterprises of the district in early 2013. In future time, it is expected to duplicate such a project in other regions of Uzbekistan.

ENERGY-EFFICIENT GREEN-HOUSES CONSTRUCTION: ACROSS UZBEKISTAN



8 energy-efficient green-houses to be constructed soon across Uzbekistan as part of the joint project of UNDP “Business Forum of Uzbekistan (phase 2)” Project, the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Uzbekistan and GEF Small Grants Programme. The construction has already been started in eight regions of Uzbekistan at farms, selected on competitive basis.

Three walls of a green-house are built up from clay to reduce loss of warmth. As well, trajectory of Sun moving in winter and autumn time is also considered during green-house construction. The construction picks up solar radiance in the volume, sufficient for the process of photosynthesis.

The project envisages application of a unique and cost-effective passive solar energy technology. First energy-efficient green-houses within the project are to be constructed and start working in nearest time.

Due to mobile heat-insulated “blanket” that covers the roof at night time, the warmth collected during daytime stays safe inside the green-house. Micro-climate in such green-houses corresponds to

conditions, required for growing vegetables. Such green-houses are widely spread in China and even in Canada.

The two-year project also includes measures on increasing awareness of the farmers on new technologies. Upon the end of construction works, the ground and necessary planting stock will be prepared. The green-houses will be equipped with vertical installations for growing cultures. Such installations provide an opportunity to increase harvest of some cultures up to 5 times, increase efficiency of water and fertilizers usage. Agriculturists involved into project will provide recommendations to project participants on growing various cultures in such green-houses, including cucumber, capsicum, dill or even flowers.

MILK COLLECTION CENTER: NAMANGAN



Milk Collection Center is being established in rural part of Namangan region for further processing and production of finished commodities as part of a pilot joint project of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Uzbekistan and UNDP “Business Forum of Uzbekistan (Phase 2)” directed at assisting farmers and household owners to establish partnership with business in order to market the milk produced at their farms and households. The Center is being established at a farm in Kosonsay district of Namangan region.

The Center will promote welfare improvement and income generation among rural population, thru collecting produced milk at market prices, increasing productivity of a herd and improving cooperation between milk producers and businessmen.

UNDP is supporting supply of new equipment with latest milk storage technologies to “Chashmai Safed” farm, specialized in production of dairy products. The project also envisages innovative approach to milk collection, in particular, transition from the traditional milk collection system (once a day) to (3 times a day) collection after each milking, allowing to increase the amount of raw milk and milk quality due to its freshness. As well, the quality of milk will be checked using special devices.



As part of the project, seminar for milk producers was organized in Kosonsay on November 7-8. The farmers discussed opportunities of supplying milk to “ChashmaiSafed” farm. As well, meeting participants were trained on effective milk production, including effective farm management, feeding milch herd, growing young herd and usage of computer programs on herd management. The event was attended by over 30 farmers and household owners, representatives of local government and self-government organizations, experts of “Business Forum of Uzbekistan (Phase 2)” Project, representatives of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Uzbekistan and mass-media.



Milk Collection Center in Kosonsay will also deal with forage procurement, households’ education and provision of veterinary and herd planning (insemination) services.

INNOVATIVE INITIATIVES AND IT TECHNOLOGIES

The Concept of One-Stop-Shops in Uzbekistan



One Stop Shop determines the technology of providing many government and commercial services to citizens and organizations in one place, starting from filing applications to obtaining decision results from executive or other bodies. Important element of this technology is minimization of the quantity of documents, an applicant need to provide to government bodies for decision making purposes. This can be achieved thru building developed infrastructure of effective inter-agency cooperation.

Via One Stop Shop technology an applicant does not interfere into the process of interagency information exchange, and stops acting as a delivery person submitting

information about himself from agency to agency. One Stop Shop technologies is widely used due to application of up-to-date ICT into government administration.

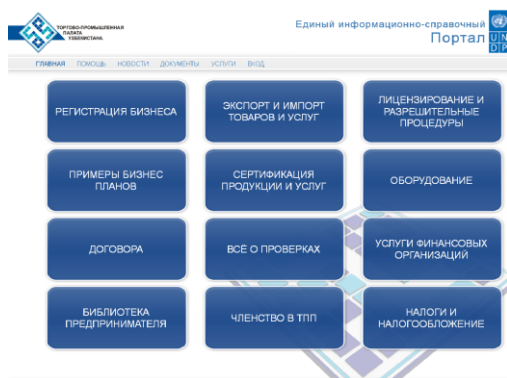
An applicant submits only one time minimum set of documents in one place, in a single form, into one office, one specialist, and afterwards, the office independently undertakes all procedures of agreements and authorizations.



Currently, UNDP “Business Forum of Uzbekistan (Phase 2)” Project in conjunction with the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Uzbekistan, with support of the Cabinet of Ministers and UNDP “Support in Enhancing of Local Governance System and Participatory Governance” Project is developing a Concept on establishing One Stop Shops in Uzbekistan. In this regards, in October 2012 a Work Group has been established involving representatives of key ministries, government agencies and private sector to develop a project of One Stop Shop Concept, which will be presented for consideration of the Government of Uzbekistan.

OSS will promote increase of quality and accessibility of provided services, simplification of procedures, decrease of administrative barriers and timeframes, liquidation of broking services, raising awareness of citizens and organizations about procedures and terms of obtaining services. The work on developing the Concept is on process. It is to be submitted to the Government soon in 2013.

Information Portal www.businessinfo.uz



Single info-portal www.businessinfo.uz has been developed and launched to provide comprehensive information regarding procedures on starting and making business in Uzbekistan. As well, new OSS concept is being elaborated with the aim to render public and commercial services for entrepreneurs and population. Key issues to be solved in this regards include introduction of interactive government services, interaction of different government agencies, financial sustainability of OSS and legal status of OSS.

EVENT IN FOCUS

Three-Day Conference-Exhibition AGRO-FOOD 2012



Agriculture and food industry development are among major and priority directions of Uzbek economy. The sectors provide necessary foodstuff to people and raw-materials to other industrial sectors. Increasing effectiveness of the sectors thru application of latest technologies and innovations are the most challenging tasks today to survive in global competition.

Today many interesting innovative initiatives are being carried out in the country. The research and scientific Shreder institute is working for over 110 years in Uzbekistan to intensify fruit and vegetables production. They

conduct researches, pilot innovations and help farmers in introducing new approaches into production. There are also a number of joint enterprises, where foreign partners bring new technologies. Unfortunately, these initiatives are fragmentary; the awareness of stakeholders on new technologies is low, while there is a need in comprehensive approach to development.

By organizing this event, we set an aim to bring together many key players in agriculture and food industry, from government, to scientists; from agro equipment producers, to farmers themselves. The meeting organized by CCI, BFU-2 and MAWR was a platform for discussions, exchanging experience and opinions on introducing innovations into the sector.

Opening the event, Mr. Alisher Shaykhov expressed the gratitude to United Nations Development Programme in Uzbekistan for supporting this event in particular, and fruitful cooperation with CCI in whole. He also noted that the contribution of UNDP to private sector development in Uzbekistan is invaluable.

Each day of the event was dedicated to separate direction: day 1 – aviculture; day 2 - meat and milk production and processing; day 3 - gardening and bee-farming. Three days included three different events, technologies and over 250 participants from Uzbekistan, Holland, Poland, Russia and Ukraine. The participants had very productive discussions and built partnership.



The exhibition stands demonstrated equipment and products of national and foreign producers. A journalist from Yoshlar channel, Gulsara Nasriddinova, inspired by the exhibition stands, decided to dedicate a series of programs to participating farmers.

The event was also widely covered in mass-media, involving TV-broadcast via 3 national channels, newspapers, journals, radio and web-media. The journalists attended all three days of the event, presenting materials from different angles.

