

Joint Declaration

by the

Development Partners of the Kyrgyz Republic

at the close of the

High Level Development Conference

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Bishkek

The Kyrgyz Republic

Preamble

1. We, Development Partners of the Kyrgyz Republic comprising of the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic, Bilateral Donors, International Financial Institutions, UN system and civil society organisations' representatives, met in Bishkek on 10-11th July 2013 in the framework of the High Level Development Conference at a time when the Kyrgyz Republic is confronting important development challenges and opportunities. The objectives of the Conference were to review the activities and the programmes implemented by the Development Partners since the July 2010 High Level Donors Meeting, to identify priority domains for joint action and to agree on a framework for future engagement with a corresponding set of measures that will ensure sustained, broadbased development.

Achievements since the July 2010 High Level Donors Meeting

2. The response that we, Development Partners, swiftly brought after the tragic events in June 2010 in the South of the country contributed to alleviating human suffering and restoring the livelihoods of those affected by them. A Concept of National Unity and Inter-Ethnic Relations has been approved by the Defence Council and President Atambaev with a view to addressing some of the root causes of the violence, enhancing conflict prevention and promoting a common civic identity. It constitutes a recognition of the value of ethnic diversity and equality, and of the importance of developing inter-ethnic relations on the basis of respect for human rights and the rule of law.
3. With the adoption of a new Constitution in 2010, the Kyrgyz Republic has embraced parliamentary democracy following the principles of separation of powers between the legislative, executive and judiciary as well as deepening democracy through the consolidation of local governments. Parliamentary, Presidential and local Council elections have further enhanced the democratic culture in the country.
4. The prudent macro-economic policy implemented by the Government and the National Bank of the Kyrgyz Republic as well as the support provided by the International Finance Institutions and the bilateral donors have contributed to economic stability, with reduced inflation and a stable exchange rate. However, the growing budget deficit remains a matter of concern.
5. We underline that significant efforts have been made since 2010 by the Government supported by the International Development Partners for the country to transition to a long term development. The National Sustainable Development Strategy for the Kyrgyz Republic 2013-2017 expresses a broadbased consensus on key aspects of economic, social and environmental

development of the Kyrgyz Republic and provides a meaningful reference framework for concerted action by the Development Partners.

6. The Donors Coordination Council jointly chaired by the Prime Minister and one Donors' Representative has been established in order to enhance policy dialogue, coordination among Development Partners and harmonisation and alignment with national policies, in line with the shared principles and common goals adopted internationally in the framework of the Paris Declaration, the Accra Agenda for Action and the Busan Partnership for Effective Development Cooperation.

The challenges ahead

7. However, many challenges remain that we are committed to addressing through a spirit of dialogue and partnership. By doing so, we place high emphasis on developing local human resources and building strong and efficient national institutions. We acknowledge that promoting human rights, democracy and good governance are an integral part of our development efforts.
8. The International Development Partners shall strive to support the Government in their efforts to further strengthen institutions of governance in the country recognizing and valuing its cultural diversity as the guiding principle enshrined in the Constitution.
9. We shall collectively endeavour to protect and promote the realisation of human rights, gender equality and the rule of law for all. The judicial reform in line with international standards remains an important priority for the consolidation of the rule of law.
10. We will support an equitable, inclusive and people centered development model based on prudent financial management, the optimal use of public expenditures and ensuring that support measures reduce disparities and target those who really need them. Kyrgyz Republic's active and positive engagement in multi-country dialogues around land, transport, trade facilitation, energy and water, climate change, disaster risk management, border management and narco-trafficking will be a critical determinant of economic growth.
11. We will deepen public sector reforms in order to make public administration lean, client-oriented and fit to provide universal equitable access to public services focussing on the most vulnerable, especially women and children.
12. We are determined to intensify our joint efforts to fight corruption and illicit flows, consistent with the UN Convention Against Corruption and other

respective international agreements and promote good governance, transparency and accountability.

13. We recognize the need to further improve the investment climate and its predictability, for both domestic and foreign investors.
14. We shall promote decentralisation through effective, well-defined devolution of authority and adequate financial resources coupled with capacity building at local government level.
15. In line with the National Sustainable Development Strategy for the Kyrgyz Republic 2013-2017, we will strive to using natural resources in a sustainable manner, preserving the heritage for future generations.
16. We will cooperate to deepen sector reforms in the energy, food and agriculture, health, transport, education, social protection, and water supply sectors to improve the quality and financial viability of public services.

Commitments

17. In view of the above, we, Development partners, commit to a sustained partnership based on mutual trust and accountability, openness in policy discussions and transparency in management.
18. We recognize the need for a strong Government leadership and development coordination focused on effective implementation of reforms and on achieving results.
19. We intend to provide development assistance to nationally-defined policies, priorities and strategies as well as to the National Sustainable Development Strategy and Action Plan for the Kyrgyz Republic 2013-2017 through financial and technical support. It is estimated that International Development Partners have resources of over US\$ 2 billion available for new projects to support the Kyrgyz Republic over the period of the National Sustainable Development Strategy 2013-2017, which would contribute to disbursements of over US\$ 1.7 billion over the same period. However, turning these potential resources into successful projects and real improvements for ordinary people will require strong policies and efficient institutions.
20. In providing financial and technical support to the Government, including that to the National Sustainable Development Strategy and Action Plan for the Kyrgyz Republic 2013-2017, the International Development Partners shall work towards building consensus on and respecting nationally-defined policies, priorities and strategies to ensure predictability in their actions. In

specific sectors, international development partners will work with the Government towards a sector-wide approach with a commonly-agreed upon strategy, focal point, financing plan and monitoring and evaluation framework.

21. International Development Partners will provide timely information on their activities to allow effective Government planning and reporting on programmes and projects and their financial flows. International Development Partners will seek to provide predictable, multi-year programmatic financial and technical support.
22. The Government of the Kyrgyz Republic, with support of the international development partners, will strengthen budget planning processes for managing domestic and external resources, linking the medium-term expenditure framework, annual national budget and programmes supported by international development partners in an integrated programming process for greater realism, consistency and results orientation.
23. We intend to measure and review progress towards the implementation of these commitments and towards the achievement of a set of agreed national development targets. To that end, we will meet on a quarterly basis in the framework of the Coordination Council under the Prime Minister and a Donors' representative and will make public the outcome of such monitoring.