

**«Approved»
By Head of the Taskforce,
Deputy Chairman of the State
Committee on Investment and State
Property Management of the Republic of
Tajikistan, Nigina Anvari Signed
«12» of December 2016**

MINUTES

of the 5th Session of the Taskforce on Women Entrepreneurship Support December 8, 2016

The Session was attended by Taskforce members and the invited responsible person (list is attached).

Session Agenda:

1. Monitoring the implementation process of the Action Plan of the Taskforce on Women Entrepreneurship Support for 2015-2016;
2. Presentation of the new concept on “Women Economic and Legal Empowerment”;
3. Drafting the Action Plan of the Taskforce on Women Entrepreneurship Support for 2017.

The Head of the Taskforce – the Deputy Chairman of the State Committee on Investment and State Property Management of the Republic of Tajikistan, Nigina Anvari opened Session and remarked that members of the Taskforce has gathered today to summarize the results of joint activity in the framework of the Taskforce for 2015-2016 and to discuss further directions focused on women entrepreneurship support for 2017.

Regarding the first issue of the session agenda, including the monitoring implementation process of the Action Plan of the Taskforce on women entrepreneurship support for 2015-2016, Manuchehra Madjonova – Economic Consultant of the Secretariat of the Consultative Council on Improvement of the Investment Climate under the President of the Republic of Tajikistan made a report. It has been noted that Action Plan of the Taskforce was developed through the close coordination of its members’ activity and includes measures, planned by the Taskforce members for 2015-2016. Base on this monitoring the implementation process of the Action Plan is a joint report of all members of the Taskforce about work undertaken on women-led business support, which results can discover achievements, gaps and further directions of the Taskforce activity.

Overall monitoring the implementation of the Action Plan has shown that Taskforce carried out significant work for 2015-16 in terms of raising awareness and increasing the women's access to the necessary skills and knowledge, professional retraining of women, particularly on administration and business management, development of crafts, access to finance, strengthen their share in agriculture, development of a regional network of women's business associations of the Central Asian and Afghanistan.

It have been also revealed gaps on weak coordination of the Taskforce members' activity in regard with updating the matrixes of the projects and programs, research and reform on women entrepreneurship support in 2016, creation go the single database of the researches on women-led business issues to sum up all the findings and recommendations for the purpose of the official submission to the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan.

Concerning the handicraft development Chairman of the NASME – Matluba Ulchabaeva has delivered a speech and emphasized the necessity of the enhancing the efforts on reform promotion and adopting the draft Law “On handicraft”.

Relating the access to finance Deputy Chairman of the National Bank of Tajikistan – Lola Salomzoda has delivered a speech and expressed willingness for fruitful cooperation in the framework of the Taskforce with regard to increasing financial awareness of the women entrepreneurs and protecting their consuming rights.

As Head of the Taskforce has highlighted gaps on providing access to finance are low level of financial awareness and limited access of women, particularly from the rural area, on information about possible sources of funding by the public sector, development partners and private sector as well.

Taskforce can be a single window on getting access to the relevant information in line with this. Therefore it is necessary to develop and to publish an information brochure and to place information on procedures for gaining access to grants, technical assistance and loans provided by state agencies, development partners and the private sector on the web site of the Taskforce.

Regarding the second issue of the session agenda, Meral Guzel, regional coordinator of UN-Women for Europe and CA has presented Concept and Global Online Platform on Women Economic and Legal Empowerment.

She has presented wide opportunities and advantages of the global online platform for enhancing the capacity of Tajikistan women entrepreneurs and invited them to register ant to use this useful database for development of effective business as well as expressed her willingness for the fruitful collaboration.

Relating to the third issue of the session agenda drafting the Action Plan of the Taskforce on women entrepreneurship support for 2017 has been considered.

EBRD Principal Manager on Advise for Small Business – S. Bobojanova, Chairwoman of the NAWA “Kadbonu” – S. Rahimzoda, Director of SUE “Guldasta” – Sh. Vatanova, Head of Department on Gender and International relations of the Committee on Women Affairs and Family under the Government

of the Republic of Tajikistan – J. Acobirova, Deputy General Director of NABWT – M. Mirzobahodurova, Head of LLC “Hasan - Zuhro” – Z. Tilloeva, Consultant of UN-Women – V. Majidovna have taken active part in discussion of the issues of the session agenda.

Discussion results have been summarized by the Deputy Chairman of the State Committee on Investment and State Property Management of the Republic of Tajikistan, Head of the Taskforce - Nigina Anvari and following decisions have been made:

1. Members of the Taskforce submit comprehensive information on updating three matrixes of programs, projects, researches and reforms on women entrepreneurship development for 2015-2016 to Secretariat of the Taskforce until December 20 this year;
2. Members of the Taskforce submit their analyses and researches on issues of women entrepreneurship to the Secretariat of the Taskforce for the purpose of creation of the single database of researches, summarizing the findings and recommendation for official submitting to the Government as well as placing on the Taskforce website.
3. Members of the Taskforce submit comprehensive information regarding the procedures of getting access for women entrepreneurs to the grants, technical assistance and credits, offered by their organization to the Secretariat of the Taskforce for the purpose of development of information brochure and placing in the Taskforce website;
4. Members of the Taskforce undertake necessary measures to make links on the Taskforce website to their organizations' websites;
5. Members of the Taskforce submit their proposals and suggestions to the draft Action Plan of the Taskforce on women entrepreneurship support for 2017 until December 20 this year, Secretariat of the Taskforce take into account all suggestions and send draft Action Plan before the official adopting to the members of the Taskforce for consideration;
6. All members of the Taskforce and Secretariat of the Taskforce register themselves and to promote registration of the women entrepreneurs of the country in global online platform «Empower Women» to gain access to the database of information, best experience and researches on women entrepreneurship development.
7. Date of the next session of the Taskforce will be determine after consideration of the draft Action Plan and next Session agenda.

Taskforce Secretary *Signed* **Madjonova Manuchehra**