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**REPORT OF  
THE FOURTH TRI-PARTITE MEETING (TPR4) OF THE CENTRAL ASIA  
PROGRAMME FOR FISHERIES AND AQUACULTURE DEVELOPMENT  
(GCP/RER/031/TUR)**

1. The TPR4 meeting was conducted on 5 June 2014 in Baku, Azerbaijan. It was attended by the FISHDEV partners Azerbaijan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkey and Uzbekistan.
2. Following documents were provided for the participant:
  - a) Final Agenda
  - b) Progress Report covering the period January 2013 – May 2014
  - c) Proposed Project Framework for the second phase of FISHDEV
  - d) Table listing possible activities for the second phase of FISHDEV in support of discussion
3. The Chairperson, Dr Durali Kocak opened the meeting and welcomed participants. He drawn attention to the achievements of the Programme. He expressed Turkey's willingness to continue support for the development of fisheries and aquaculture in the region. He acknowledged the achievements of the Programme, particularly in deepening the regional cooperation and in strengthening the institutional capacity. In this regard he thanked all partners and persons who contributed to the programme.
4. On behalf of FAO, Mr Thomas Moth-Poulsen, the Senior Fisheries and Aquaculture Officer, thanked Azerbaijan for hosting the meeting and the Turkish Government for the goodwill and funding of the program that had already made a remarkable effect on the capacity and cooperation on fisheries and aquaculture production and management in the region. He stated, that the compressed program for FISHDEV during the spring 2014, including several workshops, the CACFish Technical Advisory Committee session, and the CACFish 3 session in addition to an inception meeting on a climate change project with FAO Headquarters had stretched the team to the limit of their capacity, and in this respect he apologized for the late dissemination of the documents.
5. Mr Haydar Fersoy, (FAO) briefly reported on the program activities of the inter-sessional period (2013-2014) and emphasized that a considerable number of activities was delivered. Detailed information on the inter-sessional period activities, programme budget, and challenges was also provided. The Meeting appreciated the inter-sessional progress.
6. An overall review of the FISHDEV Programme (2009-2014) was presented by Mr Moth-Poulsen, and supported by comments by Mr Fersoy. Consecutively the floor was opened for discussion and comments. The Meeting expressed high level of satisfaction with the outcomes of the programme. The great contribution of the Programme to the establishment and functioning of CACFish was particularly noted. Partners underlined the pronounced contribution that FishDev had delivered to the regional capacity building and to increased fish production in the region. It was mentioned by several delegates that the

programme had played a leading and integrating role, for the first time, in providing capacity building in fisheries and aquaculture for the countries of the region after the collapse of Soviet Union. Financial support, effort and ownership of the donor country, Turkey, were highly appreciated. Support and contribution of FAOSEC was also noted. The ownership, close interest and support of partners were identified as key factors leading to the full success of the Programme. References to the mobilization of the external regional cooperation mechanisms (i.e. TICA and JICA) were made. Support and contribution of TICA to the regional cooperation was also highly appreciated. Special thanks were extended to Mr Raymon van Anrooy who was part of the regional initiatives resulting in the establishment of CACFish.

7. A technical discussion on the second phase of FISHDEV was initiated based on the draft proposed framework document and table of possible activities for consideration of the meeting. It was agreed to use the table of activities as basis for the discussion, since it better reflected the previous informal consultations held with the Ministry of Food Agriculture and Livestock of the Turkish Government. The discussion was opened with an encouragement for the delegates to suggest activities according to the needs of the countries and region, with duly regard to the proposed budget (i.e. USD 1,800,000). The meeting adopted the proposed technical components and activity areas of the likely second phase of Fishdev with some amendments (Annex I).

#### **8. The meeting agreed that**

- The programme had brought remarkable achievement to the region.
- Preparation of the project document of the second phase of FISHDEV should be conducted within a few months, taking into consideration the adopted activity framework.
- Further proposals by FISHDEV partners to the activity framework, if any, could be accepted in the coming months.
- FISHDEV strengthens regional networking and promotes the exchange of information and experience in the fields of fisheries and aquaculture.

**ANNEX I**  
**FISHDEV SECOND PHASE ACTIVITY-FRAMEWORK**

<b>Component 1: Institutional capacity development, fisheries legislation and policy</b>
<b>1.1 : Review of national fisheries and aquaculture legislation and technical regulations</b>
1.1.1 Update of national fisheries and aquaculture legislation and/or technical regulations of one partner
1.1.2 Technical assistance for compliance with respective international fisheries instruments
1.1.3 Development, review and updating of national fisheries and aquaculture policies and strategies
<b>1.2 : Technical assistance for improving fisheries management and planning</b>
1.2.1 Technical assistance for development of fisheries management and conservation frameworks
1.2.2 Technical assistance for improving co-management
1.2.3 Technical assistance for improved scientific advice to support fisheries management
1.2.4 Capacity development for key national stakeholder groups, including women
1.2.5 Guidelines on ecosystem approach to fisheries
1.2.6 Training in fisheries management and planning
1.2.7 Technical assistance for spatial fisheries management
1.2.8 Technical assistance for fisheries information collection and assessment systems
1.2.9 Establishment of Regional Fisheries Information System
<b>Component 2: Aquaculture production</b>
<b>2.1: Hands-on training on production systems</b>
2.1.1 Pond culture
2.1.2 Cage culture
2.1.3 Recirculating Aquaculture Systems
2.1.4 Larvae culture
2.1.5 Live food culture
2.1.6 Diversification of aquaculture (culture of new species)
<b>2.2: Farm/hatchery management</b>

2.2.1	Training for hatchery managers
2.2.2	Training for fish farmers
2.2.3	Fish hatchery best management practices
2.2.4	Fish health management in fish hatcheries
2.2.5	Fish feed development
2.2.6	Development of regional Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) methods for aquaculture
<b>Component 3: Inland fisheries</b>	
<b>3.1 Conservation of inland fisheries resources</b>	
3.1.1	Conserving endemic fish stocks in inland water reservoirs
3.1.2	Introduction and transfer of fish
3.1.3	Monitoring, Control and Surveillance (MCS) systems in inland fisheries
3.1.4	Fish stock assessment methodologies
3.1.5	Training on fish population genetics
3.1.6	Better management practice rehabilitation of water bodies (including spawning and nursery habitats in rivers and lakes)
3.1.7	Introduction and transfer of fish
3.1.8	Culture based fisheries
<b>Component 4: Fisheries post-harvest and marketing</b>	
4.1.1	Modern fish processing technologies and marketing processes
4.1.2	Regional guiding principles on the best methods in trade in each country in the region
4.1.3	Good hygienic practice in fish handling, cold chain, fish transport, fish markets and processing
4.1.4	International standards and procedures for maintenance of fish quality and increase fish and fishery product safety for consumers
<b>Component 5: Regional cooperation</b>	
5.1.1	Support to 5 year-work programme of CACFish
5.1.2	Promotion of attendance of partners at regional platforms
5.1.3	Promotion of regional scientific cooperation and collaboration
5.1.4	Preparation and dissemination of publications, technical papers, better management practices
5.1.5	Support to Regional Education and Training Programme

