

A first step on networking

*The initiatives from Central Asian and
Caucasus countries of former Soviet
Union*

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WORLD
Political Map




The Caucasus and Central Asia



**INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON
AGRICULTURAL SERVICE PROVISION IN
NEWLY INDEPENDENT STATES OF THE
FORMER SOVIET UNION
(GTZ-ZEF/UNESCO)**

**20 – 22 October, 2010, Urgench,
Uzbekistan**



Representation of 7 countries of former Soviet Union:



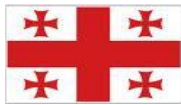
Uzbekistan

- Kyrgyzstan



Tajikistan

- Kazakhstan



Georgia


- Azerbaijan



Ukraine




Objectives:

- ▶ Bring together different organizations in CIS in agricultural extension provision to exchange knowledge and experience
 - ▶ Exchange the view on the establishment of a network of extension service providers with potential links to other research and education networks for development
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In the agenda:

- ▶ Country presentations
- ▶ Discussions on achievements and challenges
- ▶ Common understanding and definition of Success factors:
 - Organizational set up
 - Financing and Accountability
 - Monitoring and Evaluation
 - Research–Extension–Practice
 - Linkages of Extension to *input provision* and *markets*
 - Implementation and outreach
- ▶ Elaboration of options and first steps for change and improvement for the agricultural extension system in the CIS country

Regional Networking:

- ▶ Mailing list to be done to exchange further information exchange
 - ▶ Working group for follow up with an other (annual, topical) conference next year organizing the next regional symposium was established (Proposed topic was M&E to get better picture of impact of extension)
 - ▶ Network structure as used for Urgench can be maintained: Country focal points, coordinated by Regional coordinator. Regional coordination can rotate. Generally communication should go through E-mail list reaching all network members.
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Thank you!

