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PRESENTATION OF FEASIBILITY STUDY “POTENTIAL OF THE ORGANIC PRODUCTS PRODUCED IN TAJIKISTAN”

The feasibility study “Potential of the organic products produced in Tajikistan” will be presented in Khujand on 22nd of May 2012 at conference hall of cafe “Khushbakhti”.

This event is organized by the Public Organization “Sugdagroserv Consulting” in cooperation with Hilfswerk Austria International in Tajikistan, financed by the *European Union’s* program “Central Asia – Invest II”.

The program aimed at promoting of regional integration of Central Asia in global economy.

Representatives of relevant government agencies, fruit and vegetable processors and representatives of local and international non-governmental organizations will participate in the following presentation.

Speakers/Presenters:

Abdulatib Haldarov – co-author of feasibility study, international consultant, expert on production and certification of organic products of Helvetas Swiss Intercooperation

Mahinakhon Suleymanova – director of SAS Consulting

The main goal of the event is to present the results of the study. The authors of this study have questioned how realistic organic production in Tajikistan is and if the Tajik farmers will receive a sustainable income that can improve their living conditions by producing organic agricultural products.

Tajikistan has great potential for agriculture due to climatic diversity, fertile soil, water conditions and high temperature. Several of vegetables and fruits known for their special flavor and vitamins are the particular advantage of Tajikistan.

Till now the farmers in Tajikistan successfully grow only organic cotton. But there is great potential for organic production of various fruits, berries, nuts, legumes and vegetables. In all circumstances, an organic farmer suffers less in comparison with a conventional farmer, but he has the sufficient higher profit.



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