



Round Table

«Development of handicrafts as the vital sector of the Kyrgyz economy»

Within the framework of the EU Central Asia Invest Programme, the Bishkek Business Club, together with the Italian NGO Cesvi, is implementing a project that will enhance Regional Integration in the handicraft sector.

The overall objective of the round table is to gather all the stakeholders involved in the handicrafts sector of Kyrgyzstan and discuss an overall condition of the sector and come up with ideas of improving it. In particular, the agenda of the meeting will have the following set of items to discuss: informing on institutional framework for artisans, sharing best practices, coordinating intervention on the sector, deciding common action, avoiding duplication, updating on project activities and on BIOs' (Business Intermediary Organization) schedule.

The network will share the idea that handicraft is not only about tradition and culture, but it might be an opportunity for SMEs to create business. In the coordination effort, the network will involve donors working with SMEs (small and medium enterprise) as a key driver for economic development, particularly those involved in the handicraft sector and in complementary sectors, such as tourism; local and international NGOs active in the field; such as The Central Asian Craft Support Association (CACSA) and Union of Artistic Craftsmen; SMEs and organizations of the handicraft sector. This meeting will take the chance to give visibility to the project and involve more actors in the project activities.

All interested parties can register by visiting the following link: <http://hit.kg/729b81>

Date and time: February 27th (Thursday) 10:00-12:30, 2014

Venue: Conference hall of CAFMI, 245/1 Chui Ave.

Further information can be requested from: nursultan@bdk.kg, 0557 29 01 90 (Nursultan).

Agenda

Timeline	Activities
10:00-10:15	Registration of participants
10:15-10:30	Greeting and introduction of participants Esen Dzhumanov, chief executive officer of BBC.
10:30-10:45	Presentation of the project “Handicraft and Business through Regional Integration and Fair Trade Market” Nursultan Sulaimanov, project manager of BBC.
10:45-11:15	State regulation of the handicrafts sector of Kyrgyzstan Burul Faridinova, legal expert of BBC
11:15-12:00	Group discussion “Handicrafts: existing issues, ways of resolution and further perspectives of developing the sector” Moderator – Esen Dzhumanov
12:00-12:30	Coffee Break