



Dushanbe Economic Meeting 2015

Development of Agricultural Value Chains in Tajikistan

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Annual Dushanbe Economic Meeting aims to bring together policy makers, academics, researchers, students, and wider interested public to create sustainable discussion platform, generate ideas concerning important economic developments in Tajikistan and other countries.

This year, the Strategic Research Centre under the President of the Republic of Tajikistan and GIZ intend to hold Dushanbe Economic Meeting 2015 to discuss **development of agricultural value chains in Tajikistan and other countries**. The emphasis will be placed on discussing how to facilitate value chains in agricultural sector, starting from providing inputs to farmers, such as seeds and fertilizers, going through production, processing, marketing and trade, all the way to end-consumer. The role of value chains and agricultural sector in general in sustainable development and poverty reduction in Tajikistan will be discussed as well.

Topics include, but are not limited to the following:

- Agriculture and value chains as drivers of economic growth and employment in Tajikistan;
- Agricultural value chains in international context: WTO and Eurasian Economic Union;
- Value chains finance as a mean of strengthening agricultural development; attracting foreign investment;
- Linking farmers to market, inclusion of small farmers;
- Business cases of agricultural value chains in Tajikistan.

Travel and accommodation expenses for speakers will be covered according to GIZ rules and regulations. A limited number of travel and accommodation grants for students will be available.

Selected research papers will be published in magazine “Tajikistan and Contemporary World” issued by Strategic Research Centre under the President of Tajikistan.

Selected business cases of agricultural value chains in Tajikistan will be offered for consideration of Ministry of Agriculture of Tajikistan, international development organisations and business community.

The best three papers will be nominated for awards.

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