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INTRODUCTION

Highlights for the Quarter:

- In December 2006 and January 2007, needs assessments were conducted with Higher Education Institutions (HEI) and Ministries of Education throughout the region engaged with curriculum reform regarding the introduction of Certified Accounting Practitioner (CAP) into the State Education programme.
- Completion of a SMEF (Small and Medium Enterprise Fund) assessment which determined that KSBD should link up and provide support and training, and infrastructure development to the Fund.
- December 2006 roundtable saw the Ministry of Finance in Kazakhstan engaged with implementation of International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) and International Standards on Auditing (ISA). The A/CIPA project highlighted Small and Medium Sized businesses (SMEs) as a special case for IFRS.
- A total of 20 technical articles have appeared in the period from October 2006 from the A/CIPA team featured in 5 Accounting and Auditing media in Kazakhstan, including 'File of Accountant' and the 'Eurasia Bulletin of Auditor'. Similar articles are appearing in other publications across Central Asia.
- The Technical Manager of the Developing Nations Committee of The International Federation of Accountants (IFAC) visited Central Asia in February 2007 as a guest of the A/CIPA project and we held round table discussions in Astana, Almaty, Dushanbe, Tashkent and Bishkek.
- The Pragma Corporation signed a subcontract with the Eurasian Council of Certified Accountants and Auditors (ECCAA) in January 2007 to allow the project to provide financial and assistance to the IFAC Regional Grouping based in Kazakhstan.
- A/CIPA participated in February 2007 in the UNCTAD/World Bank/USAID conference in Kyiv on IFRS implementation experiences in the former Soviet Union.
- A/CIPA assumed the role of interim testing director of CIPAEN from January 2007 following the unforeseen resignation of the dedicated expatriate.
- The UZ Ministry of Higher Education granted permission in writing in February for two HEIs, Tashkent State University of Economics and Tashkent Finance Institute, to collaborate with The Pragma Corporation in accounting and audit education development.

KAZAKHSTAN

Implementation Issues

During the period November to January, the A/CIPA Education team visited RK Ministry of Education to discuss collaboration and CAP/CIPA program incorporation into curriculum, discussed the standard curriculum for 2007 developed together with Ryskulov University, and introduced the A/CIPA project and the program to 4 departments of the RK Ministry of Education. We also held discussions with rectors of Ryskulov University, Kaspyiski University in Almaty, Gumilev University in Astana, Pavlodar Innovative Eurasian University and the Pavlodar Branch of KZ Statistic Academy regarding the AEA creation and assistance in training the university teachers to teach CAP/CIPA. In February, A/CIPA participated in an international conference organized by the Innovative Eurasian University and USAID's KSBBD project enabling us to start building relations with the key universities, governmental bodies and businesses in Pavlodar for the AEA. It served as a clear example as to how USAID projects cooperate creating maximum efficiency and cost-effectiveness for USAID while striving for the creation of sustainable programming.

The target for the number of CAP courses to be taught in HEIs at the end of Year 1 (September/August 07) of the project is in doubt as it is likely that all of the Year 1 efforts will only be fully realized at the end of Year 2 (September/August 08) because the Academic Year begins at the same time as the project year, i.e. September.

CIPAEN activities increased substantially through the role of A/CIPA being required to oversee the testing activities and examination development of the program. Many of the detailed activities cannot be formally reported as they are confidential and disclosure of this information would lead to the integrity and security of the exam system being compromised.

The Project continues to support the new Executive Director and his efforts to move CIPAEN towards sustainability. ECCAA has been assisted in their preparation of a strategic plan to move the Regional Grouping forward to ensure that the role of the Body is provision of support and assistance to the individual Professional Bodies.

Progress towards Benchmarks

Deliverable	Measurement	Baseline	1st Year Target	Progress
A minimum of 10 universities substantially upgrade their Accounting Curriculum	Number of universities	0	4	Needs assessment questionnaires being prepared and tested for information collection.
A minimum of an additional 150 CAP courses, taught by qualified professors, are introduced in the HEIs throughout Central Asia	Monitored Courses	107 courses in KZ	45	Applications from faculties are being received and filtered to establish a candidate selection process
During the second year of A/CIPA, 1000 CAP exams are taken by students in Central Asia	Number of registered students	10 exams in KZ	N/A	N/A
A minimum of an additional 3000 CAPs, 50 CIPAs are certified; Certifications should be tracked by gender and capital city vs. regions	CAP+CIPA candidates meaning that participant has passed the 3 exams for CAP level or 7 exams for CIPA level.	2779 CAP level; 24 CIPA level cumulative in KZ; 804 CAP level; 16 CIPA level in year 4 of EDP	1050 CAP level; 15 CIPA level	For current numbers, see Appendix 1: A/CIPA Program Certification Candidates for Year 1
CIPAEN Country Offices are independent and financially sustainable for Central Asia related costs	Country Offices located in different building and do not require any deficit funding from A/CIPA.	Co-located with Pragma but not subsidized	KZ office sustainable and independently located	Physically separated, payroll separated, legally separate.
Online registration for CIPA exams in each country office is developed, implemented, marketed, and tracked for performance	Percentage of registrations done online	0	10%	An STTA SOW will be issued in March for an Information Systems Strategy Expert to oversee this area.
CIPAEN is ISO 9001-2000 certified	On hold until future strategy is determined.	Procedures written for most activities.	N/A	Suspended
ECCAA's Department on Training Materials is established and functioning	Manager hired, library of materials present, and procedure written and approved for renewal of documents	No department exists	DTM manager on ECCAA payroll, materials review procedure approved by ECCAA and A/CIPA; library list published on website	Discussions with ICAS have started and it is expected that the Scottish Institute have agreed to provide a template for the planning process. We expect ICAS to be in Kazakhstan in May 2007

Deliverable	Measurement	Baseline	1st Year Target	Progress
ECCAA has adopted and adapted the version of the complete IFAC International Education Standards (IES)	IES adopted formally by board of directors	Nothing adopted	First 6 standards adopted and implemented	A study tour to ICAS has been planned for May 2007 to benefit from the experience of their Education Department and to coincide with their exam session
All ECCAA full members in Central Asia have the CAP designation as requirement for full membership of individuals	Requirement listed in every charter; Members have taken and passed at least all 3 CAP level exams	Some organizations have CAP requirement in charter	ECCAA charter audited	Association Coordinator and ECCAA will establish a work plan and timetable.
All ECCAA full members in Central Asia have IFAC compliant CPE programs in place	Course list created and published on ECCAA website; Requirement listed in every charter; Members of member associations start taking courses	No CPE program exists	ECCAA charter audited; Member charters audited; Course list published on website	ICAS will lead the initiative based upon their own experience with CPE and the importance of the income stream for sustainability. This will be demonstrated at the study tour in May 2007

Deliverable	Measurement	Baseline	1st Year Target	Progress
By the second year, the Accounting Education Alliance (AEA) is providing focused material support to 25 progressive LEPs in Central Asia	Needs assessment matched with University commitment letter	40 organizations have expressed interest in the idea	N/A	N/A
IFRS training to be made available to Government officials, Regulators and any other financial sector Overseers.	At least one course in each year for a minimum of 10 officials in each country	0 courses	1 course in KZ	Discussions have opened with The Ministry of Finance and the Project has made available IFRS materials.
Design and hold workshops for LTP's to address sustainability	At least one workshop in Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and Uzbekistan.	0 workshops held	1 in KZ	Due to the subject review being conducted of CAP/CIPA we will await the outcome before proceeding.
Host IFRS roundtable discussions	At least one roundtable in Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan.	0 roundtables held	1 in KZ	The first IFRS roundtable was held December 2006 in Almaty.
IFRS/ISA Technical articles are written for the accounting press	At least 12 articles per annum in Kazakhstan.	0 articles	12	17 articles were published on the internet, in magazines, and in newspapers in the current quarter, making a total of 22 for the first six months
Study tour to ICAS for at least 4 members of the accounting and auditing profession in Central Asia.	A five day trip to Scotland	No tour held	1	Planned for May 2007 to explore CPE, Education and Quality Assurance. ST timed for ICAS exam period in Scotland.

Obstacles encountered, possible delays in achieving the established benchmarks

1. The future of CIPAEN is being examined by the CIPAEN Board of Directors and a number of strategic options are being actively considered. Once the strategic direction of CIPAEN has been agreed upon, the project will realign its deliverables.
2. A Ministry of Finance Draft Framework document for the Accounting and Auditing Industry in Kazakhstan was received in October 2006, discussed in Astana at the Ministry in November 2006 and responded to by A/CIPA in December 2006.
3. The MOF has issued new regulations on Accreditation of Accounting qualifications for Public Interest Entities.
4. ECCAA has a staff of 3; the ED, an Accountant and an Assistant and until its human resources are added to, the progress on capacity building is limited.

Proposed Changes to the Work Plan

A new work plan is being designed along with a contract modification to reflect the on-going changes within CIPAEN and the Project's commitment to the examination process.

Forecast of Activities for the Quarter March to May 2007

1. Further enrolment of HEIs to teach CAP courses.
2. At least three articles published in the accounting and auditing press.
3. AEA promoted with Businesses and HEIs giving tangible commitments.
4. Study tour to the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Scotland.
5. Project management of the new CAP/CIPA qualification for launch in March 2008
6. STTA on Information Systems Strategy for CIPAEN commenced.
7. STTA for Examinations and Education Expert for CIPAEN commenced.

KYRGYZSTAN

Implementation Issues

A/CIPA Country Director for Kyrgyzstan began in December 2006.

A decision was made to delay the HEI initiative from the beginning of the education year in September because of the changes being proposed to the accounting curriculum. As a result, the target dates for University upgrades were moved to early 2007 because of the exam and holiday period of November 2006 to January 2007. The effect of this move is to reduce the number of attempts we can have to embed our qualification from two to one during the life of the project and we believe that we can be part of a wider initiative to achieve our aim. Our new initiative is the Accounting Education Alliance where we have asked HEIs to participate in a needs-analysis whilst encouraging the business community to assist the HEIs with much needed resources. This initiative will be on-going through the life of the project and will need constant publicity and events to promote the cause of the HEIs.

Kyrgyzstan is presently the centre of CIPAEN's examination development and database management and we expect an increasing focus on the need for extended information whilst increasing the quality of the existing information to better understand the changes to CIPAEN's market and customer. CIPAEN activities increased substantially through the role of A/CIPA being required to oversee the testing activities and examination development of the program. Many of the detailed activities cannot be formally reported as they are confidential and disclosure of this information would lead to the integrity and security of the exam system being compromised.

We met with the executive director of EdNet association, received information on how they link businesses and HEIs, and discussed plans to hold a joint international roundtable and working group. We also met with Deans of the American University - Central Asia (AUCA) and Kyrgyz Russian Slavic University to tell about the project and Accounting Education Alliance, to talk about possible ways for cooperation/joint work, and to get information on CAP/CIPA courses taught.

Progress towards Benchmarks

	Deliverable	Measurement	Baseline	1st Year Target	Progress
1	A minimum of 10 universities substantially upgrade their Accounting Curriculum	Number of universities	0	1	Needs assessment questionnaires being prepared and tested for information collection.
2	A minimum of an additional 150 CAP courses, taught by qualified professors, are introduced in the HEIs throughout Central Asia	Monitored Courses	37 courses in KG	20	26 courses were monitored in the current quarter.
3	During the second year of A/CIPA, 1000 CAP exams are taken by students in Central Asia	Number of exams registered by students	155 exams in KG	N/A	N/A
4	A minimum of an additional 3000 CAPs, 50 CIPAs are certified; Certifications should be tracked by gender and capital city vs. regions	CAP+CIPA candidates meaning that participant has passed the 3 exams for CAP level or 7 exams for CIPA level.	830 CAP level; 12 CIPA level cumulative in KG; 133 CAP level; 1 CIPA level in year 4 of EDP	175 CAP level; 2 CIPA level	For current numbers, see Appendix 1: A/CIPA Program Certification Candidates for Year 1
5	CIPAEN Country Offices are independent and financially sustainable for Central Asia related costs	Country Offices located in different building and do not require any deficit funding from A/CIPA.	Co-located with Pragma and subsidized	KG office sustainable and independently located	Legally independent. Physically separated (independently located) in December 2006
6	Online registration for CIPA exams in each country office is developed, implemented, marketed, and tracked for performance	Percentage of registrations done online	0	10%	An STTA SOW will be issued in March for an Information Systems Strategy Expert to oversee this area.
7	All ECCAA full members in Central Asia have the CAP designation as requirement for full membership of individuals	Requirement listed in every charter; Members have taken and passed at least all 3 CAP level exams	Some organizations have CAP requirement in charter	1 Member charter audited	In progress

	Deliverable	Measurement	Baseline	1st Year Target	Progress
8	All ECCAA full members in Central Asia have IFAC compliant CPE programs in place	Course list created and published on ECCAA website; Requirement listed in every charter; Members of member associations start taking courses	No CPE program exists	All member charters audited;	To follow ECCAA/ICAS progress
9	By the second year, the Accounting Education Alliance (AEA) is providing focused material support to 25 progressive LEPs in Central Asia	Needs assessment matched with University commitment letter	40 organizations have expressed interest in the idea	N/A	N/A
10	IFRS training to be made available to Government officials, Regulators and any other financial sector Overseers.	At least one course in each year for a minimum of 10 officials in each country	0 courses	1 course in KG	Technical Assistance offered to the National Bank.
11	Design and hold workshops for LTP's to address sustainability	At least one workshop in Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and Uzbekistan.	0 workshops held	1 workshop in KG	Due to the subject review being conducted of CAP/CIPA we will await the outcome before proceeding.
12	Host IFRS roundtable discussions	At least one roundtable in Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan.	0 roundtables held	1 roundtable in KG	Held in February 2007 with the participation of IFAC representative.
13	IFRS/ISA Technical articles are written for the accounting press	At least 2 articles per annum in Kyrgyzstan.	0 articles	1 article in KG	9 articles were published on the internet, in magazines, and in newspapers in the current quarter, making a total of 12 for the first six months

Obstacles encountered, possible delays in achieving the established benchmarks

1. The future of CIPAEN is being examined by the CIPAEN Board of Directors and a number of strategic options are being actively considered. Once the strategic direction of CIPAEN has been agreed upon, the project will re-align its deliverables.
2. Political uncertainty with Government Agencies has made progress in all areas slower than we would have expected.

Proposed Changes to the Work Plan

A new work plan is being designed along with a contract modification to reflect the on-going changes within CIPAEN and the Project's commitment to the examination process.

Forecast of Activities for the Quarter March to May 2007

1. Needs Assessments continues at 4 Universities
2. Study tour to the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Scotland
3. HEI roundtable
4. Articles to be published in accounting press
5. AEA to be promoted

TAJKISTAN

Implementation Issues

CIPAEN will not be separated from A/CIPA in Tajikistan at this time. CIPAEN activities are modest in Tajikistan and the organisation has been experiencing some difficulty appointing a new Country Director and this is not likely to be resolved before April 2007. The CIPAEN Board has requested that the continued support to Tajikistan be continued until December 2007 when the position will be reviewed. In the meantime we continue to hold and supervise examinations in Dushanbe.

We met with the Ministry of Finance and they have indicated that they would consider adding CAP exams as part of the auditor certification process.

We also met with the Ministry of Education and have agreed to form a working group regarding CAP/CIPA being embedded in the curriculum.

Progress towards Benchmarks

	Deliverable	Measurement	Baseline	1st Year Target	Progress
1	A minimum of 10 universities substantially upgrade their Accounting Curriculum	Number of universities	0	0	Needs assessment questionnaires being prepared and tested for information collection.
2	A minimum of an additional 150 CAP courses, taught by qualified professors, are introduced in the HEIs throughout Central Asia	Monitored Courses	20 courses in TJ	15	Applications from faculties are being received and filtered to establish a candidate selection process
3	During the second year of A/CIPA, 1000 CAP exams are taken by students in Central Asia	Number of exams registered by students	48 exams in TJ	N/A	N/A
4	A minimum of an additional 3000 CAPs, 50 CIPAs are certified; Certifications should be tracked by gender and capital city vs. regions	CAP+CIPA candidates meaning that participant has passed the 3 exams for CAP level or 7 exams for CIPA level.	200 CAP level; 7 CIPA level cumulative in TJ; 25 CAP level; 2 CIPA level in year 4 of EDP	40 CAP level; 2 CIPA level	For current numbers, see Appendix 1: A/CIPA Program Certification Candidates for Year 1
5	CIPAEN Country Offices are independent and financially sustainable for Central Asia related costs	Country Offices located in different building and do not require any deficit funding from A/CIPA.	Co-located with Pragma and subsidized	CIPAEN located independent of A/CIPA	Removed as a deliverable for Tajikistan
6	Online registration for CIPA exams in each country office is developed, implemented, marketed, and tracked for performance	Percentage of registrations done online	0	10%	An STTA SOW will be issued in March for an Information Systems Strategy Expert to oversee this area.

	Deliverable	Measurement	Baseline	1st Year Target	Progress
7	All ECCAA full members in Central Asia have the CAP designation as requirement for full membership of individuals	Requirement listed in every charter; Members have taken and passed at least all 3 CAP level exams	Some organizations have CAP requirement in charter	1 Member charter audited	In progress
8	All ECCAA full members in Central Asia have IFAC compliant CPE programs in place	Course list created and published on ECCAA website; Requirement listed in every charter; Members of member associations start taking courses	No CPE program exists	All member charters audited;	To follow ECCAA/ICAS progress
9	By the second year, the Accounting Education Alliance (AEA) is providing focused material support to 25 progressive LEPs in Central Asia	Needs assessment matched with University commitment letter	40 organizations have expressed interest in the idea	N/A	N/A
10	IFRS training to be made available to Government officials, Regulators and any other financial sector Overseers.	At least one course in each year for a minimum of 10 officials in each country	0 courses	1 course in TJ	None to report
11	Host IFRS roundtable discussions	At least one roundtable in Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan.	0 roundtables held	1 roundtable in TJ	Held in February 2007 in conjunction with the visit of the IFAC representative.
12	IFRS/ISA Technical articles are written for the accounting press	At least 2 articles per annum in Tajikistan.	0 articles	1 article in TJ	1 article was published this quarter on TJ MinFin's website regarding the visit of IFAC representative

Obstacles encountered, possible delays in achieving the established benchmarks

1. The Appointment of a Country Director
2. The future of CIPAEN is being examined by the CIPAEN Board of Directors and a number of strategic options are being actively considered. Once the strategic direction of CIPAEN has been agreed, the project will re-align its deliverables.
3. Management of Tajikistan activities from Almaty

Proposed Changes to the Work Plan

A new work plan is being designed along with a contract modification to reflect the on-going changes within CIPAEN and the Project's commitment to the examination process.

Forecast of Activities for the Quarter March – May 2007

1. Appointment of a Country Director and exam coordinator
2. Articles to be produced for the accounting press
3. Establishment of a working group on curriculum reform

TURKMENISTAN

Implementation Issues

Following the untimely death of the President of Turkmenistan and the subsequent refusal of visas to A/CIPA and the IFAC representative there has been little progress in accounting reform in Turkmenistan to date. However with the appointment of new President and Government we are hopeful that we can make some progress in the third quarter (March to May 2007).

Progress towards Benchmarks

	Deliverable	Measurement	Baseline	1st Year Target	Progress
1	A minimum of an additional 3000 CAPs, 50 CIPAs are certified; Certifications should be tracked by gender and capital city vs. regions	CAP+CIPA candidates meaning that participant has passed the 3 exams for CAP level or 7 exams for CIPA level.	101 CAP level; 0 CIPA level cumulative in TM; 44 CAP level; 0 CIPA level in year 4 of EDP	40 CAP level; 1 CIPA level	For current numbers, see Appendix 1: A/CIPA Program Certification Candidates for Year 1
2	CIPAEN Country Offices are independent and financially sustainable for Central Asia related costs	Country Offices located in different building and do not require any deficit funding from A/CIPA.	Not registered, co-located with Pragma and subsidized	CIPAEN registered and located in different building	Removed as a deliverable for Turkmenistan
3	Online registration for CIPA exams in each country office is developed, implemented, marketed, and tracked for performance	Percentage of registrations done online	0	10%	An STTA SOW will be issued in March for an Information Systems Strategy Expert to oversee this area.
4	All ECCAA full members in Central Asia have the CAP designation as requirement for full membership of individuals	Requirement listed in every charter; Members have taken and passed at least all 3 CAP level exams	Some organizations have CAP requirement in charter	1 Member charter audited	None to report
5	All ECCAA full members in Central Asia have IFAC compliant CPE programs in place	Course list created and published on ECCAA website; Requirement listed in every charter; Members of member associations start taking courses	No CPE program exists	All member charters audited;	None to report
6	IFRS training to be made available to Government officials, Regulators and any other financial sector Overseers.	At least one course in each year for a minimum of 10 officials in each country	0 courses	1 course in TM	Meeting with MINFIN where offer of assistance was made.
7	IFRS/ISA Technical articles are written for the accounting press	At least 2 articles per annum in Turkmenistan.	0 articles	1 article in TM	None to report

Obstacles encountered, possible delays in achieving the established benchmarks

Political changes making progress impossible

Proposed Changes to the Work Plan

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Forecast of Activities for the Quarter March 2007 – May 2007

Appointment of an expatriate in the Ashgabat office to reinstate the A/CIPA project and liaise with Government officials.

UZBEKISTAN

Implementation Issues

The UZ Ministry of Higher Education granted permission in writing in February for two HEIs, Tashkent State University of Economics and Tashkent Finance Institute, to collaborate with The Pragma Corporation in accounting and audit education development. This we see as a major breakthrough in establishing CAP/CIPA as the Premier accounting and auditing qualification in Uzbekistan.

The operation of the CIPAEN grading centre is now part of the scope of work for A/CIPA following the resignation of the expatriate Testing Director in January 2007. Many of the detailed activities cannot be formally reported as they are confidential and disclosure of this information would lead to the integrity and security of the exam system being compromised.

Progress towards Benchmarks

	Deliverable	Measurement	Baseline	1st Year Target	Progress
1	A minimum of 10 universities substantially upgrade their Accounting Curriculum	Number of universities	0	1	Needs assessment questionnaires being prepared and tested for information collection.
2	A minimum of an additional 150 CAP courses, taught by qualified professors, are introduced in the HEIs throughout Central Asia	Monitored Courses	62 courses in UZ	30	ATBD discussions on monitoring and methods have been opened
3	During the second year of A/CIPA, 1000 CAP exams are taken by students in Central Asia	Number of exams registered by students	106 exams in UZ	N/A	N/A
4	A minimum of an additional 3000 CAPs, 50 CIPAs are certified; Certifications should be tracked by gender and capital city vs. regions	CAP+CIPA candidates meaning that participant has passed the 3 exams for CAP level or 7 exams for CIPA level.	735 CAP level; 30 CIPA level cumulative in UZ; 175 CAP level; 10 CIPA level in year 4 of EDP	240 CAP level; 15 CIPA level	For current numbers, see Appendix 1: A/CIPA Program Certification Candidates for Year 1

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5	CIPAEN Country Offices are independent and financially sustainable for Central Asia related costs	Country Offices located in different building and do not require any deficit funding from A/CIPA.	Co-located with Pragma and subsidized	UZ office sustainable and independently located	Complete December 2006
6	Online registration for CIPA exams in each country office is developed, implemented, marketed, and tracked for performance	Percentage of registrations done online	0	10%	An STTA SOW will be issued in March for an Information Systems Strategy Expert to oversee this area.
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10	IFRS training to be made available to Government officials, Regulators and any other financial sector Overseers.	At least one course in each year for a minimum of 10 officials in each country	0 courses	1 course in UZ	Discussions with MINFIN have been opened and assistance is being considered
11	Design and hold workshops for LTP's to address sustainability	At least one workshop in Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and Uzbekistan.	0 workshops held	1 workshop in UZ	Due to the subject review being conducted of CAP/CIPA we will await the outcome before proceeding.
12	IFRS/ISA Technical articles are written for the accounting press	At least 2 articles per annum in Uzbekistan	0 articles	1 article in UZ	4 articles published on the internet, in magazines, and in newspapers in current quarter (total of 4 in first six months)

Obstacles encountered, possible delays in achieving the established benchmarks

1. The future of CIPAEN is being examined by the CIPAEN Board of Directors and a number of strategic options are being actively considered. Once the strategic direction of CIPAEN has been agreed, the project will re-align its deliverables.
2. Grading Centre operations may be restricted or stopped by the Government.

Proposed Changes to the Work Plan

A new work plan is being designed along with a contract modification to reflect the on-going changes within CIPAEN and the Project's commitment to the examination process.

Forecast of Activities for the Quarter March 2007 – May 2007

1. Needs Assessments started at 10 Universities
2. AEA meetings with major businesses
3. Discussions with the Ministry of Finance for further integration of CAP/CIPA into the public sector
4. Tax and Law exams in Uzbek
5. ATBD coaching sessions to be observed and applied to Central Asia
6. Articles to be produced for the accounting press
7. The database of CAP/CIPA materials is to be aligned to the new CAP/CIPA qualification with a view to cataloguing books, booklets and copyright issues. Ownership to be established and updating by CIPAEN/ECCAA.

APPENDICES

- A/CIPA Program Certification Candidates for Year I (Sept. 1, 2006 through Aug. 31, 2007): as of Feb. 28, 2007
- A/CIPA Organization Chart March 2007

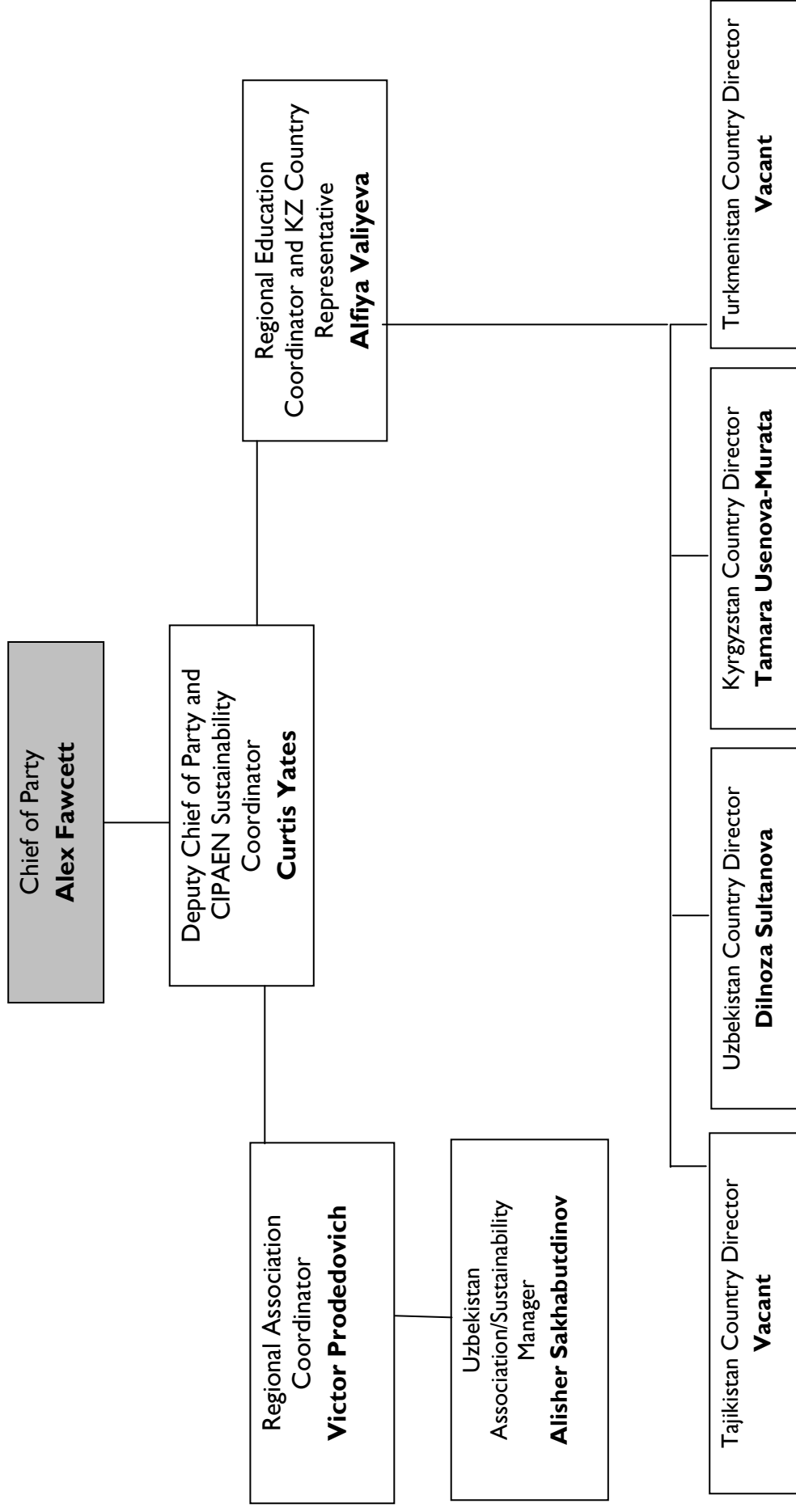
A/CIPA Program Certification Candidates for Year I
(Sept. 1, 2006 through Aug. 31, 2007): as of Feb. 28, 2007

Country	Level	Cumulative Candidates for Certification	A/CIPA Year - One Targets	Current Quarter Candidates for Certification	Over/(Under) Deliverable	Percentage of Deliverables	Current Quarter Number of Female	Percentage Female	Current Quarter Number from Regions	Percentage from Regions
Kyrgyzstan	CAP	830	175	46	-129	26.29%	41	89.13%	11	23.91%
	CIPA	12	2	4	2	200.00%	3	75.00%	-	0.00%
Kazakhstan	CAP+CIPA	842	177	50	-127	28.25%	44	88.00%	11	22.00%
	CAP	2779	1,050	449	-601	42.76%	418	93.10%	153	34.08%
Uzbekistan	CIPA	24	15	2	-13	13.33%	2	100.00%	1	50.00%
	CAP+CIPA	2803	1,065	451	-614	42.35%	420	93.13%	154	34.15%
Tajikistan	CAP	735	240	88	-152	36.67%	55	62.50%	11	12.50%
	CIPA	30	15	2	-13	13.33%	2	100.00%	-	0.00%
Turkmenistan	CAP+CIPA	765	255	90	-165	35.29%	57	63.33%	11	12.22%
	CAP	200	40	5	-35	12.50%	2	40.00%	2	40.00%
Totals Central Asia	CIPA	7	2	2	0	100.00%	-	0.00%	-	0.00%
	CAP+CIPA	207	42	7	-35	16.67%	2	28.57%	2	28.57%
Totals Central Asia	CAP	101	40	15	-25	37.50%	10	66.67%	-	0.00%
	CIPA	0	1	-	-1	0.00%	-	0.00%	-	0.00%
Totals Central Asia	CAP+CIPA	101	41	15	-26	36.59%	10	66.67%	-	0.00%
	CAP	4645	1,545	603	(942)	39.03%	526	87.23%	177	29.35%
Totals Central Asia	CIPA	73	35	10	(25)	28.57%	7	70.00%	1	10.00%
	CAP+CIPA	4718	1,580	613	(967)	38.80%	533	86.95%	178	29.04%

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