

CAPACITY BUILDING VISIT TO AUSTRALIA BY PAKISTAN PROJECT PARTNERS

13-17 OCTOBER 2014

As provided for in the Project Agreement, a capacity building visit to Australia was organised by VISES for the following Pakistani government officials.

Pakistani Visitors

1. Dr Aamer Irshad, Chief, Food and Agriculture, Ministry of Planning, Development & Reform
2. Mr Abdul Qadir Tareen, Department of Agriculture Sindh
3. Mr Ahmed Ali Zafar, Additional Secretary, Department of Agriculture, Punjab
4. Khalid Mahmud Chaudhry, Deputy Secretary, Department of Livestock and Dairy Development, Punjab
5. Dr Nazeer Hussain Kalhoro, Director, Livestock and Fisheries Department, Sindh, Karachi

Dr Iftikhar Ahmad, Chairman, Pakistan Agricultural Research Council (PARC) was also scheduled to be part of this visit, but had to opt out at the last minute due to certain other commitments in Pakistan.

Activities

Visitors arrived in Melbourne on Sunday 12 October evening and departed the following Saturday 18 October from Sydney. They attended the following eight capacity building sessions in Melbourne, Canberra and Sydney, which were designed to cover topics in policy making in dairy and horticulture, as well as policy coordination in a federal system of government.

Time	Activity	Presenters	Contact Numbers
Day 1: Monday			
9:30 – 10:30	Project updates:	Professors Peter Sheehan, Bhajan Grewal & Mr Lang Dr David Harris Prof. Peter Dawkins Prof. Colin Clark All Delegates	0419 525 166
11:00 – 12:00	Dairy market deregulation		
12:00 – 12:05	Welcome		
2:15 – 3:00	Dairy Co-operatives	Prof. Peter Dawkins Prof. Colin Clark All Delegates	
3:30 – 4:30	Discussion on Project priorities		
7:30 +	Dinner at Green Pepper		
Day 2: Tuesday			
9:00 – 10:30	Dairy Farmers Australia: Issues & Opportunities	Mr Charles McElhone Mr Stewart Davy	0402794908
11:00 – 12:30	Victorian Government Departments of State	Ms Ron Harris, Special Advisor to	9651 9317

	<p>Development, Business and Innovation (DSDBI) & Environment & Primary Industries (DEPI) Presentation on the roles of the Department of the Environment and Primary Industries:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Policies to support Victorian agribusiness, including initiatives under the Food to Asia Action Plan. - DEPI collaboration with Federal Government - challenges around engaging with producers - focus on dairy and horticulture 	<p>DEPI; Ms Kate Cini, Manager Trade, DSDBI; Ms Fiona Letos, Manager Programs and Projects, International Coordination, Department of State Development, Business and Innovation</p>	
12:30 +	Lunch		
Afternoon	Visit to Dairy Farm - Gippsland		
7:00pm +	Dinner	Alba's Restaurant, 109 Elgin Street, Carlton	9347 0006
Day 3: Wednesday			
9:00 – 10:30	Agricultural Extension Services	Mr Stephen Coats	0408 005 077
10:30 – 11:30	Presentations by Dr A Irshad; Mr A Zafar; and Mr A Tareen		
11:00 – 12:30	Policy Coordination	Dr R. F. I. Smith	
12:30 – 2:00	Lunch		
2:00 -3:00	Visit to MCG		
17:50 – 18:55	Depart for Canberra - QF742	Hotel: Clifton Suites, 100 Northbourne Ave Canberra	
Day 4: Thursday			
9:15 – 10:15	Project Team Meeting at the Hotel	Project Team	
10:45	Leave Hotel for ACIAR		
11:00 – 11:30	Discussion with DFAT staff on 'Aid for Trade & ASLP-3'		
11:30 – 2:00	ACIAR Presentations by Dr Nick Austin; Dr Peter Horne; Dr Ejaz Qureshi		
2:30 – 3:30	Australian Bureau of	Mr. Alistair Davidson A/g Assistant	(02) 6272 2487 /

	Agricultural and Resource Economics and Sciences (ABARES)	Secretary - Farm Analysis and Biosecurity Branch	0438 555541
16:45 – 17:40	Depart for Sydney: QF1628	Vibe Hotel, 111 Goulburn St Sydney	
Day 5: Friday			
9:30 – 10:30	Meeting with Scott Davenport on agricultural market deregulation Presentation by Dr David Michalk on Smallholders, Markets & Credit	Vibe Hotel, 111 Goulburn St Sydney	
11:00 – 12:30			
12:30	Lunch		
7:00pm	Farewell dinner		

The visit helped to develop a common understanding of the aims and objectives of the project, particularly the importance of right policies for improving livelihoods of smallholders in dairy, mango and citrus. The visitors actively participated in the discussions and by all accounts the participants found the visit to be highly useful and relevant to the focus of this project. Together the participants and the lead project researchers made good progress in defining the key policy issues to be pursued, through more detailed analysis and policy development.

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