
LOAN NUMBER 4114-KGZ(COL)

LOAN AGREEMENT
(Ordinary Operations [Concessional])
(Promoting Economic Diversification Program – Subprogram 2)

between

KYRGYZ REPUBLIC

and

ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK

DATED 4 October, 2021

KGZ 52225

**LOAN AGREEMENT
(Ordinary Operations [Concessional])**

LOAN AGREEMENT dated 4 October, 2021 between KYRGYZ REPUBLIC ("Borrower") and ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK ("ADB").

WHEREAS

(A) ADB has received from the Borrower a development policy letter dated 4 May 2021 ("Policy Letter"), setting forth certain objectives, policies and actions, as described in Schedule 1 to this Loan Agreement, designed to develop the Economic Diversification Program of the Borrower ("Program");

(B) the Program comprises the second subprogram of a programmatic approach, as described in paragraph 1 of Schedule 1 to this Loan Agreement ("Programmatic Approach"), and the Borrower has applied to ADB for a loan for the purposes of the Program;

(C) by a grant agreement between the Borrower and ADB ("Grant Agreement"), ADB has agreed to make a grant to the Borrower from ADB's Special Funds resources in an amount of ten million and seven hundred thousand Dollars (\$10,700,000) ("Grant") for the purposes of the Program; and

(D) ADB has agreed to make a concessional loan to the Borrower from ADB's ordinary capital resources upon the terms and conditions set forth herein;

NOW THEREFORE the parties agree as follows:

ARTICLE I

Loan Regulations; Definitions

Section 1.01. All the provisions of ADB's Ordinary Operations (Concessional) Loan Regulations, dated 1 January 2017 ("Loan Regulations"), are hereby made applicable to this Loan Agreement with the same force and effect as if they were fully set forth herein, subject, however, to the following modifications:

- (a) Section 2.01(v) is deleted and the following is substituted therefor:

"Program" means the program for which ADB has agreed to make the Loan, as described in the Loan Agreement and as the description thereof may be amended from time to time by agreement between ADB and the Borrower;
- (b) The term "Project" wherever it appears in the Loan Regulations shall be substituted by the term "Program";
- (c) Section 2.01(x) is deleted and the following is substituted therefor:

“Program Executing Agency” means the entity or entities responsible for the carrying out of the Program as specified in the Loan Agreement;

- (d) The term “Project Executing Agency” wherever it appears in the Loan Regulations shall be substituted by the term “Program Executing Agency”; and
- (e) Section 5.01(b) is deleted.

Section 1.02. Wherever used in this Loan Agreement, the several terms defined in the Loan Regulations have the respective meanings therein set forth unless modified herein or the context otherwise requires. Additional terms used in this Loan Agreement have the following meanings:

- (a) “Counterpart Funds” means the local currency generated from the Loan and/or the Grant proceeds under the Program and referred to in paragraph 4 of Schedule 4 to this Loan Agreement;
- (b) “Deposit Account” means the account referred to in paragraph 3 of Schedule 3 to this Loan Agreement;
- (c) “Loan Disbursement Handbook” means ADB’s Loan Disbursement Handbook (2017, as amended from time to time);
- (d) “MOEF” means the Ministry of Economy and Finance of the Kyrgyz Republic;
- (e) “NBKR” means the National Bank of the Kyrgyz Republic or any successor thereto;
- (f) “Policy Matrix” means the policy matrix as agreed between the Borrower and ADB, which sets forth actions accomplished or to be accomplished by the Borrower under the Program and is attached to the Policy Letter; and
- (g) “Program Executing Agency” for the purposes of, and within the meaning of, the Loan Regulations means MOEF or any successor thereto acceptable to ADB, which is responsible for the carrying out of the Program.

ARTICLE II

The Loan

Section 2.01. (a) ADB agrees to lend to the Borrower from ADB’s ordinary capital resources an amount of sixty-nine million three hundred thousand Dollars (\$69,300,000).

(b) The Loan has a principal repayment period of 16 years, and a grace period as defined in subsection (c) hereinafter.

(c) The term "grace period" as used in subsection (b) hereinabove means the period prior to the first Principal Payment Date in accordance with the amortization schedule set forth in Schedule 2 to this Loan Agreement.

Section 2.02. The Borrower shall pay to ADB an interest charge at the rate of 1% per annum during the grace period, and 1.5% per annum thereafter, on the amount of the Loan withdrawn from the Loan Account and outstanding from time to time.

Section 2.03. The interest charge and any other charge on the Loan shall be payable semiannually on 15 April and 15 October in each year.

Section 2.04. The Borrower shall repay the principal amount of the Loan withdrawn from the Loan Account in accordance with the amortization schedule set forth in Schedule 2 to this Loan Agreement.

Section 2.05. The currency of repayment of the principal of the Loan and the currency of payment of the interest charge for the purposes of Sections 4.03(a) and 4.04 of the Loan Regulations shall be the Dollar.

ARTICLE III

Use of Proceeds of the Loan

Section 3.01. The Borrower shall cause the proceeds of the Loan to be applied to the financing of expenditures on the Program in accordance with the provisions of this Loan Agreement.

Section 3.02. The proceeds of the Loan shall be withdrawn in accordance with the provisions of Schedule 3 to this Loan Agreement, as such Schedule may be amended from time to time by agreement between the Borrower and ADB.

Section 3.03. The Loan Closing Date for the purposes of Section 8.02 of the Loan Regulations shall be 31 December 2021 or such other date as may from time to time be agreed between the Borrower and ADB.

ARTICLE IV

Particular Covenants

Section 4.01. In the carrying out of the Program, the Borrower shall perform, or cause to be performed, all obligations set forth in Schedule 4 to this Loan Agreement.

Section 4.02. As part of the reports and information referred to in Section 6.05 of the Loan Regulations, the Borrower shall furnish, or cause to be furnished, to ADB all such reports and information as ADB shall reasonably request concerning the implementation of the Program, including the accomplishment of the targets and carrying out of the actions set out in the Policy Letter.

ARTICLE V

Suspension; Acceleration of Maturity

Section 5.01. The following is specified as an additional event for suspension of the right of the Borrower to make withdrawals from the Loan Account for the purposes of Section 8.01(m) of the Loan Regulations: the Grant shall have become liable for suspension or cancellation.

Section 5.02. The following are specified as an additional event for acceleration of maturity for the purposes of Section 8.07(d) of the Loan Regulations: the event specified in Section 5.01 of this Loan Agreement shall have occurred.

ARTICLE VI

Effectiveness

Section 6.01. The following are specified as additional conditions to the effectiveness of this Loan Agreement for the purposes of Section 9.01(f) of the Loan Regulations:

- (a) (i) the Borrower has met the policy actions for the release of the tranche, and (ii) those policy actions continue to be in effect; and
- (b) the Grant Agreement shall have been duly executed and delivered on behalf of the Borrower, and all conditions precedent to its effectiveness (other than a condition requiring the effectiveness of this Loan Agreement) shall have been fulfilled.

Section 6.02. The following is specified as an additional matter, for the purposes of Section 9.02(d) of the Loan Regulations, to be included in the opinion or opinions to be furnished to ADB: the Grant Agreement has been duly authorized or ratified by, and executed and delivered on behalf of, the Borrower and is legally binding upon the Borrower in accordance with its terms, subject only to the effectiveness of this Loan Agreement.

Section 6.03. A date 90 days after the date of this Loan Agreement is specified for the effectiveness of the Loan Agreement for the purposes of Section 9.04 of the Loan Regulations.

ARTICLE VII

Miscellaneous

Section 7.01. The Minister of Economy and Finance of the Borrower is designated as representative of the Borrower for the purposes of Section 11.02 of the Loan Regulations.

Section 7.02. The following addresses are specified for the purposes of Section 11.01 of the Loan Regulations:

For the Borrower

Ministry of Economy and Finance
58 Erkindik Boulevard
Bishkek 720040
Kyrgyz Republic

Facsimile Number:

(966) 312-661-645

For ADB


Asian Development Bank
6 ADB Avenue
Mandaluyong City
1550 Metro Manila
Philippines

Facsimile Numbers:


(632) 8636-2444
(632) 8636-2424.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the parties hereto, acting through their representatives thereunto duly authorized, have caused this Loan Agreement to be signed in their respective names as of the day and year first above written and to be delivered at the principal office of ADB.

KYRGYZ REPUBLIC

By 
ZHAPAROV AKYLBEK
Minister of Economy and Finance

ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK

By 
KANOKPAN LAO-ARAYA
Country Director
Kyrgyz Resident Mission

SCHEDULE 1**Description of the Program**

1. The principal objective of the Programmatic Approach is to gradually diversify the Borrower's economy away from natural resource exploitation and remittances-led consumption and the scope includes (a) trade and investment competitiveness, (b) small and medium-sized enterprises development, (c) public-private partnership development, (d) industry-linked skills development, and (e) fiscal and social protection to enable post-coronavirus disease recovery. The Programmatic Approach comprises 3 subprograms and the Program is the second subprogram. The Program is described in more detail in the Policy Letter.
2. The Program is completed as of 31 December 2021.

SCHEDULE 2
Amortization Schedule

<u>Payment Due</u>	<u>Payment of Principal</u> (expressed in Dollars)
15 October 2029	2,165,625
15 April 2030	2,165,625
15 October 2030	2,165,625
15 April 2031	2,165,625
15 October 2031	2,165,625
15 April 2032	2,165,625
15 October 2032	2,165,625
15 April 2033	2,165,625
15 October 2033	2,165,625
15 April 2034	2,165,625
15 October 2034	2,165,625
15 April 2035	2,165,625
15 October 2035	2,165,625
15 April 2036	2,165,625
15 October 2036	2,165,625
15 April 2037	2,165,625
15 October 2037	2,165,625
15 April 2038	2,165,625
15 October 2038	2,165,625
15 April 2039	2,165,625
15 October 2039	2,165,625
15 April 2040	2,165,625
15 October 2040	2,165,625
15 April 2041	2,165,625
15 October 2041	2,165,625
15 April 2042	2,165,625
15 October 2042	2,165,625
15 April 2043	2,165,625
15 October 2043	2,165,625
15 April 2044	2,165,625
15 October 2044	2,165,625
15 April 2045	2,165,625
Total	69,300,000

* The arrangements for payment are subject to the provisions of Sections 3.04 and 4.03 of the Loan Regulations.

SCHEDULE 3**Withdrawal of Loan Proceeds**

1. Except as set out in this Schedule or as ADB may otherwise agree, the Loan proceeds shall be disbursed in accordance with the Loan Disbursement Handbook.
2. An application for withdrawal from the Loan Account shall be submitted to ADB by the Borrower and shall be in a form satisfactory to ADB.
3. (a) Prior to submitting the first application to ADB for withdrawal from the Loan Account, the Borrower shall nominate an account (Deposit Account) at NBKR into which all withdrawals from the Loan Account shall be deposited. The Deposit Account shall be established, managed and liquidated in accordance with the applicable regulations and procedures of the Borrower.

(b) Separate accounts and records in respect of the Deposit Account shall be maintained in accordance with accounting principles acceptable to ADB. Upon ADB's request, the Borrower shall have the financial statements for the Deposit Account audited by independent auditors, whose qualifications, experience and terms of reference are acceptable to ADB, in accordance with international standards for auditing or the national equivalent acceptable to ADB. Promptly after their preparation but in any event not later than 6 months after the date of ADB's request, copies of such audited financial statements and the opinion of the auditors on the financial statements, in the English language, shall be furnished to ADB.
4. No Loan proceeds shall be withdrawn to finance any item specified in the Attachment to this Schedule.
5. The Borrower may withdraw the Loan upon effectiveness of this Loan Agreement.

Negative List

No withdrawals of Loan proceeds will be made for the following:

- (i) expenditures for goods included in the following groups or sub-groups of the United Nations Standard International Trade Classification, Revision 3 (SITC, Rev. 3) or any successor groups or sub-groups under future revisions to the SITC, as designated by ADB by notice to the Borrower:

Table: Ineligible Items

Chapter	Heading	Description of Items
112		Alcoholic beverages
121		Tobacco, unmanufactured; tobacco refuse
122		Tobacco, manufactured (whether or not containing tobacco substitute)
525		Radioactive and associated materials
667		Pearls, precious and semiprecious stones, unworked or worked
718	718.7	Nuclear reactors, and parts thereof, fuel elements (cartridges), nonirradiated for nuclear reactors
728	728.43	Tobacco processing machinery
897	897.3	Jewelry of gold, silver or platinum-group metals (except watches and watch cases) and goldsmiths' or silversmiths' wares (including set gems)
971		Gold, nonmonetary (excluding gold ore and concentrates)

Source: United Nations.

- (ii) expenditures for goods supplied under a contract that any national or international financing institution or agency will have financed or has agreed to finance, including any contract financed under any loan or grant from the ADB;
- (iii) expenditures for goods intended for a military or paramilitary purpose or for luxury consumption;
- (iv) expenditures for narcotics;
- (v) expenditures for environmentally hazardous goods, the manufacture, use or import of which is prohibited under the laws of the Borrower or international agreements to which the Borrower is a party; and
- (vi) expenditures on account of any payment prohibited by the Borrower in compliance with a decision of the United Nations Security Council taken under Chapter VII of the Charter of the United Nations

SCHEDULE 4

Program Implementation and Other Matters

Implementation Arrangements

1. MOEF shall be the Program Executing Agency of the Borrower and the implementing agency for the Program. The Borrower, through the Program Executing Agency and the implementing agency, shall be responsible for implementation of the Program, including monitoring and reporting on the implementation of the Program.

Policy Actions and Dialogue

2. The Borrower shall ensure that all policy actions adopted under the Program, as set forth in the Policy Letter and the Policy Matrix, continue to be in effect for the duration of the Programmatic Approach.

3. The Borrower shall keep ADB informed of policy discussions with other multilateral and bilateral aid agencies that may have implications for the implementation of the Program and shall provide ADB with an opportunity to comment on any resulting policy proposals. The Borrower shall take into account ADB's views before finalizing and implementing any such proposal.

Use of Counterpart Funds

4. The Borrower shall ensure that the Counterpart Funds are used to finance the implementation of certain programs and activities consistent with the objectives of the Program.

Governance and Anticorruption

5. The Borrower, the Program Executing Agency, and the implementing agencies shall (a) comply with ADB's Anticorruption Policy (1998, as amended to date) and acknowledge that ADB reserves the right to investigate directly, or through its agents, any alleged corrupt, fraudulent, collusive or coercive practice relating to the Program; and (b) cooperate with any such investigation and extend all necessary assistance for satisfactory completion of such investigation.

Monitoring and Review

6. The Borrower shall ensure that reporting on impact of the Program following the Program completion is made by the Program Executing Agency to ADB. The Program Executing Agency shall, as needed, hold consultative meetings with stakeholders and the development partner community to solicit their feedback on emerging regulations and the impact of the Programmatic Approach.

7. The Borrower and ADB shall jointly assess the impact and evaluate the benefits of the Program within 12 months of the Effective Date, in accordance with ADB's performance management system. The Borrower and ADB may use the findings of such assessment and evaluation in refining the Programmatic Approach.

Reporting

8. The Borrower shall prepare and submit to ADB semiannual consolidated progress reports on policy and institutional reforms implementation within the scope of the Programmatic Approach, and any changes to the implementation schedule, and shall also identify any problems encountered and remedial actions taken.