



## ***Seminar on Women's Rights to Property***

### ***Associated with the Land and Real Estate Registration Project in the Kyrgyz Republic***

In the Kyrgyz Republic, GosRegister is the implementing agency for the Land and Real Estate Registration Project funded by the World Bank. Swedesurvey AB funded by the Swedish International Development Agency, Sida, is providing technical assistance to the project. The Swiss Co-operation Office is also assisting the project by providing mapping equipment and aerial photography over the metropolitan areas of Bishkek and Osh.

The project commenced in February 2000 and is scheduled for completion in mid-2005. The project will establish 50 local registration offices across the republic and will implement both sporadic and systematic registration of immovable properties. The World Bank has defined numerical targets for registered properties as 210,000 by sporadic registration and 600,000 by systematic registration by the end of the project.

Swedesurvey expressed an interest to address the issue of the registration of women's rights to immovable property in the Kyrgyz Republic as a part of the Sida supported project, Women's Access to Land. GosRegister has established comprehensive processes to sporadically or to systematically register rights associated with immovable property with strict adherence to the legal framework of the Kyrgyz Republic. It was agreed to hold a seminar to highlight the recognition of the registration of property rights particularly women's rights to property.

#### ***Accomplishment***

The seminar was a full day with 2 Ministers of National Government delivering addresses and 12 other speakers. The audience exceeded 170 people. The whole seminar was conducted in Russian and all of the speakers were Kyrgyz nationals who work in the general areas of registration of property rights in the Kyrgyz Republic. The audience was representative of all over the Kyrgyz Republic.

The major international sponsors were Sida and SCO and the major local sponsors were GosRegister and the Women's Congress.

#### ***Outcomes***

The papers presented at the seminar were collected digitally and distributed to local organizations (government and non-government) to facilitate further publicizing of rights associated with immovable properties. This distribution was undertaken by all the supporters of the seminar and non-government agencies.

The seminar audience conducted a spirited debate on the suggested resolution to request the Project Director of the Land and Real Estate Registration Project to seriously consider the inclusion of both names of married couples on the Registration Card of the properties they own in common.