

# **CAREC Trade Policy: Progress Report and Issues for Consideration**

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## Trade Policy: Progress Report

- Highlights from the 21th TPCC meeting:
  - ✓ Continued implementation of the capacity-building and knowledge-sharing program
  - ✓ Reporting of initial progress under the updated TPSAP
  - ✓ Roundtable discussions on the TPSAP implementation challenges

# Trade Policy: Progress Report

- The TPCC reaffirms its guiding principles:
  - ✓ Trade liberalization through removal of both tariff and non-tariff barriers
  - ✓ WTO accession by all CAREC members
  - ✓ Bolstering the institutional environment for trade

# Trade Policy: Issues for SOM's Consideration

- ✓ Key objectives under the updated TPSAP:
  - Reducing and rationalizing the trade impeding impact of SPS measures and TBT measures
  - Expanding trade in services
  
- ✓ Implementation of such policies is more challenging than the simple removal and reduction of old command and control trade barriers

# Trade Policy: Issues for SOM's Consideration

- ✓ CAREC senior officials are asked to facilitate collaboration with international partners for addressing the implementation challenges, starting with initiating a stock taking exercise on:
  - The degree of TBT and SPS measures in place
  - Existing bottlenecks to the expansion of trade in services
  
- ✓ Further efforts are needed to achieve full participation by member countries in providing information used for assessing progress under the updated TPSAP