



CROSS-BORDER TRANSPORT AGREEMENT

12th Transport Sector Coordinating Committee Meeting

**Astana, Kazakhstan
5-7 June 2013**



Cross-Border Transport Agreement (CBTA)





CBTA covers the following areas

- Facilitation of cross-border transport between signatories
- Commitment to improve road and border crossing infrastructure and equipment
- Commitment to simplify border crossing procedures for people and goods
- Driver visa regimes
- Vehicle technical standards
- Exchange of traffic rights
- Vehicle insurance harmonization
- Road safety
- Institutional Arrangements for the CBTA implementation



Cross-Border Transport Agreement milestones

2008 - 2009

CBTA negotiation, supported through RETA REG 39676-01

2010

CBTA signed between Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan

2011-2012

Negotiations among Afghanistan, Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan

2012

CBTA signed between Afghanistan and Tajikistan

2013

All signatories ratified the Agreement



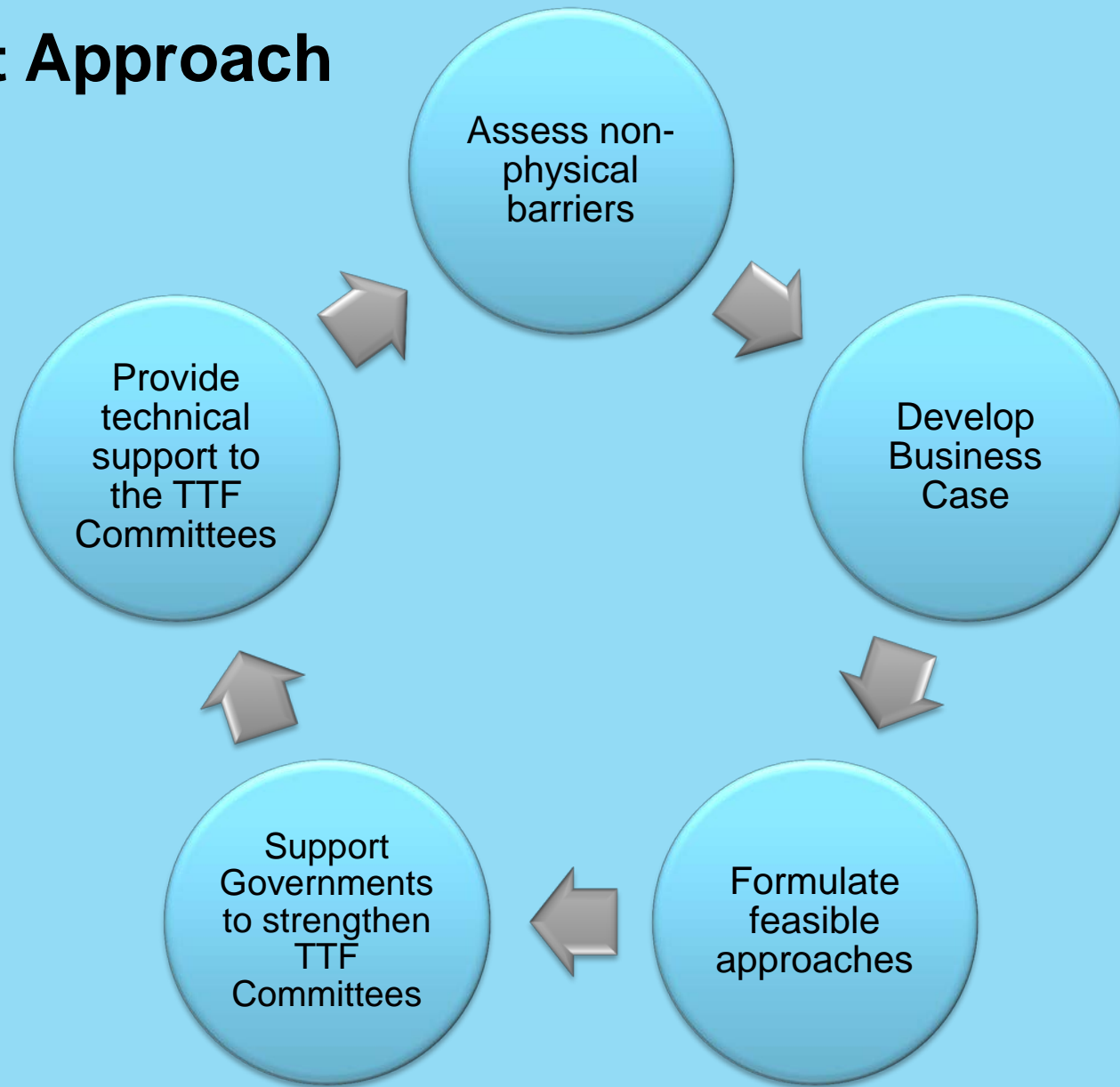
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Facilitating Cross-Border Transport in the CAREC Region (Phase 1)

- To facilitate implementation of Cross-Border Transport Agreements:
 - Plurilateral (within Economic Cooperation Organization, Shanghai Cooperation Organization, TRACECA)
 - Trilateral (CBTA)
 - Bilateral



Project Approach





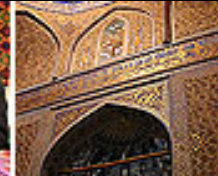
Indicative Project Timelines and Institutional Arrangements

Activities	Schedule
Consultative meetings with interested Governments	Sep 2013
Refining TOR and project launch	Nov 2013
Diagnostics completed and introduced to the Governments	Jan 2014
Formal launch or revival of National TTF Committees	Feb 2014
Supporting TTF committees over the project live cycle, till	May 2015



Potential Working Groups / Areas to be selected

- Simplification of border control of goods
 - Implementation of Risk Management Systems, AEO
 - Streamlined border control procedures and document requirements
 - Integrated Border Management (IBM) and shared use of technologies
 - Cross-border cooperation and Joint Border Control
- Assessment of infrastructural bottlenecks
 - Road and roadside infrastructure
 - Border Crossing infrastructure
- Customs transit
 - Implementing or Strengthening TIR transit
 - Implementing GPS Navigation assisted customs escort



Preliminary proposed Working Groups / Areas

- Harmonization of vehicle technical standards
 - Weights and dimensions
 - Ecological and technical conditions
 - Perishable goods standards
 - Special transport operations (overweight and dangerous goods)
- Mutual recognition of controls
 - Sanitary, Veterinary and Technical Standards Control
 - Customs Control
- Harmonization of documents and classifications
 - Harmonization of customs nomenclature
 - Customs Valuation
 - UN Layout key documents



Preliminary proposed Working Groups / Areas

- Promoting fair competition between road operators
 - Exchange of traffic rights
 - Elimination of beyond-the-border barriers (road police, transport inspections, other local fees)
 - Simplified temporary import of road vehicles
 - Professional driver visas
 - Mutually recognized car insurance
- Professional standards and safety driving
 - Road quality, signs and signals
 - Professional driving and cargo handling and stowage standards
 - Driving / rest time control
 - Natural hazards alerting services