



# 12<sup>th</sup> Customs Cooperation Committee Meeting

18 September 2013  
Astana, Kazakhstan

**ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION 1 –  
ALIGNING CUSTOMS TRADE FACILITATION MEASURES  
WITH BEST PRACTICES**

# Overview

- ❖ **Customs cooperation – core of the CAREC trade facilitation program.**
- ❖ **CCC's 5 Priority Areas:**
  - ❑ **Simplification and harmonization of Customs procedures and documentation;**
  - ❑ **Risk management and post-entry audit;**
  - ❑ **ICT for Customs modernization and data exchange;**
  - ❑ **Joint customs control (JCC); and**
  - ❑ **Regional transit.**

# Key Issues

- ❖ Lack of a more focused and coordinated approach to harmonize Customs related measures and procedures with international best practices.
- ❖ Ascension of the 5 remaining countries to RKC by 2015 → align national legislation of CAREC countries with the RKC.
- ❖ Integrating and upgrading risk management systems and techniques.
- ❖ Lack of a regional information exchange mechanism to promote real-time collaboration.

# **The Proposed Regional Technical Assistance**

**Aligning Customs Trade Facilitation Measures with Best Practices**

# The Proposed Regional Technical Assistance

The proposed TA will support 3 of the 5 CCC priority areas:

- i. Simplification and harmonization of Customs procedures and documentation
- ii. ICT for Customs modernization and data exchange
- iii. Risk management and post-entry audit

**OVERALL OBJECTIVE:** Promote a harmonized approach to customs reforms by applying international best practices.

# PROJECT COMPONENTS AND KEY ACTIVITIES

## Simplification and harmonization of procedures

- Capacity building workshops and training on RKC compliance.
- Review of legislative measures and align with best practices.
- Gap analysis to identify legislative and procedural reform.
- Support in drafting an accession action plan.

## Strengthen Risk Management Systems

- Workshops on the WCO Risk Management Compendium.
- Review and assess risk management practices.
- Develop recommendations to upgrade risk management systems.
- Introduce the AEO Program (select pilot countries, initially).
- Stakeholder consultations on the AEO program.

## Use of ICT Applications

- Review of ICT systems of CAREC Customs administrations
- Assess feasibility of a regional information exchange mechanism for CAREC Customs.
- Develop a framework for a regional electronic information exchange for CAREC.
- Pilot test the framework in 2 countries.

# Linking TA Outputs to CCC's Priority Areas of Work

## Priority Areas

Simplification and Harmonization of Customs Procedures and Documentation

Risk management and Post-Entry Audit

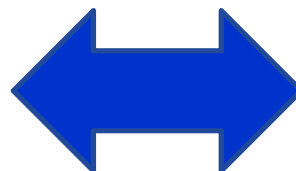
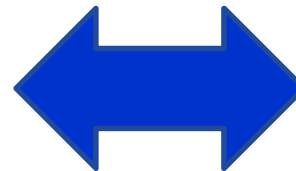
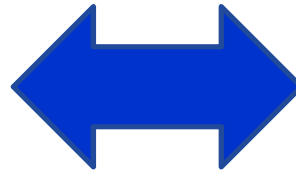
ICT for Customs Modernization and Data Exchange

## TA Outputs

**OUTPUT 1:**  
Action plans developed to align Customs procedures with the RKC.

**OUTPUT 2:**  
Proposals for the modernization of risk management systems developed.

**OUTPUT 3:**  
Framework for a CAREC Customs information exchange mechanism developed.





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**Thank you!**