

Trade Policy Capacity Development Initiatives *Update on Cooperation with WTO*

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Recent Developments (1)

- ADB and WTO held meeting on 14 June to discuss cooperation on capacity development for CAREC
- WTO Institute for Training and Technical Cooperation (ITTC) to lead WTO capacity development cooperation with CAREC
- ITTC has extensive and relevant experience in technical assistance and training

Recent Developments (2)

- WTO agreed to support ADB capacity development requirements and technical assistance to Tajikistan to implement WTO commitments
- WTO to participate in proposed Tajikistan Trade and Investment Conference
- WTO can assist in other accession and post-accession activities, i.e. preparation of documents, market access negotiations, outreach

WTO Technical Assistance (1)

- Focus on implementation of WTO rules and obligations & exercise of rights
- Demand-driven
- TA Plans with 2-year planning cycle
- Progressive Learning Strategy
 - Generalist and specialist paths
 - 3-levels: introduction, intermediate & advanced

WTO Technical Assistance (2)

- Products
 - E-Learning
 - Trade policy courses
 - National, regional* and global activities
 - Academic support
 - Outreach to non-state actors
 - Traineeships
- CAREC in two different regions

Issues for TPCC guidance (1)

- Potential areas for cooperation with WTO:
 1. Capacity development activities organized by CAREC with support from WTO to advance mutual goals in key areas, i.e.
 - Trade policy, e.g. training to support accession and implementation of accession commitments
 - Trade facilitation, e.g. training in support of agreement on trade facilitation

Issues for TPCC guidance (2)

2. Capacity development through participation in relevant WTO activities, i.e.

- 2nd Roundtable of China and LDC's Accession Programme, Luang Prabang, Laos, 15-18 October
- Global Seminar on WTO Accessions, Geneva, 23-27 September

Issues for TPCC guidance (3)

3. WTO participation in CAREC TPCC activities
 - Involvement in TPCC meetings
 - Guest observer at upcoming 12th MC
 - ADB, IMF and WTO to mutually explore appropriate modality of cooperation to support identified TRTA activities