



Asian Development Bank (ADB)
Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation (CAREC) Program
Training Workshop on Time Release Study
20-21 August 2013, Tashkent, Uzbekistan

Draft Program

20 August 2012 (Tuesday)	Participants: Approximately 5 officers each from Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan Customs, Uzbekistan Customs
09:00 – 09:20	Registration
09:20 – 09:30	Welcome Remarks Speaker: Mr. Rustam Mansurov Deputy Chairman, State Customs Committee of Uzbekistan
09:30 - 09:45	Opening Remarks Mr. Kanzo Nakai Senior Transport Specialist, Uzbekistan Resident Mission, ADB
09:45 – 10:00	Workshop Overview Resource Person: Ms. Maria Cristina Lozano Astray Regional Cooperation Specialist, Public Management, Financial Sector and Regional Cooperation Division, ADB Brief introduction on objectives of the workshop and expected benefits and outputs from the course
10:00 – 10:15	Photo Session
10:15 – 10:30	Coffee Break
10:30 -11:15	Introduction to the World Customs Organization (WCO) and its instruments of Trade Facilitation (ECP, RKC, SAFE etc) Resource Person: Mr. Takashi Matsumoto Technical Attaché, World Customs Organization Briefly introduce WCO instruments and tools critical for achieving improved trade facilitation
11:15 – 12:00	WCO Time Release Study (TRS): Overview, Purpose and Methodology Resource Person: Mr. Jing Cheng Technical Attaché & Program Manager (Pacific Islands) WCO Asia Pacific Regional Office for Capacity Building (ROCB A/P) Briefly discuss the background, principles, guidelines, phases and tasks on TRS

12:00 – 12:30	Questions and Answers
12:30 – 14:00	LUNCH
14:00 – 14:30	<p>Kazakhstan Presentation: National Customs Clearance Operations and Procedures</p> <p>Speaker: Kazakhstan Customs</p> <p>Present the current national customs clearance operations and procedures in Kazakhstan and their existing initiatives and plans for TRS</p>
14:30 – 15:00	<p>Kyrgyz Republic Presentation: National Customs Clearance Operations and Procedures</p> <p>Speaker: Kyrgyz Republic Customs</p> <p>Present the current national customs clearance operations and procedures in Kyrgyz Republic and their existing initiatives and plans for TRS</p>
15:00 – 15:30	<p>Tajikistan Presentation: National Customs Clearance Operations and Procedures</p> <p>Speaker: Tajikistan Customs</p> <p>Present the current national customs clearance operations and procedures in Tajikistan and their existing initiatives and plans for TRS</p>
15:30 – 15:45	Questions and Answers
15:45 – 16:00	Coffee Break
16:00 – 16:30	<p>Turkmenistan Presentation: National Customs Clearance Operations and Procedures</p> <p>Speaker: Turkmenistan Customs</p> <p>Present the current national customs clearance operations and procedures in Turkmenistan and their existing initiatives and plans for TRS</p>
16:30 – 17:30	<p>Uzbekistan Presentation: Uzbekistan experience in developing and conducting Time Release Study</p> <p>Speaker: Uzbekistan Customs</p> <p>Discuss experiences of Uzbekistan in conducting TRS, main challenges encountered and how the outcomes were used to identify bottlenecks and improve efficiency of import/export inspection and clearance processes</p>
17:30 – 17:45	Open Discussion
17:45 – 18:00	Wrap-up Session for Day 1

21 August 2013 (Wednesday)	
09:00 – 09:45	<p>Time Release Study (TRS) Global experience: Japan and others</p> <p>Resource Person: Mr. Takashi Matsumoto Technical Attaché, World Customs Organization</p> <p>Briefly discuss the experience of Japan and other countries in doing the TRS and how the outcomes were used to improve efficiency of import/export inspection and clearance processes.</p>
09:45 – 10:30	<p>Time Release Study (TRS): Process map</p> <p>Resource Person: Mr. Takashi Matsumoto Technical Attaché, World Customs Organization</p> <p>Discuss the defining data elements in developing TRS process map, present a model of questionnaire and conduct open forum on how to use the process map as a basis of the development of the questionnaire according to the needs and situation of each customs organization.</p>
10:30 – 10:45	Open Discussion
10:45 – 11:00	Coffee break
11:00 - 12:30	<p>TRS Work Planning and Timetable</p> <p>Resource Person/Facilitator: Mr. Takashi Matsumoto Technical Attaché, World Customs Organization</p> <p>Discuss thoroughly the key aspects, work flows, and timetable of TRS. The participants will be grouped by countries to discuss the process map, work plans and timetable on TRS</p>
12:30 – 14:00	LUNCH
14:00 – 16:30	<p>WCO TRS Software</p> <p>Resource Person/Facilitator: Mr. Jing Cheng Technical Attaché & Program Manager (Pacific Islands) WCO Asia Pacific Regional Office for Capacity Building (ROCB A/P)</p> <p>Briefing and demonstration on how to use WCO-TRS Software application, such as creating a questionnaire, input data, data analysis, report generation, etc. Practical exercises will be given to the participants after the lecture and tutorial sessions.</p>
16:30 – 16:45	Coffee Break
16:45 – 17:00	Wrap-up Session

17:00 – 18:00	<p>Closing Ceremony</p> <p>Closing Remarks: Head of Delegations, (Uzbekistan Customs) (Kazakhstan Customs) (Kyrgyz Republic Customs) (Tajikistan Customs) (Turkmenistan)</p>
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