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**Integrated Trade Facilitation 'at the border' and 'behind the border':
Reforms and Implementation**

10-13 April 2013

Tbilisi - Batumi - Sarpi, Georgia

Draft Program

10 Apr 2013 Wednesday	Participants: Approximately 50 participants from CAREC (customs officials, representatives of other border management agencies, and national focal points), UNDP/BOMCA, OSCE, WCO, and representatives of the trading community actively engaged in Georgia's trade with CAREC countries.
0830 – 0900	Registration in Tbilisi
0900 – 0905	Welcoming Remarks Speaker: Ms. Kathie M. Julian, Resident Representative, Georgia Resident Mission, Central & West Asia Department (CWRD), ADB
0905 – 0915	Opening Remarks Speakers: Ms. Vicky C. L. Tan, Director, Regional Cooperation and Operations Coordination Division, CWRD, ADB Mr. Venkatachalam Anbumozhi, Capacity Building Specialist, Asian Development Bank Institute (ADBI)
0915 – 1000	Designing and Implementing Georgia's Reforms to Facilitate Trade: An Interagency Perspective Speakers: Mr. David Lezhava, Deputy Minister of Finance of Georgia Mr. Ruslan Akhalaia, Deputy Director General of Georgia Revenue Service Mr. Giorgi Pertaia, Director, Georgian National Investment Agency Two 15-minute presentations: An overview of the motivation for undertaking reforms to facilitate trade, ministries/agencies involved, principal development partners, involvement of neighboring countries and other key trading partners, and an examination of how the introduction of reforms enables Georgia to develop as a regional logistics corridor Commentary/Experience-sharing: Kyrgyz Republic (10 minutes)

<p>1000 – 1030</p>	<p>Customs as Trade Facilitator: a ‘Customs in the 21st Century’ perspective on the Importance of Interagency and Cross-Border Cooperation in Facilitating Trade</p> <p>Speaker: Mr. Takashi Matsumoto, External Relations Coordinator, Office of the Secretary General, World Customs Organization</p> <p>Discussion</p>
<p>1030 – 1045</p>	<p>Coffee Break and Photo Session</p>
<p>1045 – 1115</p>	<p>Important Institutional Reforms in Georgian Customs</p> <p>Speaker: Ms. Maka Khvedelidze – Deputy Head of the Department for International Relations, Georgia Revenue Service (Tax and Customs Administration of Georgia)</p> <p>20 minute presentation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of agencies on the border in the past and at present • Control System • Customs Crossing Points before and after • Risk Management (ASYCUDA module and Golden List AEO program) • Liberal tariff lines and Customs duties • Number of Documents to be presented at the border • Innovation of Customs Clearance Zones • Integrity Policy <p>Discussion</p>
<p>1115 – 1145</p>	<p>Georgia's Coordinated Border Management Strategy: Current Status and Future Agenda</p> <p>Speaker: Ms. Maka Khvedelidze – Deputy Head of the Department for International Relations, Georgia Revenue Service (Tax and Customs Administration of Georgia)</p> <p>20-minute presentation: Development, interagency aspects, and implementation/revision of Georgia's 2008 Border Management Strategy, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • its links to Customs reform, • how the strategy has: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ fostered consolidation of border management functions, ○ reduced corruption, and ○ reduced delays and costs of crossing borders. <p>Commentary/Experience-sharing: Kazakhstan (10 minutes)</p>
<p>1145 – 1215</p>	<p>Automating Trade-related Documentation: Taxpayer’s One Day in Georgia</p> <p>Speaker: Mr. Givi Murvanidze, Deputy Head of IT Centre of Georgia Revenue Service</p> <p>20 minute presentation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Successful electronic services

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Electronic submission of declarations/Re-use of data/Progress toward introducing a National Single Window • Different declaration forms in one packet • Effective control mechanisms • Service Oriented Policy <p>Commentary/Experience-sharing: Uzbekistan (10 minutes)</p> <p>Discussion</p>
1215 – 1245	<p>Joint Customs Control: Progress, Plans, and Implementation Status</p> <p>Speaker(s): Ms. Maka Khvedelidze – Deputy Head of the Department for International Relations, Georgia Revenue Service (Tax and Customs Administration of Georgia)</p> <p>20 minute status report on implementing:</p> <p>(a) the 24 May 2011 Protocol between Georgia and Turkey on Cooperation and Alignment of the Procedures for the Movements of Passengers, Vehicles, and Goods, and Working Hours at Land Customs Crossing Points, as well as</p> <p>(b) other agreements in place between Georgia and Turkey governing the (joint?) development of border crossing point facilities (with particular reference to Sarpi).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Describe border management functions proposed for joint execution by Georgian and Turkish border management agencies to minimize time spent by commercial vehicles at the border • Explain the extent to which Customs and other trade-related documentation have been automated to expedite border formalities and release of goods to market. <p>Commentary/Experience-sharing: Mongolia and PRC (10 minutes)</p> <p>Discussion</p>
1245 – 1330	<p>Development Partner Experience-Sharing: Overview of OSCE Border Management Programs in CAREC</p> <p>Speaker: Mr. Roel Janssens, Economic Adviser, Economic Governance Unit, Office of the Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities</p> <p>Discussion</p>
1330 – 1430	<p>LUNCH – hotel check-out, board bus to Batumi</p>
1900	<p>Arrive Batumi</p> <p>Hotel check-in and Dinner</p>

<p>11 Apr 2013 Thursday</p>	
<p>0900 –1030</p>	<p>Georgia as a Regional Logistics Corridor: Examining Integrated Trade Facilitation Measures Aimed at Reducing Obstacles to Trade – presentations and discussion</p> <p>Speakers: ADB, Georgian trade facilitators , CAREC participants</p> <p>Four 10-15 minute presentations:</p> <p>(i) Mr. Jeff Procak, Regional Cooperation Specialist, East Asia Department, ADB: CAREC Corridor Performance Measurement and Monitoring, with emphasis on CAREC Corridor 2;</p> <p>(ii) Ms. Ilona Karapetyan, Marketing Specialist, Marketing Manager, Batumi Sea Port – overview of efforts to expedite processing of transit traffic to/from CAREC countries;</p> <p>(iii) Mr. Aurelio C. Garcia, General Manager, Batumi International Container Terminal LLC (BICT) – overview of efforts to expedite processing of transit traffic to/from CAREC countries</p> <p>(iv) Ms. Tamar Tsiklauri, Senior Officer of the Monitoring and Risk Management Division, Customs Department, Georgia Revenue Service (Tax and Customs Administration of Georgia) – Risk Management System in Georgian Customs and “Golden List Institution”</p> <p>Briefings will cover collaborative border management (interagency cooperation between Georgian trade regulators) port capacity/cargo volumes, multimodal logistics capabilities for transshipment of transit traffic arriving via road, rail, and sea, and efforts planned or underway to expedite shipments between Batumi, Baku, Turkmenbashi, and Aktau (CAREC Corridor 2)</p> <p>Commentary/Experience-sharing: Azerbaijan and Turkmenistan (10 minutes)</p> <p>Discussion</p>
<p>1030 – 1230</p>	<p>Field Visit to Batumi Seaport, Batumi Container Terminal</p>
<p>1230 – 1400</p>	<p>Lunch</p> <p>Board bus for field visit to Customs Clearance Zone</p>
<p>1400 – 1800</p>	<p>Field Visit to and Customs Clearance Zone and Sarpi Customs Crossing Point including a briefing by</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quality Control Manager from Customs Clearance Department (Ms. Lili Tsverava) • the Head of Sarpi Customs Crossing Point (Mr. Mamuka Makharadze) <p>Commentary/Experience-sharing: Tajikistan (10 minutes)</p> <p>Discussion</p>
<p>20:00</p>	<p>Dinner on behalf of Georgia Revenue Service</p>

12 Apr 2013 Friday	
0730 – 1230	Return to Tbilisi Check out of hotel in Batumi, return to Tbilisi, check into hotel
1230 – 1400	LUNCH
1400 – 1600	Georgian National Investment Agency/Golden List companies/Investment and Export Policy Department of the Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development: Private Sector Proposals to improve supply chain efficiency in exporting to CAREC Speakers: Georgian exporting managers responsible for Sales/Packaging/Transport Mr. Rony Saab - Head of the Poti Free Industrial Zone Mr. Kakha Baidurashvili - President of the Georgian Chamber of Commerce and Industry Mr. John Braeckveldt - Regional Manager of Gosselin and chair of Amcham Trade and Transportation Facilitation committee
1600 – 1730	Tbilisi Public Service Hall: familiarization visit Briefing to be provided by: Ms. Nino CHICHUA Chief Executive Officer Head of Tbilisi Public Service Hall Ministry of Justice of Georgia
13 Apr 2013 Saturday	
0900 – 1000	Resources for Replicating Lessons Learned: Overview of EU/BOMCA Integrated Border Management Programs in CAREC Speaker: Mr. Wuria Karadaghy, EU/BOMCA Regional Programme Manager in Central Asia Commentary/Experience-sharing: Afghanistan, Pakistan, and Tajikistan (10 minutes) Discussion
1000 – 1015	Coffee Break
1015 – 1100	Lessons Learned: Replicating Best Practices in CAREC -- Guidance and Recommendations from Georgia, Turkey, and Azerbaijan Moderators: Mr. Jeff Procak, ADB Mr. Takashi Matsumoto, WCO A conversation with participants on how best to mobilize political will, develop appropriate strategies and implementation plans, foster interagency cooperation and cross-border collaboration.

1100 – 1130	Concluding Remarks and Observations Speakers: Mr. Lan Wu, Advisor (Regional Cooperation), CWRD, ADB Mr. Venkatachalam Anbumozhi, ADBI
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