

**CAREC Regional Joint
Transport and Trade
Facilitation Committee
(RJC) and NJCs**

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Background

- The Action Plan (2008) of the Transport and Trade Facilitation Strategy (TTFS, 2007) proposed national joint transport and trade facilitation coordinating committees (**NJCs**) and regional joint transport and trade facilitation committee (**RJC**).
- RJC and NJCs will be responsible and accountable for implementation of the TTFS

Past Events

Activities	Timetable
Inventory of existing national committees/country consultation meetings	February 2009 – February 2010
CAREC workshop on NJCs/RJC in conjunction of SOM	May 2009
CAREC meeting on RJC in conjunction of SOM and MC	October 2009
Inaugural Meeting of the CAREC RJC	February 2010

Progress up to date

Event	Participant	Conclusion
CAREC workshop on 26 May 2009	Trade and transport ministries, customs authorities, freight forwarders associations, and multilateral institutions such UNESCAP and UNECE	political will, strong leadership, effective organizational structure, concrete and achievable action plans with performance targets, and sustainable funding are necessary conditions for NJCs/RJC to be successful
CAREC meeting on 15 October 2009	Government officials participating in SOM and MC	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- reconfirmed the need for establishing the RJC- Has to go through national procedures- need to clearly define and demarcate the areas of responsibilities

National Committees

Country	Existing	Plan
AFG	National Trade Facilitation and Transport Committee of AFG	
AZE	National Trade and Transport Facilitation Committee of Azerbaijan (AZERPRO)	
KGZ	National Council to Assist in the Area of Trade & Transport Facilitation be headed by the First Deputy Prime Minister	
KAZ	National Commission for Transit Traffic can serve effectively as the NJC	Resolution to strengthen it and enable it to comply with the CAREC requirements
MON	NJC under auspices of the Ministry for Roads, Transport, Construction and Urban Development	An NJC meeting will be convened before the February 2010
PRC	informal coordination mechanism	
TAJ	an interagency advisory group organized by the Ministry of Economic Development and Trade	The group would be converted to broadly constituted and fully functioning NJC in FEB 2010
UZB	Standing Working Party	

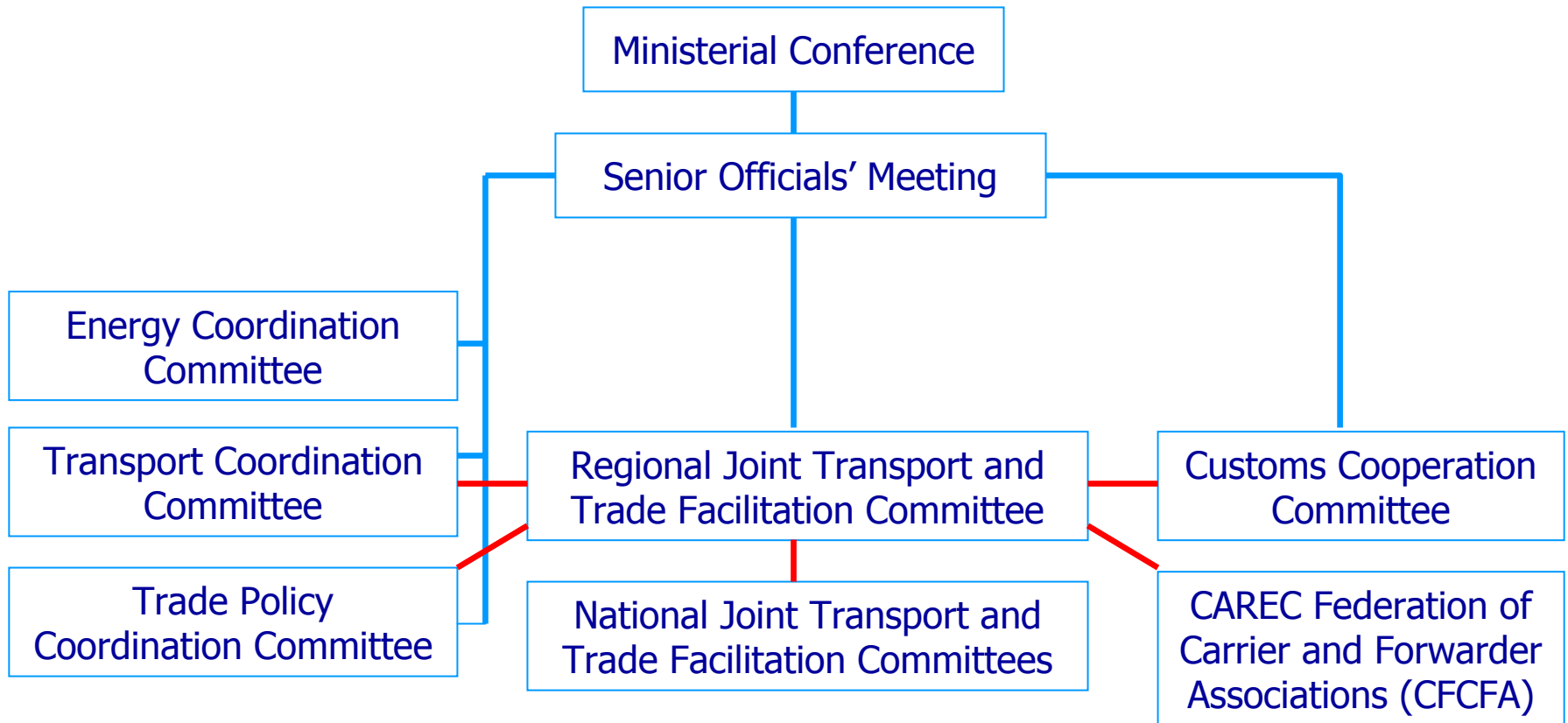
Regional Joint Committee

- TTFS Action plan indicated the following objectives of CAREC RJC:
 - Provide regional leadership in the design and implementation of the TTFS
 - Serve as a regional forum to raise, discuss, and resolve issues relating to barriers to trade and development that are of common interest to its members

Regional Joint Committee

- Proposed organization structure:
 - RJC to be comprised of representatives of NJCs and CAREC regional groupings
 - Chairperson, nominated by host country, to lead RJC for a one year term
 - ADB to serve as RJC Secretariat
 - RJC to hold annual meeting in the same host country as the CAREC Senior Officials Meeting and Ministerial Conference
 - Working Group/Task Forces to be created, if and as needed

CAREC Overall and Trade Facilitation Related Institutions



— Reporting to
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Composition and Areas of Responsibility

	RJC	TSCC	CCC	TPCC	CFCFA
Composition	NJCs, TSCC, CCC, TPCC, and CFCFA	Head of Transport Ministries	Heads of Customs Authorities	Head of Trade Ministries	carrier associations, freight forwarder associations and logistics associations
Areas of Responsibility	Transport Facilitation, Trade Facilitation, and Related Cross-Cutting Issues	Transport Policy; Transport Investment Issues	Customs Cooperation Issues	Trade Policy Issues	Trade and Trade Facilitation Issues that Need Private Sector's Participation

Thank you



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