CAREC Transport and Trade Facilitation Strategy

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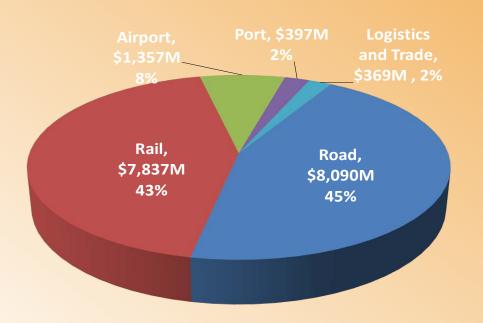
Approaches to Midterm Review

- Refining and improving the existing strategy
- Drawing lessons learned based on the stock take from 2008 to 2013
- Responding to stakeholder consultations
- Upgrading of identified key transport corridors
- Simplifying and harmonizing regulations for cross-border trade.
- Formulating a Result Based Framework, with monitoring of time and cost indicators.



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TTFS Allocation of Investment (Total \$18 billion as of end 2012)



- Transport Projects are progressing well in expanding and improving transport networks
- There have been substantial reforms to customs laws and procedures.
- Capacity of transport and trade agencies are being strengthened



Lessons Learned and Operational Imperatives

A clear lesson is that implementing infrastructure projects is easier than implementing the soft components, e.g.,

- Customs reforms
- Integrated Trade Facilitation
- Promoting private sector participation and developing PPP policies and procedures



Lessons Learned and Operational Imperatives

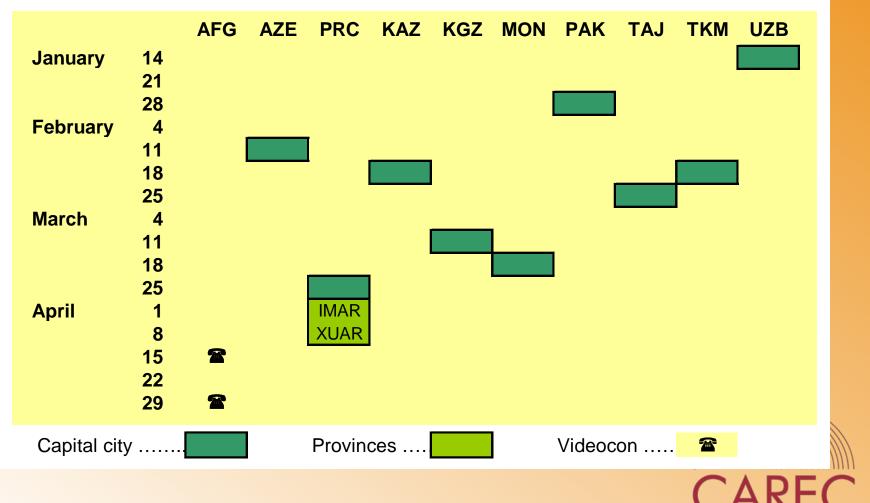
- Non Linear Projects will need more focus, e.g., logistics centers
- Effective and sustainable road maintenance
- Strengthen the National Joint Transport and Trade Facilitation Committees (NJCs)
- Robust Results Monitoring Framework
- Reliable Data Collection
- Financing Gap



Consultations: Country Missions

Part I

Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation



Global & Regional Challenges

- CAREC is operating in a rapidly changing global and regional environment.
- The rise of PRC economy has big impact on CAREC trade pattern.
- The dominance of the east-west corridors has been reduced.
- The Customs Union has changed patterns of trade.



Part I

Implications for TTFS

- More emphasis to north-south corridors, supported by the integration of PAK and TKM into CAREC.
- More emphasis on rail, as an inherently more efficient mode for long-haul freight transport.
- To promote intermodal transport and value chains, the region needs improved logistics.
- To be competitive, the corridors must be supported by efficient border management.
- Promote and operationalize cross-border transport agreements.



Draft TTFS 2020

Impact

Expand trade and improve competitiveness

Outcomes

- Establish Competitive corridors across CAREC region
- Facilitate efficient movement of goods and people through CAREC corridors and across borders.
- Develop Sustainable, safe, user-friendly networks

Outputs

- Develop Multimodal Corridor Network
- Improve Trade and Border Crossing Network
- Improve Operational and Institutional Effectiveness



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Results Oriented Refined Outputs to achieve intended outcomes

Multimodal corridor network developed



Competitive corridors established across CAREC region

Trade and border crossing services improved



Efficient movement of goods and people facilitated through CAREC corridors and across borders

Enhanced operational and institutional effectiveness



Sustainable, safe, and userfriendly transport and trade networks developed for CAREC

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Part I

Output Milestones and indicators

Monitor Progress

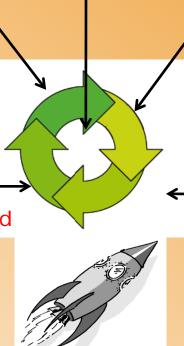
and Effects

Non-Linear

- Five (5) multimodal logistics center operational
- At least 5 regional border cross border points improved

Trade and Border Crossing Services

- Eight CAREC countries acceded to Revised Kyoto Convention
- CBM fully implemented in three (3) countries
- Three (3) national single window facilities
- Regional SPS cooperation programs in line with international standards implemented in 5 countries



- Completed 7,800 km of roads and 1,800km new railways
- Completed 2,000km of railway track renovation, electrification or signalization

Operational and institutional effectiveness

- Successful integration road maintenance and safety features under each CAREC road project
- At least 6 transport and trade facilitation capacity-building activities conducted annually



Corridor Extension



Development of connectivity with ports located inside and outside of CAREC

Establish Efficient

Introduction of alternate routes to shorten journey time and distances on existing corridors Development of missing links to increase geographical coverage and interconnectiv ity between corridors

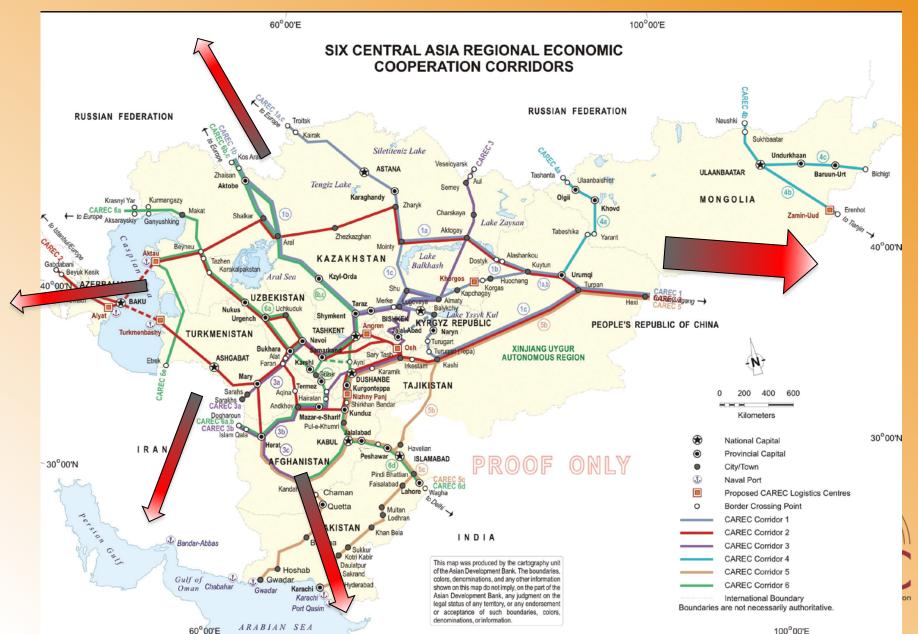
 Development of rail network
 serving corridors to realize the related
 advantage of rail transport
 for long distance and bulk transport

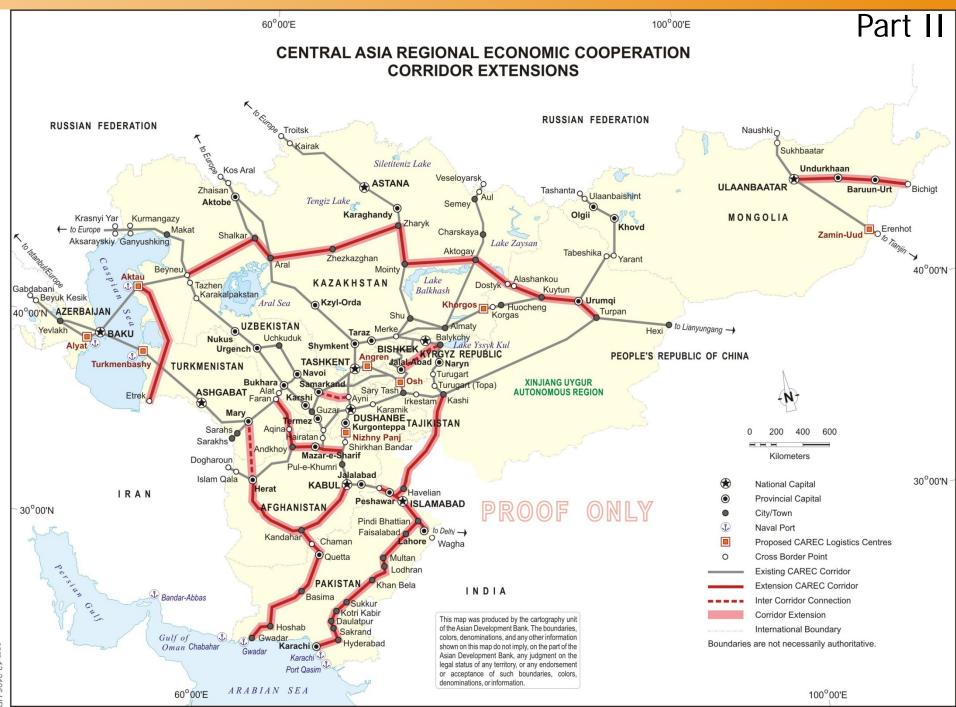
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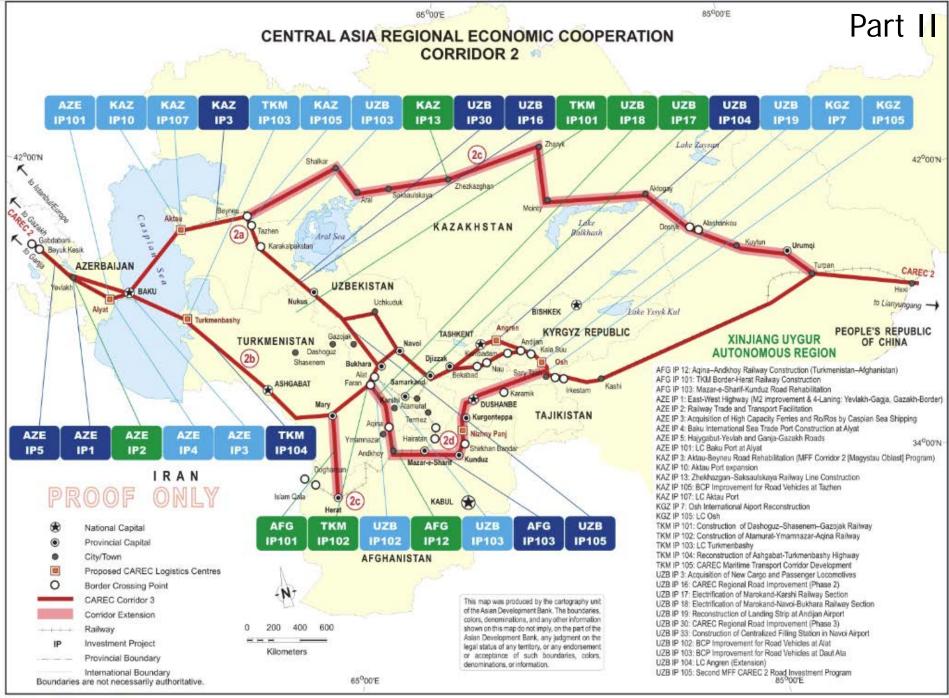
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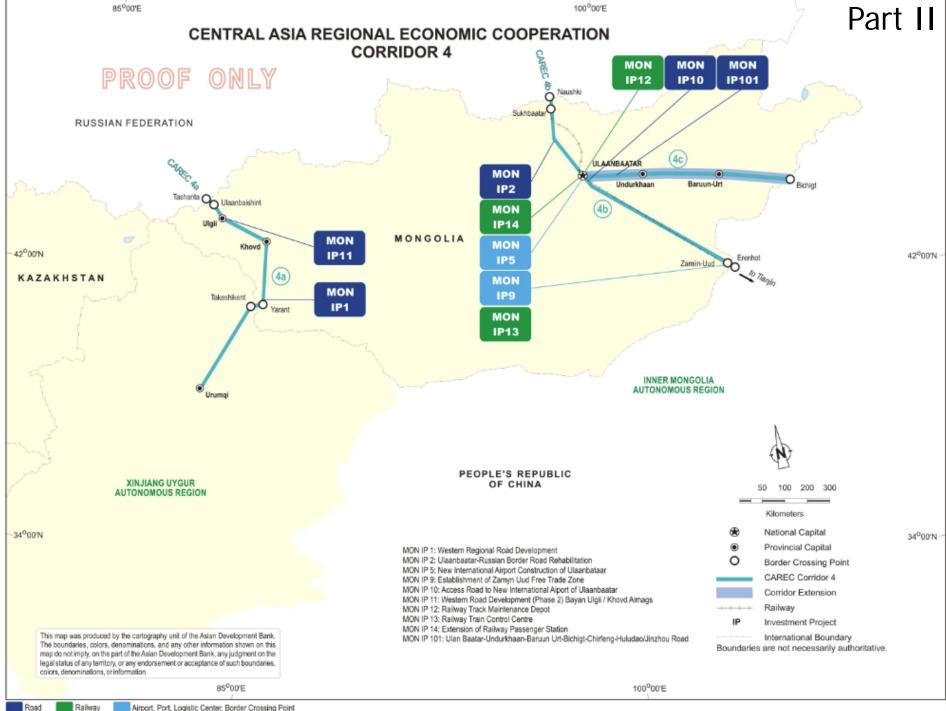
International Transit Corridors





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Road



Operational Priorities 1

Develop Multimodal Corridor

transport and

infrast

Improve logistics Road Development

Railway Development

Logistics Hub

Border Crossing Points



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Operational Priorities 2

Improve Trade and Boarder Crossing Services Customs Reforms and Modernization

Coordinated Boarder Management

Single Window Development

Improvement of SPS Measures

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Expanded trade and improved competitiveness

Operational Priorities 3

Improve Operational and Institutional Effectiveness **Road Maintenance**

Road Safety

Pilot Designated Rail Corridors

Policies and Institutional Development

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International Integrated Multimodal Transport Corridors

- Multimodal Networks and Transport Services
- International Transit Corridors
 Dedicated Rail Corridors
 Logistics Hubs
 Corridor Management Units



Selection for Logistics Hubs

Part II

Location		Connection	Proximity to		
Location	Country	Rail	Border	Population Center	Industry Cluster
Khorgos	KAZ	Yes	0		Yes
Baku	AZE	Yes	0	Yes	Yes
Aktau	KAZ	Yes	0		Yes
Turkmenbashi	ТКМ	Yes	0		Yes
Angren	UZB	Yes		Yes	Yes
Osh	KGZ	Yes	0	Yes	Yes
Zamin Uud	MON	Yes	0		Yes
Nizhiny Pyanj	TAJ	Yes	0	Yes	Yes

Action Plan

- 101 investment projects of \$38.7 billion.
- Most of the program is ongoing and \$7 billion has already been expended.
- Road and rail projects account for 90% of the cost.
 Rail has a much bigger share of new projects than of ongoing projects.
- Trade facilitation projects less capital intensive, but yielding desired results to achieve outcome.
- Required annual rate of expenditure is \$4.6 billion, compared with \$3.2 billion in 2008-12.
- 50 TA projects costing \$74.6 million.



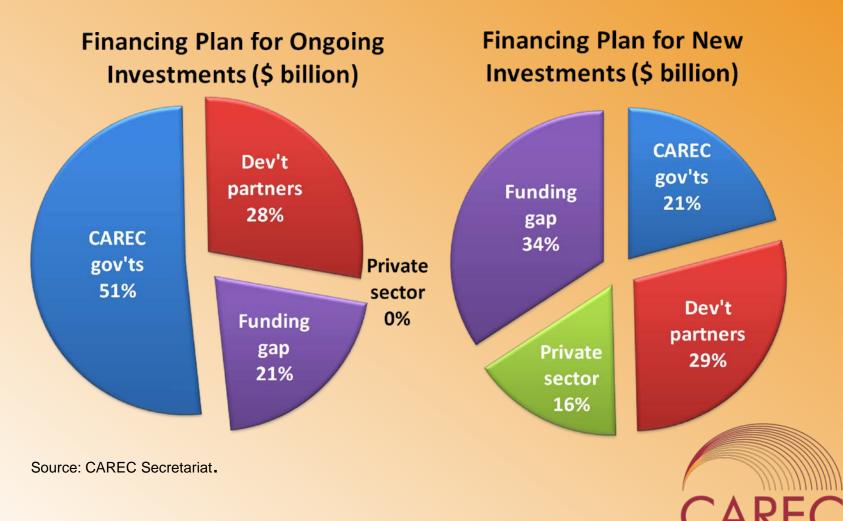
Investment Projects

Ongoing Infrastructure New Infrastructure Investments (\$ billion) Investments (\$ billion) Rail Rail 41% 17% Road Port Port 71% 0.3% 5% Road Airport Airport 50% 3% 4% Logistics Logistics and Trade and Trade 5% 4% Source: CAREC Secretariat.

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Financing Plan



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Implementation: Monitoring

- Project monitoring system so far has been too focused on linear progress (i.e., road and rail km).
- More attention to projects <u>outcomes</u> is needed. This requires data gathering and analysis.
- The CPMM system is good but requires further strengthening, especially in rail sector.
- For the program as a whole, the RBF is the basis for monitoring and assessing success.



Joint CCC & TSCC meeting in Astana from 19-20 September 2013

- Reviewed and endorsed the draft refined TTFS and Action Plan
- The participant agreed to present the draft TTFS 2020 to the NFP meeting in Bangkok
- Submission of the Refined Strategy through SOM to Ministerial Conference for approval (23 October 2013)



Key Issues for Discussions

1.Do you agree to the draft TTFS 2020? Or do you have additional suggestions?

2.What are your views to ensure successful implementation of the Refined Strategy?



Thank you for your attention

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