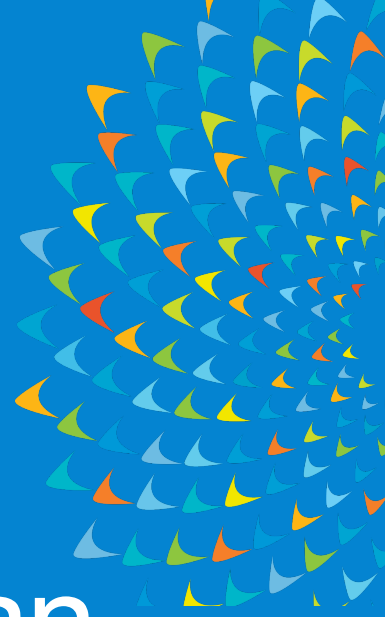


CITA 2030 & RSAP

CAREC Integrated Trade Agenda 2030 *and* Rolling Strategic Action Plan 2018-2020

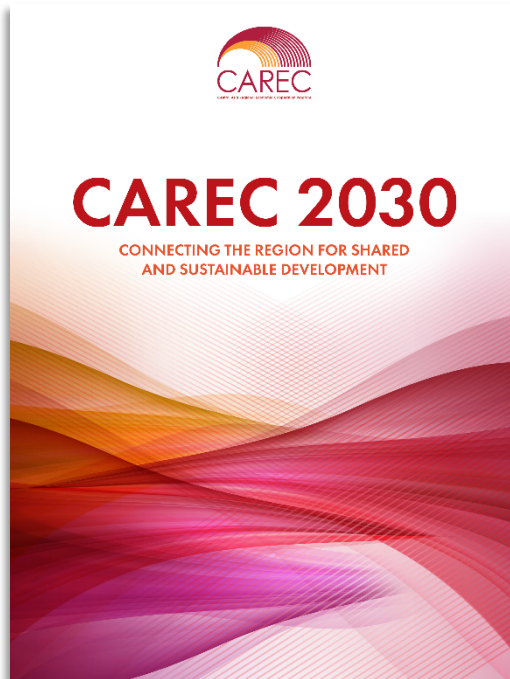


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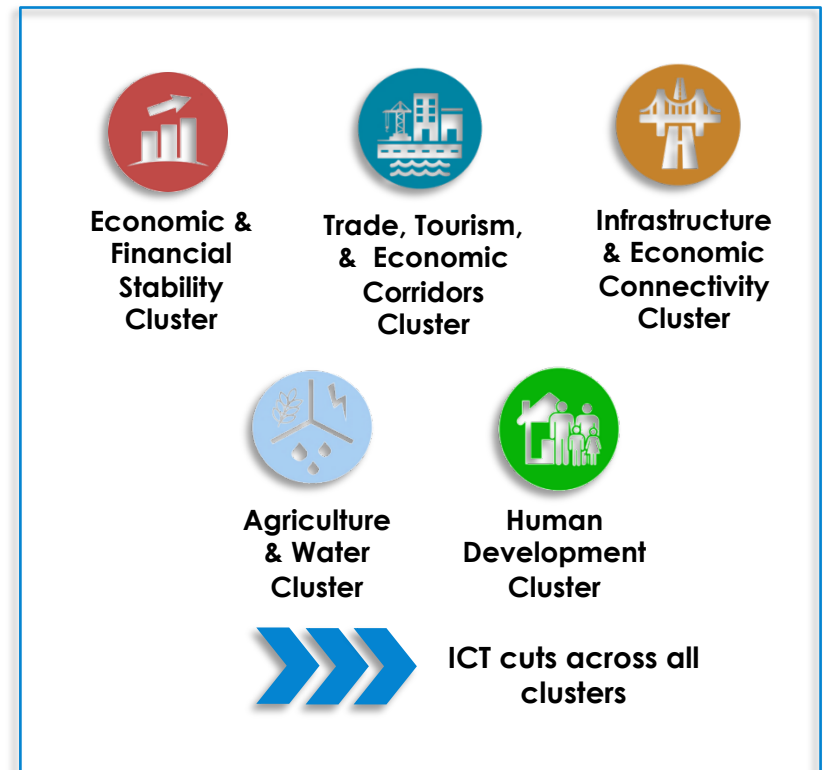


CAREC Strategy 2030

- **Connecting** the region for shared and sustainable development
- **Aligning** with national strategies and supporting SDGs and COP21*

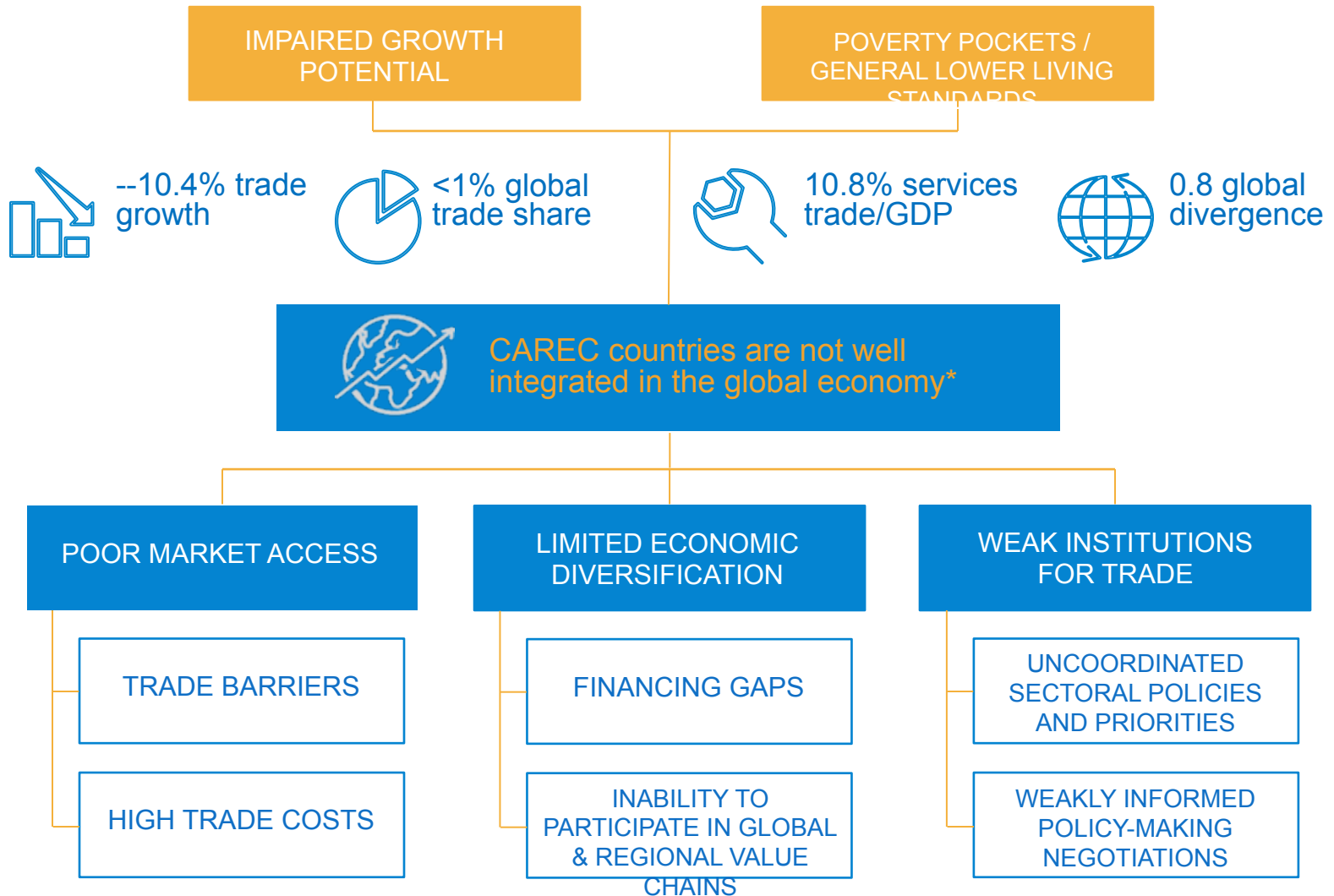


- **Expanding** operational priorities **selectively**




*2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and 21st Conference of the Parties to the United Framework Convention on Climate Change

Rationale



* Data excludes PRC.

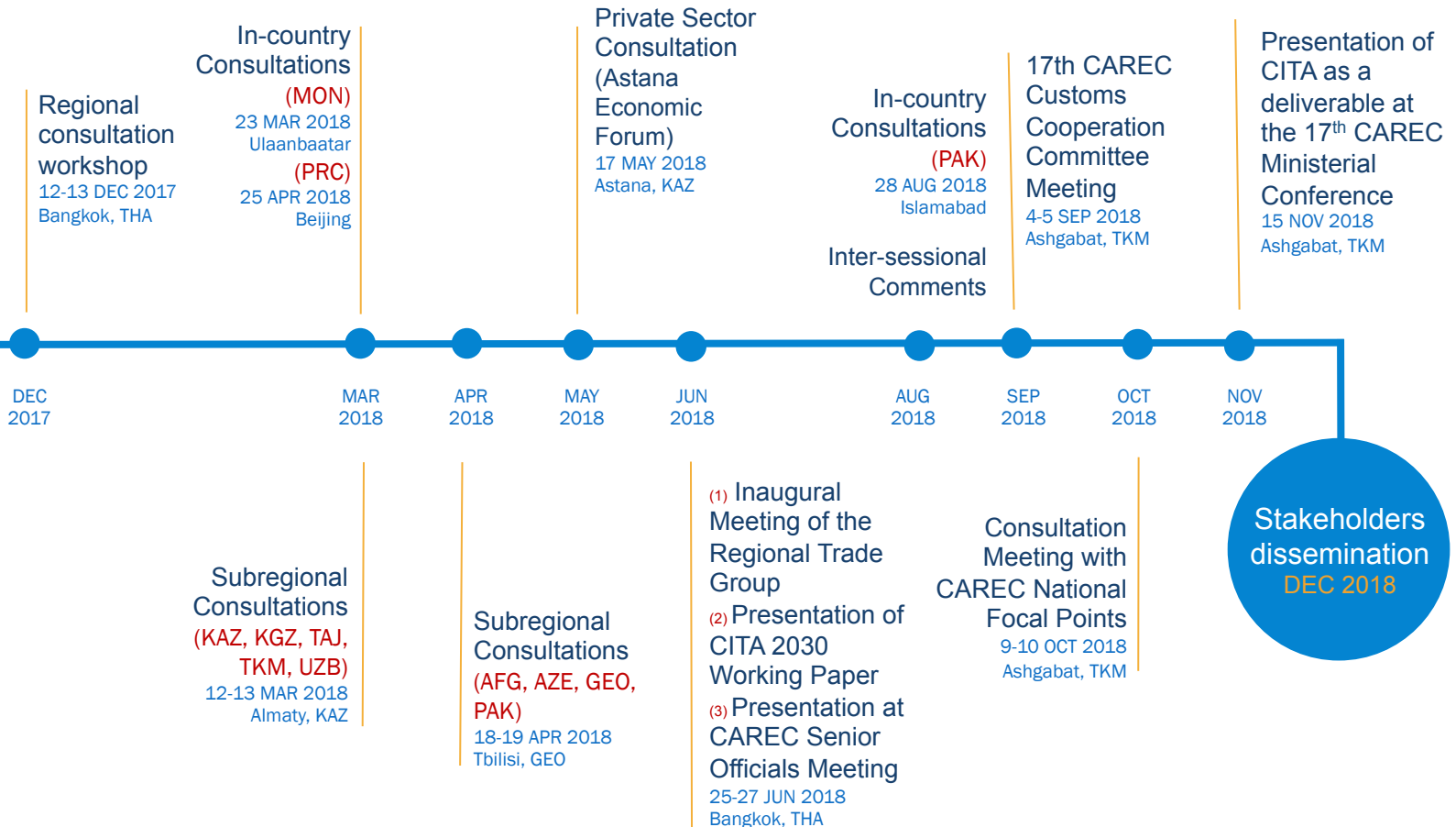
Timeline of CITA 2030 development

 **CITA Consultation Paper (Feb 2018)**

 **CITA Working Paper (May 2018)**

 **CITA Review Paper (Oct 2018)**

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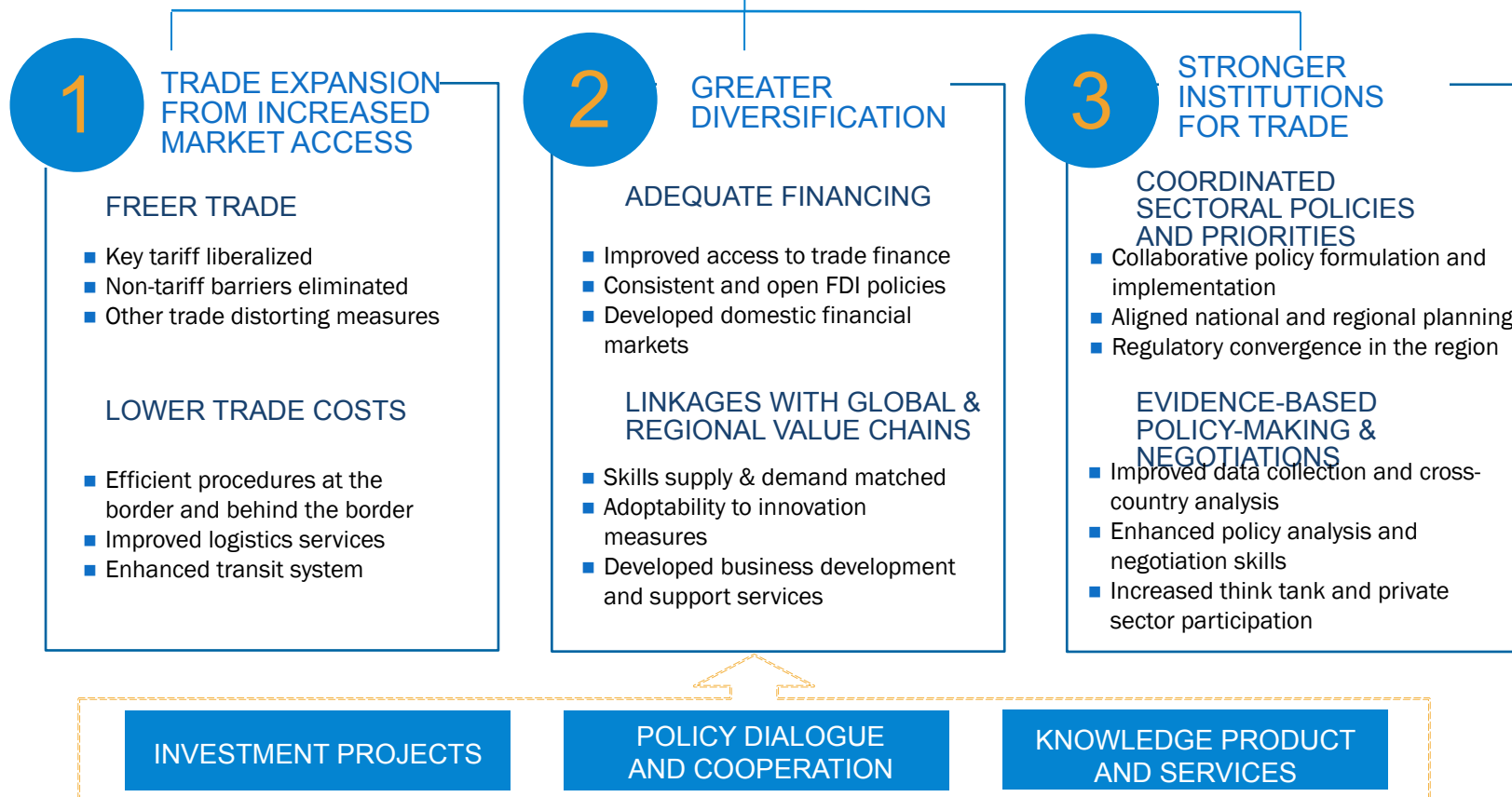
Highlights of CITA Consultations

- General affirmation that CITA 2030 is relevant, responsive, comprehensive and aligned with national strategies of CAREC members
- Concrete project proposals and activities identified under Rolling Strategic Action Plan (RSAP) 2018-2020
- Broad scope of trade issues discussed
- Emphasis on regional cooperation and private sector engagement
- Strong cross-sectoral linkages



CAREC Integrated Trade Agenda 2030

CAREC COUNTRIES ARE MORE
INTEGRATED
IN THE GLOBAL ECONOMY



1

Trade expansion from increased market access

- Support for **WTO** accession and post-accession commitments

- Reduction of **non-tariff barriers** and **alignment** with international standards including modernizing SPS systems or quality infrastructure

- Impact analysis of bilateral and/or regional **FTAs**



- Implementation of **WTO** agreements on **TBT, SPS** and **TFA**

- Deepening initiatives in **customs cooperation**, best practices in customs procedures, transit, data exchange and use of ICT

- Restraint from trade distorting measures and responding to emerging **global agenda**

2

Greater diversification

- Growth of **trade in services** and development of key services sector

- Facilitation of **movement of people**, collaboration towards **skills upgrading** and labor market information

- **Investment promotion** and facilitation, cross-border finance and effective schemes to meet financing demands



- SMEs access to **trade and supply chain finance** and **credit insurance**

- Industrial and business development including special/border zones, **economic corridors** and industrial parks

- E-commerce and promotion of **digital trade**

3

Stronger institutions for trade

- Establishment or strengthening of **National Committees on Trade Facilitation** or similar mechanisms

- Promotion of **regulatory convergence** and collaborative policy implementation

- Development of **online trade portal** for information and best practices exchange



- Capacity building on **negotiation skills** and **policy analysis** for trade officials

- Improved coordination with other regional arrangements, **cross-learning** and strengthened **CAREC Institute**

- Enhanced **public-private sector dialogue** and participation

Implementation approach

Pragmatic and demand-driven

- Considering the varying levels of capacities and progress among countries

Flexible and customized

- “2+X principle”, allowing 2 or more countries to initiate and implement regional projects (e.g., pilot projects)

Phased and Incremental

- Four phases: three-year Rolling Strategic Action Plan (RSAP) 2018-2020, with prioritized targets and actions, and updated annually

Rolling Strategic Action Plan

RSAP 2018-2020

Investment Projects
including Scoping Studies

Policy Dialogue
and Cooperation

Knowledge-Product
and Services

1. Increased Market Access

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Regional improvement of border services (RIBS) projects with customs automation in KGZ-TAJ, MON & PAK (ongoing) and AZE, GEO, UZB (planned)2. National Single Window (PAK)3. Pilot joint customs control (JCC) including e-manifests (PRC-MON)4. Establishment of new border crossing point (BCP) with JCC (AZE-GEO)5. Regional upgrade of SPS for Trade (RUST) projects in MON; scoping for KGZ; border SPS needs and cold chain in PAK & AFG; laboratory capacity in AZE, TAJ & UZB6. CAREC Advanced Transit System (CATS) including information common exchange (ICE) pilot implementation in AZE-GEO-KAZ | <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Development of regional/subregional animal and pest surveillance systems2. Potential mutual recognition of SPS certificates or accreditation3. Facilitated visa arrangements or special permits for traders and truck drivers, labor migrants or temporary movement of people4. Information-sharing on transit schemes (CATS, QTTA, NCTS) to promote implementation5. Customs-private sector dialogue on standards developed by private sector (CFCFA)6. Technical barriers to trade (TBT) regulatory mapping including on conformity assessment procedures | <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Implementation of Common Agenda for Modernization of SPS Measures for Trade (CAST)2. Support for WTO accession and implementation3. WTO TFA implementation including inter-subregional forum4. Best practices seminar on paperless trading or e-certification5. Case study and best practices FTAs6. Study on border trade development7. CAREC Corridor Performance Measurement and Monitoring (CPMM) |
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Rolling Strategic Action Plan

RSAP 2018-2020

Investment Projects
including Scoping Studies

Policy Dialogue
and Cooperation

Knowledge-Product
and Services

2. Greater Diversification

1. Feasibility studies on special zones (UZB, PAK) or cross-border **economic zones** in PRC (IMAR)-MON, KAZ-PRC(XUAR)-MON
2. Establishment of **logistics centers** in KAZ, MON (ongoing) and UZB (planned)
3. Awareness and access to trade and supply chain **finance**, guarantees and expansion of PPP operations

1. Investment **forum** on agriculture, tourism & technology
2. Strategic planning or **roadmaps** for CITA implementation
3. Explore possible sectoral or industrial **clusters** between CAREC countries

1. Research on developing trade in **services** (finance, health, education, transport and tourism)
2. Workshops or field visits on economic **corridor development**, cross-border cooperation centers
3. Case study on **value-chain** development
4. Seminar on regulatory framework / best practices on **e-commerce** and innovation (Industry 4.0)

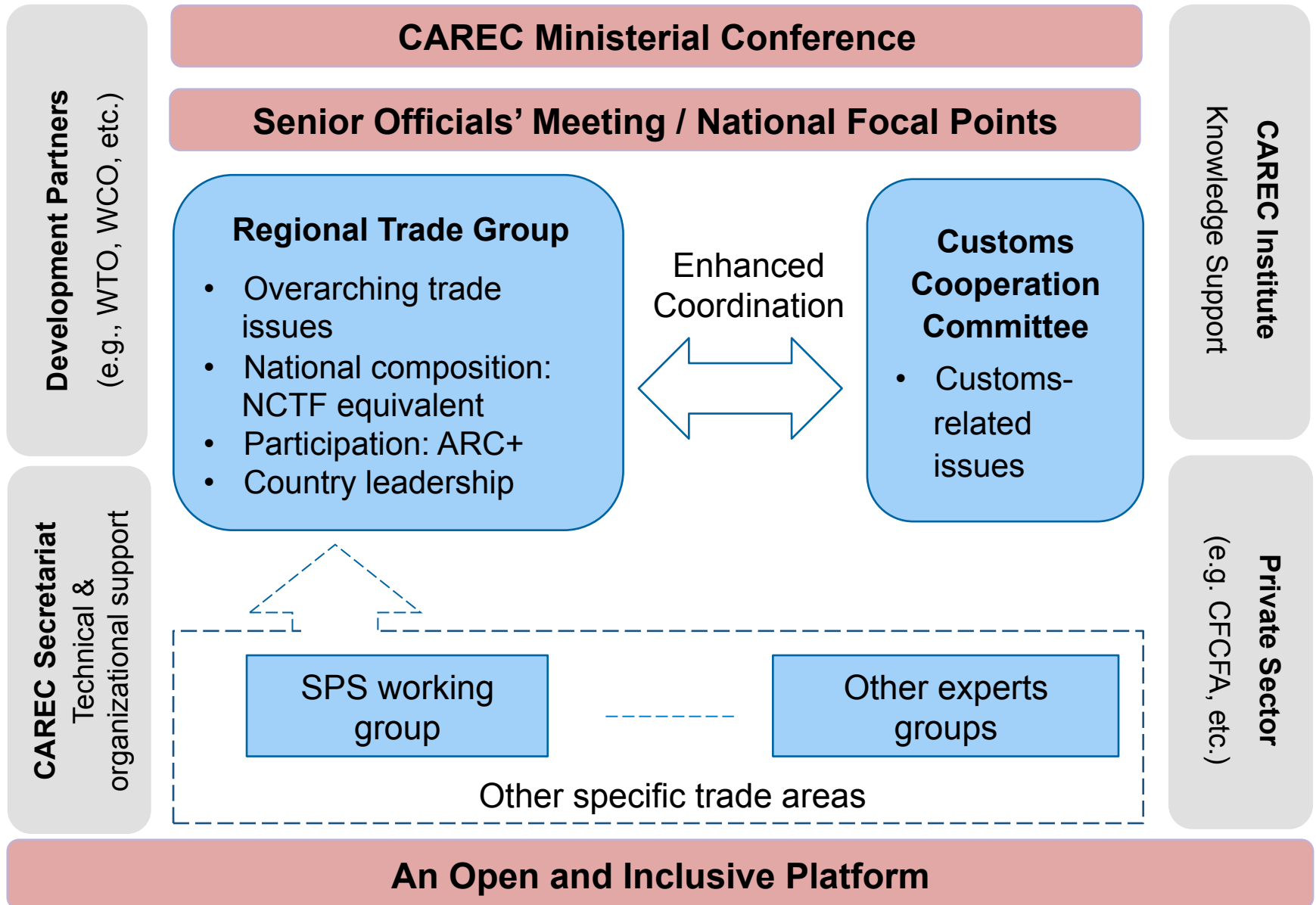
3. Stronger Institutions for trade

1. ICT - establishment of **one-stop shop/online** trade policy, best practices and data **portal** for CAREC countries
2. Support for establishment of WCO accredited **training centers** (scoping for PAK)

1. Establishment of **SPS working groups** to implement CAST and develop national SPS strategies
2. Enhanced implementation of **WTO TFA** (freedom of transit, **AEOs**, border management strategy and customs cooperation)

1. Capacity building for **NCTFs** including through training or advisory support
2. Trainings on SPS regulations and **international standards** (CAST)
3. Trainings on data collection, **policy analysis** and negotiations
4. Improved research capacity and coordination of national **think-tanks** and **CAREC Institute**

Institutional Structure



Regional Trade Group

Scope and function

- Policy dialogue and strategy formulation (CITA/RSAP)
- Project pipeline development, implementation & monitoring
- Institutional strengthening & stakeholders coordination

Membership

- Appointed Representative of Country
- contact points and agency list



Meetings and support

- Regular meetings (annual and technical meetings)
- Agenda-driven and issues-based
- Chairperson appointed by Host Country (rotation)
- CAREC Secretariat, ADB and other DPs support

Next steps

- Incorporate further comments if any, including from CCC, CFCFA and RTG (inter-sessionally)
- Finalize RSAP 2018-2020
- Presentation of CITA Review Paper to NFP Meeting in October 2018
- Submission of the CITA 2030 for endorsement at CAREC Ministerial Conference in November 2018

Thank you!



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