

JOINT TRANSPORT AND TRADE FACILITATION PROGRESS REPORT

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I. Transport Sector

I. Action Plan Implementation

By 2010

- Roads: 32% improved, 83% by 2013
- 3 airports, 1 port, 3 logistics centers completed
- Railways: 18% improved, 20% by 2013
- KGZ-TAJ CBTA completed

Progress

- 6 Corridors
- Railways
- Road_Railway condition
- Road condition by corridor
- TTFS Action Plan Achievements

Key Implementation Issues

- Slow progress in railways
- Poor border facilities
- Complicated border-crossing procedures



- Insufficient funds
- Limited capacity
- Weak ownership



Smaller-Than-Intended Trade Impacts

Work Plan 2010-2011

Focus

- **Monitor & Assess**
- **Midcourse remedies**



- **Implementation monitoring system**
- **KGZ-TAJ CBTA signed**
- **CBP investments**
- **Revised list of priority investments**



- **Monitor implementation**
- **Reassess priority**
- **Broaden CBTA country coverage**
- **Develop CBP projects**
- **Build capacity**

Activities

- Monitor implementation
- Assess priority projects in Action Plan
- Prepare transport sector progress report
- Broaden country coverage of CBTA
- Develop CBP projects: TAJ-AFG, KGZ-TAJ (5); KGZ-PRC (1); KAZ-UZB (6)
- Build capacity and raise ownership

Deliverables at 9th MC

- Transport implementation monitoring system
- KGZ-TAJ Cross Border Transport Agreement signed
- Border infrastructure and facilities investment projects
- Revised priority investments
- AFG's Hairatan–Mazare-e-Sharif railway line completed

II. Trade Facilitation

Key Developments

- Regional Joint Transport and Trade Facilitation Committee (RJC)
 - Mandated by TTFS Action Plan
 - Met in Tashkent in February 2010
 - Terms of Reference, scope and composition
 - Agreed on results framework indicators

Key Developments (cont.)

- The CAREC Federation of Carrier and Forwarder Associations (CFCFA) held its first meeting on 1 March 2010
 - Constitution and Rules of Procedure
 - Officials and Executive Board Members
 - Work Program for 2010-2011
 - CFCFA associations in NJCs and CFCFA's representation in the RJC

Key Developments (cont.)

- Corridor Performance Measurement and Monitoring, 9 months in operation
 - Additional partner associations
 - 2nd QR report released
 - 3rd CPMM workshop on 2 March 2010

Key Developments (cont.)

- A Joint Customs Control pilot-test program between Mongolia and PRC customs was officially launched in 15 December 2009
- "Safe Packets" pilot projects at three border posts between Kyrgyz Republic and Kazakhstan yielded positive results

Key Developments (cont.)

- Consolidated capacity building framework is being developed
 - training needs assessments for transport, customs and integrated trade facilitation
 - **Training Methods and Programs**

Key Developments (cont.)

- ADB proposed a regional investment project on “Border Crossing Point Improvement and Single Window Development (BCPSW)”
 - Regional public goods
 - Proposed investments
 - Country consultations, Roles of RJC, NJCs and CAREC TF framework
 - Regional allocation, R-PPTA in 2010 and loans in 2011

Work Plan 2010-11

- Priority Areas:
 - Support newly established regional institutions such as RJC and CFCFA
 - Revitalize, consolidate and strengthen NJCs at country level
 - CPMM program continues into its 2nd year
 - Implementation of consolidated transport and trade facilitation capacity building framework
 - Formulation of the regional BCPSW project

Deliverables at 9th MC

- First submission for the CAREC Results Framework
- First CPMM Annual Summary
- Assessment of Joint Customs Control and “safe packets” pilots
- Update on BCPSW project preparation
- Progress updates regarding RJC, NJCs, CFCFA and the CCC

Key Issues

Issues	Measures
Maintaining the momentum of new institutions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Political will, strong leadership, effective organizational structure, concrete and achievable work programs with performance targets
Need for Strong NJCs	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• need to develop countries specific programs to make sure NJCs are truly consolidated, revitalized, strengthened, and functioning.

Key Issues (cont.)

Issues	Measures
Need for Effective Private Sector Advocacy	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• ADB to provide sufficient support to CFCFA yet maintaining an arm length
Sustainable Capacity Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A capacity building framework that rationalize and synchronize capacity development programs at national and regional levels.

Key Issues (cont.)

Issues	Measures
need to maximize regional public goods in the design of the regional BCPSW project	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• NJC to fully involved in country level of investment plans• Cross border and corridor- wide coordination to be conducted at RJC level• Removal of legal and regulatory impediments to allow mutual recognition of electronic transfer of data

Summary of Issues

Transport and Trade Facilitation

- Slow progress in railways
- Poor border facilities and infrastructure
- Complicated border-crossing procedures
- Maintaining the momentum of new trade facilitation institutions
- Need for Strong NJCs
- Hard and Soft Aspects Needed for the BCPSW
- Need for Effective CFCFA
- Need to Develop Capacities on Trade Facilitation

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