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# Modernizing Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures to Facilitate Trade in CAREC

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# Agriculture is important, but with untapped trade potential

Country	Value-added as % of GDP	as % of total employment
AFG	21.0	62.2
AZE	5.6	37.4
PRC	7.9	17.5
GEO	7.0	40.9
KAZ	4.4	18.0
KGZ	12.3	26.7
MON	10.4	30.4
PAK	22.9	42.0
TAJ	20.4	51.6
TKM	9.3	8.2
UZB	17.3	21.9
<b>Average</b>	<b>12.6</b>	<b>32.4</b>

share 1% of global agriculture trade

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15%\* agriculture trade over total trade\*

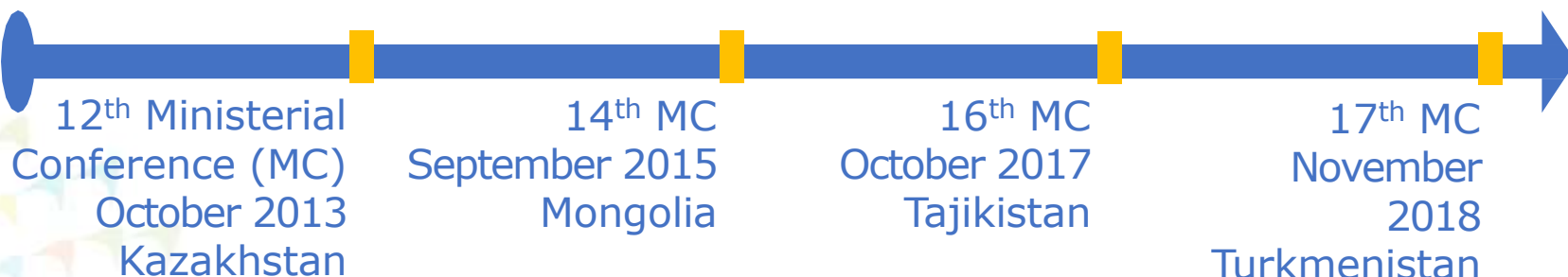
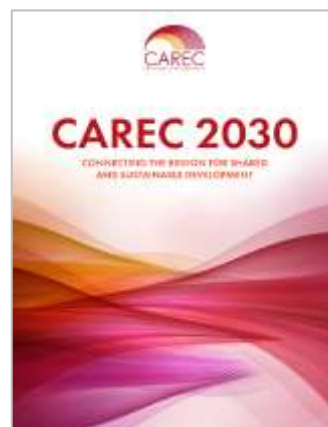
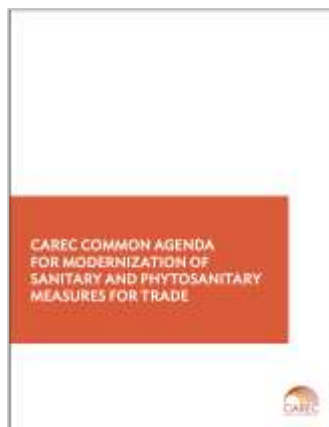
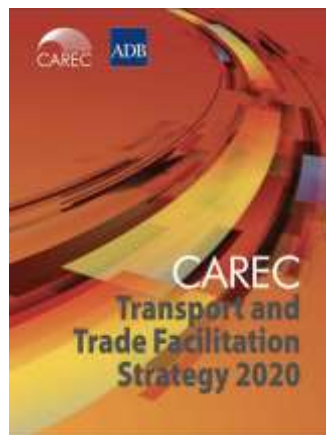
*“Agriculture sector expanding, but requires sustainability, climate proofing, and compliance with quality standards, certification requirement”*

– Asian Development Outlook 2019

Notes: 2017 or latest available data. \*Data is for CAREC 10 only.

Source: ADB (2019). *Modernizing SPS Measures in CAREC: An Assessment and the Way Forward*.

# Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures— A priority area in CAREC trade program



# Overall Framework

## Global

- Alignment with the principles of the WTO SPS Agreement and international standards (OIE, IPPC, and Codex Alimentarius Commission)

## Regional/ Subregional

- CAREC SPS regional working group
- Sector-specific programs or mechanisms (animal health and plant health); networks (food safety)
- Cooperation with other development partners & initiatives/programs

## National

- Strategy and action plan developed by SPS national working groups
- Border management

# Progress of Implementation

## Policy Dialogues and Cooperation



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## Investment Projects



Regional upgrade of SPS measures for trade (RUST); initial scoping

• Training, mentoring and advisory work (e.g., PRA, risk categorization, legal reforms)



Publication on CAREC SPS modernization (May 2019)



SPS awareness workshops and stakeholders communication



Knowledge Product & Services



## Next Steps: CITA 2030's Rolling Strategic Action Plan (RSAP) 2019-2021

- Agreed regional programs/mechanisms of cooperation (plant health and animal health)
- Priority action plans under SPS NWG strategies
- Regional/Subregional initiatives (e.g., with EPPO, OIE, USAID CTJ project)
- Pilot projects (TKM, PRC-KAZ)
- Joint research project with CAREC Institute on feasibility of mutual recognition/ electronic exchange of SPS certificates



**Thank you.**

