

UPDATE ON TRADE FACILITATION PROGRAM

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Customs Cooperation

- 9th CCC meeting in Tokyo September 2010 reported substantial progress in 5 priority areas
 - Customs codes amended to meet international standards
 - All CAREC customs organizations have automated their customs processes and most with built-in risk management systems
 - Initiatives to install single windows
 - Joint Customs Control Pilots showing positive results
- CCC work aligned with WCO's C-21 strategy

Time Release Study

- TRS provides an opportunity to review customs' and other border control agencies' clearance procedures and identify corrective actions to enhance their clearance operational efficiency.
- Workshop held in Tashkent, Uzbekistan on 29-31 March 2011 to train relevant customs officials.
- TRSs to be performed at key BCPs along CAREC corridors that will potentially participate in proposed RIBS project
- Follow-up TRS training for UZB customs officials held in Tashkent 24 June 2011

Customs Capacity Building

- Specialized training for customs officials
 - Customs Modernization Training Course Shanghai Customs College, Shanghai, PRC 8-18 June 2011 for the MON Customs
 - on 15-24 September 2011 for CAREC customs officials,
 - specialized customs seminar for Kazakhstan Customs before the end of 2011.
- Expertise sharing in specialized field of customs control for pipeline transported energy products

Integrated Trade Facilitation

- CAREC Federation of Carrier and Forwarder Associations
 - From 14 to 18 members
 - More associations from PAK and TKM expected to join
 - 3 Working Groups:
 - standardization and adoption of international practices;
 - cross-border and corridor development; and
 - organization and funding.
- Projects
 - Business Networking Forum
 - 200 participants; 8 booths
 - Successful format; plan to hold similar event 2012
 - CFCFA website: www.cfcfa.net
 - Up-to-date profile and information on activities
 - Interactive page on CPMM
 - Links with member websites

Corridor Performance Measurement and Monitoring (CPMM)

- 2 years of implementation; 14 CFCFA partner associations
- Data collection, analytical framework, and report preparation streamlined
- 2010 Annual and 2011 1st Quarter reports on cfcfa.net
- Contributes trade facilitation indicators to the CAREC results framework
- Capacity building for national associations
- CPMM webpage allows data retrieval and interactive analysis for members

CPMM Indicators

1st Quarter 2011

TF1	Time taken to clear a border crossing point (hr)			
	Mean	7.3	Median	3.6
TF2	Costs incurred at border crossing clearance (US\$)			
	Mean	140.0	Median	85
TF3	Cost incurred to travel a corridor section (US\$)			
	Per 500km, for a 20-ton truck or a TEU Container			
	Mean	964.2	Median	647.3
TF4	Speed to travel on CAREC corridors (kph)			
	SWOD	22.8	SWD	17.3

Road Indicators

TF1	Time taken to clear a border crossing point (hr)				
	Mean	5.0	Median	3.0	
TF2	Costs incurred at border crossing clearance (US\$)				
	Mean	138.0	Median	89.0	
TF3	Cost incurred to travel a corridor section (US\$) Per 500km, for a 20-ton truck or a TEU Container				
	Mean	1136.2	Median	769.3	
TF4	Speed to travel on CAREC corridors (kph)				
	SWOD	43.6	SWD	28.9	

Rail Indicators

TF1	Time taken to clear a border crossing point (hr)				
	Mean	21.2	Median	12.0	
TF2	Costs incurred at border crossing clearance (US\$)				
	Mean	150.0	Median	50.0	
TF3	Cost incurred to travel a corridor section (US\$) Per 500km, for a 20-ton truck or a TEU Container				
	Mean	459.3	Median	391.4	
TF4	Speed to travel on CAREC corridors (kph)				
	SWOD	12.7	SWD	10.3	

ITF Capacity Building

- Logistics training
 - Topics include modern supply chain management, trade logistics, multi-modal transport, and trade logistics international best practices;
 - plans to hold similar seminars in XUAR PRC later this year and in Kazakhstan and Mongolia in 2012
- Special training course for Mongolia freight forwarders and road carriers at Shanghai Maritime University

Regional Improvement of Border Services (RIBS) Project

- ADB financing for the proposed project is approximately \$150 million.
- Consultants have been fielded and have visited AZE, UZB, KGZ, KAZ, MON, TAJ and currently in PRC; will be visiting AFG
- 17 pairs of BCPs have been identified
- Aide Memoire with participating countries to be signed during MC in November

Next Steps

- CPMM and time-release study information better utilized
- Involvement of Pakistan and Turkmenistan in TF activities
- New areas to be explored: SPS; movement of people; trade logistics; economic corridors

THANK YOU

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