

CAREC Cross-Border Transport Facilitation

CAREC Secretariat

Goals of CAREC TTFS

- Establish competitive corridors across the CAREC region
- **Facilitate the efficient movement of people and goods through CAREC corridors and across borders**
- Develop sustainable, safe, user-friendly transport and trade networks

Moving Forward with Transport Facilitation in CAREC

- Cross-border transport agreements (CBTAs) have been effective in other regions; they could work in CAREC
- Different CBTAs can co-exist in the same region; **they have a “ratchet” effect**
- Short-term: it is recommended that CAREC countries forge corridor-specific agreements
- Long-term: Various agreements to converge **toward a “region-wide” agreement**

Kyrgyz Republic-Tajikistan CBTA

- Signed and ratified by two countries
- Afghanistan to join:
 - Final draft of Protocol agreed for the accession of Afghanistan and associated amendments
 - Protocol to be signed by KGZ, TAJ, and AFG at 10MC
- Implementation action plan discussed in Bangkok:
 - Based on lessons of international experience
 - Based on broad assessment of capacities
 - Based on review of development partner assistance

CBTA Implementation Action Plan Components

- Legal/regulatory
- Organizational, management, systems procedures
- Capacity building
- Infrastructure, facilities, equipment
- Periodic monitoring

Assessment of Criticality of CBTA Provisions

- Highly critical (indispensable) provisions are those that create an outright barrier to cross-border traffic
- Moderately critical provisions enhance efficiency relating to matters that would not block cross-border traffic, but the absence of which make it more onerous and time consuming
- Provisions of relatively limited criticality

Next Steps

- Afghanistan's accession to the KGZ-TAJ CBTA
- Prepare implementation of KGZ-TAJ-(AFG) CBTA
 - Start carrying out action plan
 - Negotiate protocol on permits
- Conduct seminar(s) on CBTAs in the CAREC region
- Negotiate/implement new/existing CBTAs

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