

CAREC Transport and Trade Facilitation Strategy

Overview

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- Request from 5th Ministerial Conference
- Transport and trade facilitation complementarity
- Integrated approach

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Key elements:

- Strategic approach
- Transport
- Trade facilitation
- Monitoring results
- Implementation

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Strategic Approach

- Support development through cooperation
- Upgrade key transport corridors
- Ensure efficient movement of goods through simplification, harmonization of regulations governing cross-border trade

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Strategic Approach

- Results-based approach to transport and trade facilitation improvements
- Time and cost benchmarks
- Measure progress against quantitative targets for overall reduction in costs

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Transport

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Rationale

Deepened economic relations with international markets +

Strengthened economic ties within CAREC region =

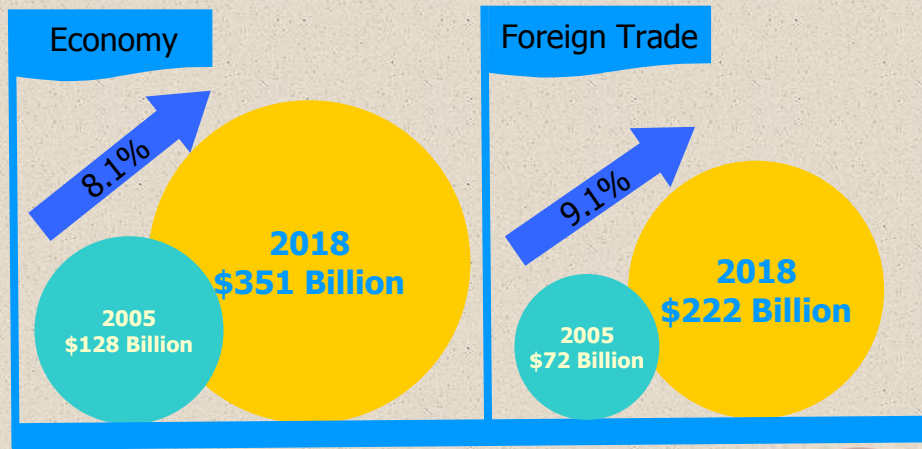
Enormous challenges to the transport and trade sectors

⇒ Transport Sector Strategy to address both challenges and opportunities



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The Opportunity

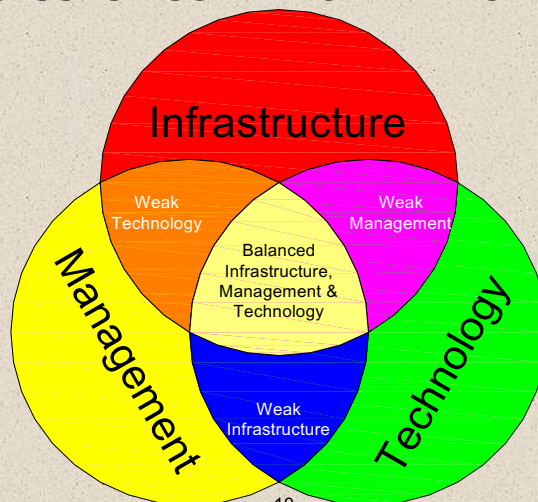


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The Challenge

**BALANCED DEVELOPMENT FOR
SUCCESSFUL CORRIDOR PERFORMANCE**



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TSS Goals

- Competitive transport corridors across the CAREC region
- Efficient movement of goods and people across borders
- Safe, people-friendly transport systems that are environmentally sustainable



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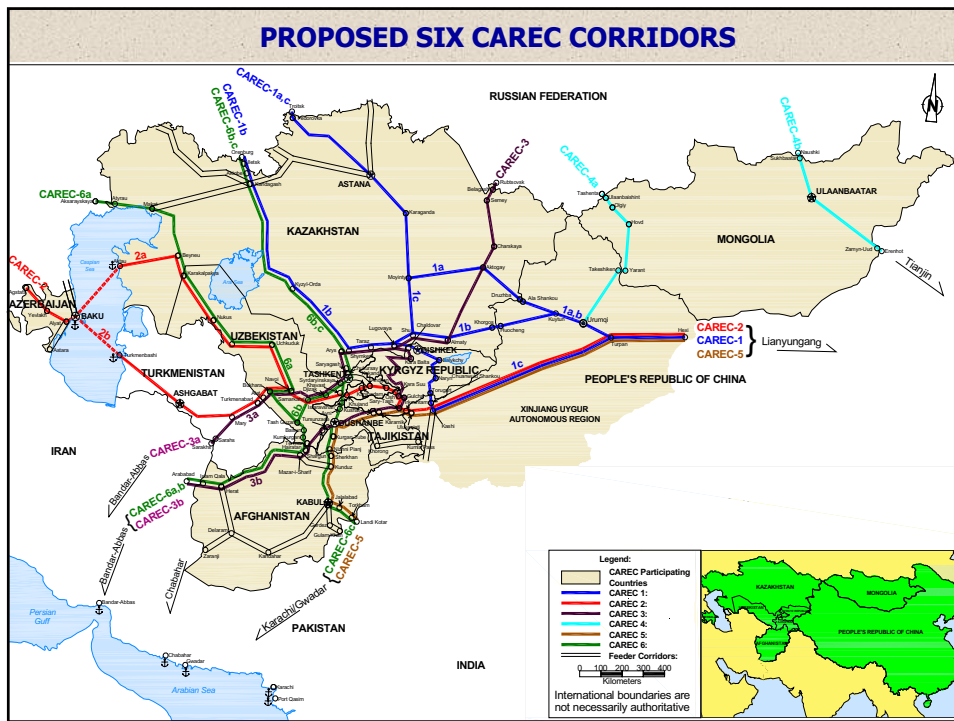
Major Transit Trade Directions



Corridor Selection Criteria

- Current traffic volume
- Prospect for promoting economic growth and future traffic
- Ability to increase connectivity between major population & economic centers
- Potential to reduce delays
- Economic & financial sustainability of investments

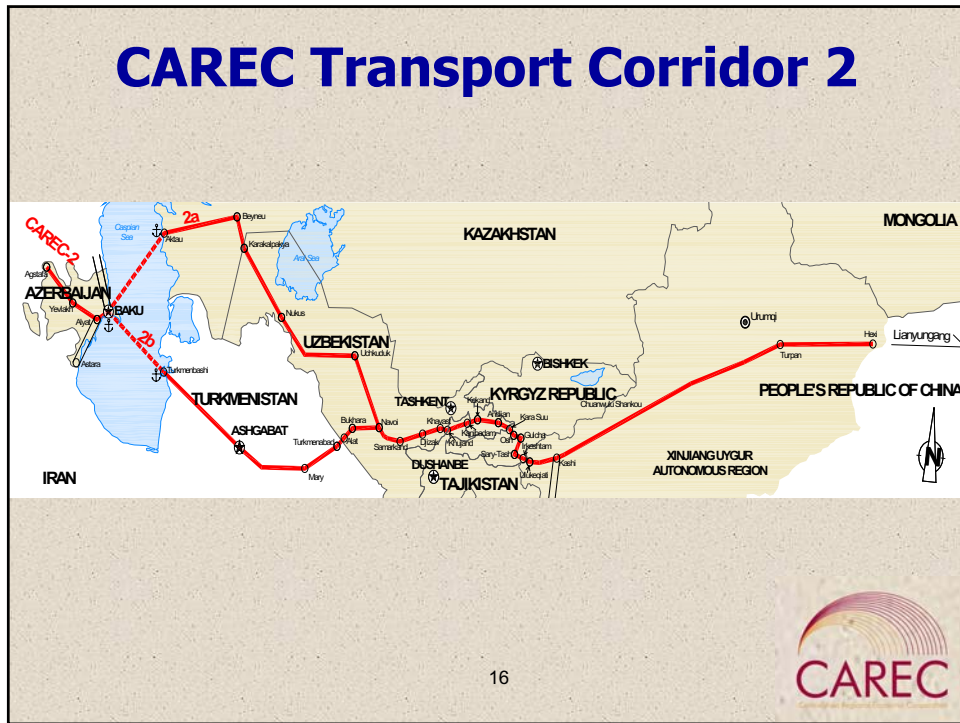
Inclusion Rule: At least 2 CAREC countries



CAREC Transport Corridor 1



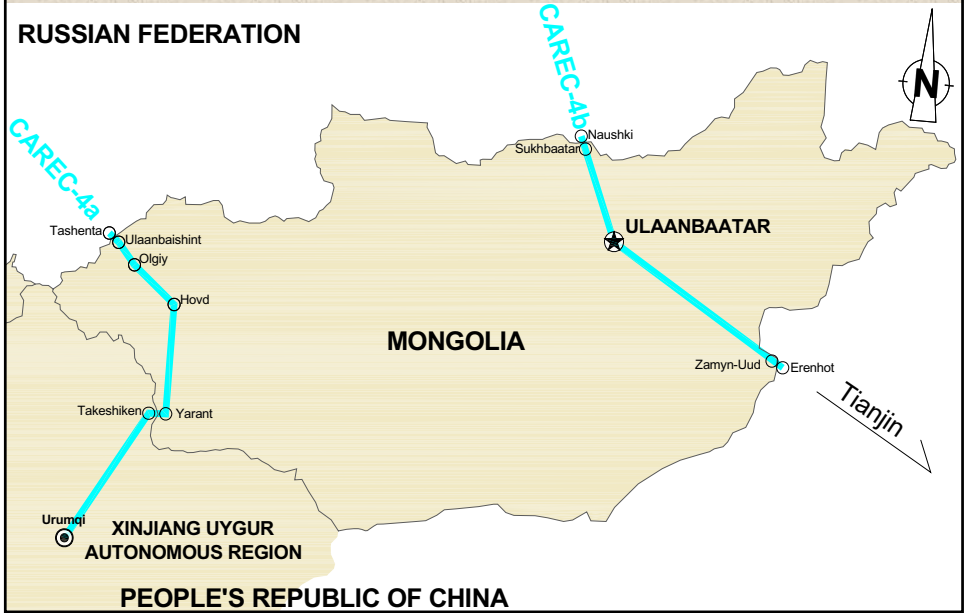
CAREC Transport Corridor 2



CAREC Transport Corridor 3



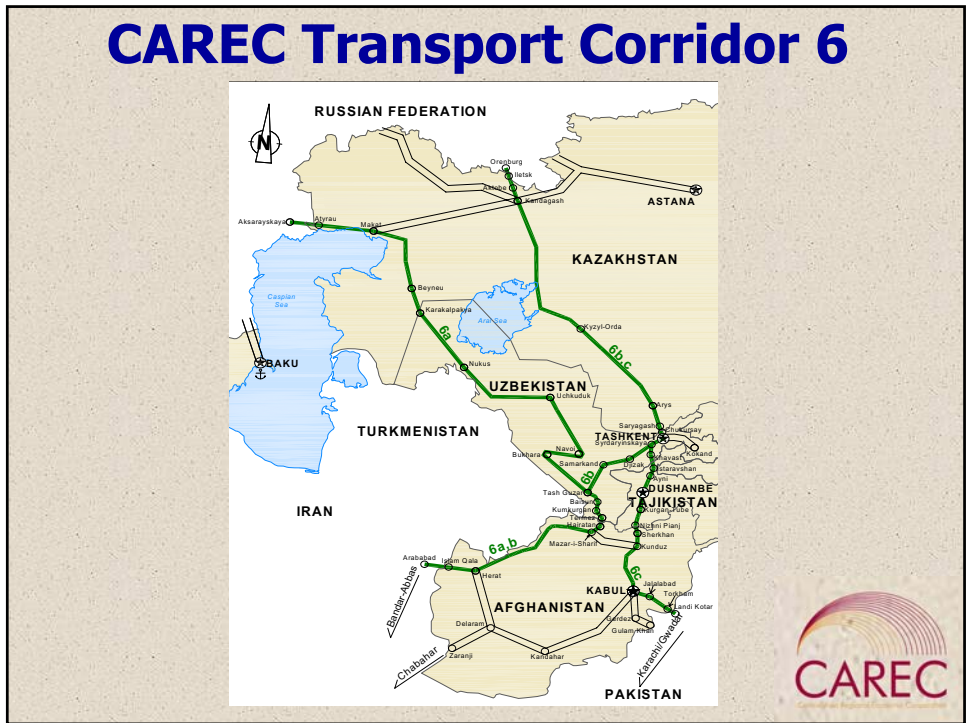
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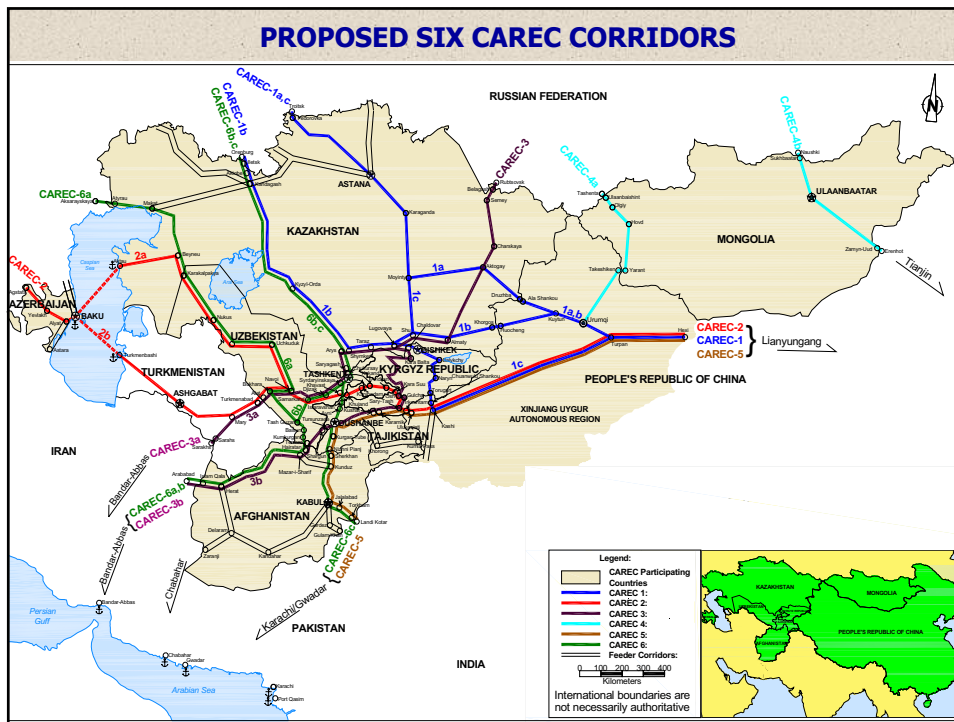


CAREC Transport Corridor 5



CAREC Transport Corridor 6





Goal 1: Establishing Competitive Corridors

- Develop selected CAREC corridors
- Improve technologies
- Monitor CAREC corridors performance
- Improve maintenance

Goal 2: Facilitating Movement of People and Goods across Borders

- Improve infrastructure, equipment, and procedures
- Harmonize transport regulations
- Modernize trucking fleet
- Support ongoing railway sector restructuring

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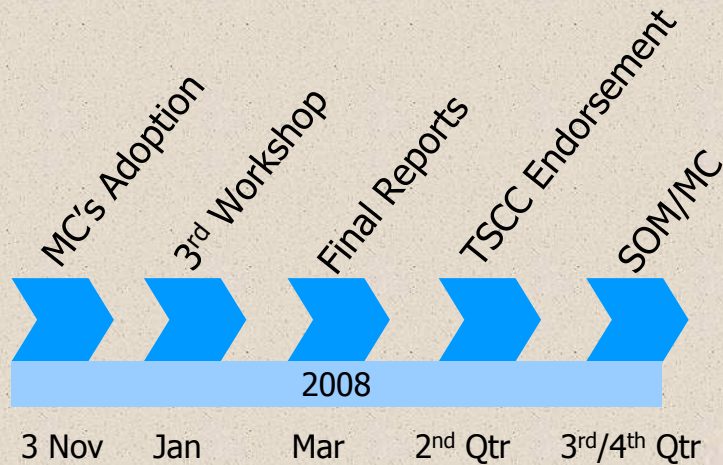
Goal 3: Developing Safe, People-Friendly Transport Systems

- Develop and maintain a safe, people-friendly transport system
- Reduce potentially negative health impacts of increased traffic and mobility
- Develop and maintain an environmentally sustainable transport system

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Next Steps



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Trade Facilitation

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Goals

- Significant reduction in transaction costs and time; improved administrative efficiency, trade procedures
- Encourage free movement of goods and business people
- Enhance transparency of laws, regulations, and procedures; share information

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Key Components

- Concerted customs reform and modernization
- Integrated trade facilitation approach—interagency cooperation and public-private partnerships
- Efficient regional logistics development

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Customs: the Core Program

- Customs cooperation as core
- Medium term objective: concerted customs reforms, modernization; CCC as regional forum

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Customs: the Core Program

- Work program:
 - Customs automation
 - Risk management, post entry audit and customs intelligence
 - Joint customs control
 - Regional transit development
 - Harmonization of procedures and documentation
 - Data exchange
 - Frameworks for cooperation



Simplification of Transit System

- Focusing on accession to TIR
- Resolving problems associated with approved national issuing bodies for issue of TIR carnets and high fixed costs of TIR-compliant vehicles

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Renew Effort on Trade Facilitation

- Establish regional mechanism for integrated trade facilitation to complement and strengthen CAREC Customs Cooperation Committee process
- Build on inter-agency cooperation and partnership with private sector

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Trade Facilitation Work Program

- National trade facilitation committees
- One stop, single electronic window
- Priority support for designated corridors
- Support bilateral pilot initiatives
- Establishment of technical level forum
- Establishment of monitoring methodologies and mechanisms



Transport Corridor Focus

- Synergies between trade facilitation and transport strategies through priority transport corridors
- TFCCC supports countries that wish to work together on corridors or segments to facilitate trade



Results Based Approach

- Identify key corridors, monitor time and costs of trading
- Key development partners provide technical support, good practice
- TFCCC provides forum to share experiences, monitor progress
- TFCCC coordinates with transport committee on priority investments

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Trade Logistics

- Facilitate development of regional logistics industry
- Regional forum to harmonize, plan trade logistics development
- Support national trade logistics assessments
- Facilitate and finance key investments

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Institutional Arrangement

- Meetings of TFCC immediately following CCC meetings
- Closer co-ordination with other CAREC sector committees
- Partnership with international agencies

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Institutional Arrangement (Cont.)

- CAREC Trade Facilitation Coordinating Committee be more formally established consisting of representatives of national trade facilitation coordination mechanisms
- TFCCC more active in coordinating with range of involved agencies
- ESCAP and WCO be regarded as core partners

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Next Steps

- Identify priority border points, proposals for bilateral cooperation
- Identify priority customs, trade facilitation and logistics investments for 2008-2010

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Monitoring Results

- Results-based approach
- Identify corridors; monitor time, costs; agree on targets
- Countries lead; partners support
- Transport committee and trade facilitation committee as forums for planning and coordination

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Monitoring Results

- Limited pilot monitoring initiatives
- Countries lead; partners support
- Measure of success is reduction in time and cost of traversing a corridor

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Implementation

- Strong, sustained support from all countries and partners
- Prioritize investments and technical assistance
- Implement short-term actions
- Time-bound work plan, 2008-2013

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