

# Session 5: Enhanced Collaboration with the Customs Cooperation Committee

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Carrier and Forwarder Associations  
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# 17th Annual CAREC Customs Cooperation Committee Meeting – September 2018



- September 2018: Ashgabat, Turkmenistan
- Outcome agreements:
  - ❖ Amend CCC priority areas
  - ❖ Update CCC terms of reference



# 2018 Updated CCC Priority Areas

- World Trade Organization Trade Facilitation Agreement implementation
- Simplification and harmonization in customs procedures in accordance with developments in global trade
- Paperless trade
- Information exchange (customs-to-customs; customs-to-business)
- Risk management and authorized economic operator (AEO) program
- Regional transit and cooperation
- Coordinated border management
- Single window
- Institutional and human resource capacity development

# 2018 Updated CCC Terms of Reference (excerpted)



- To promote cooperation among customs organizations **and with other trade-related agencies** of CAREC countries to support the implementation of the **CAREC Integrated Trade Agenda (CITA) 2030 and its 3 year Rolling Strategic Action Plan (RSAP)** to achieve economic growth potential and improve living standards among CAREC member countries.

- To promote **national** and regional trade facilitation initiatives through concerted customs reforms and modernization, strengthened inter-agency coordination and enhanced partnerships with private sector.

# 2018 Updated CCC Terms of Reference (excerpted)

- **Strengthen coordination** with key stakeholders, including the **Regional Trade Group, Transport Sector Coordinating Committee**, and relevant expert groups as may be established, and the private sector including but not limited to associations of traders, business organizations or chambers of commerce, carriers and freight forwarders



# 2019-2021 Updated CCC Activities

<b>Regional Improvement of Border Services</b>	Project includes upgrade of facilities at key BCPs, customs automation system to reduce processing time and costs, and strengthen customs and project management capacity.
<b>National Single Window (NSW)</b>	Project design for establishing NSW, a critical component of WTO TFA commitments.
<b>Developing a new border-crossing point (BCP)</b>	The proposed Ipek Yolu-Abreshumis Gza friendship BCP in AZE-GEO will include joint customs control component.
<b>CAREC Advanced Transit System (CATS) pilot project</b>	Pilot a CAREC regional transit scheme based on comprehensive and risk-based guarantees, and a customs information common exchange; and support accession to the Convention on Common Transit Procedure and use of New Computerized Transit System (NCTS) to facilitate trade with European market.

# 2019-2021 Updated CCC Activities

<b>Membership and implementation of transit schemes</b>	Participation and effective implementation of regional transit schemes and arrangements such as CATS and Quadrilateral Traffic in Transit Agreement.
<b>Joint customs control pilot project</b>	Phase 1 -- document harmonization through unified cargo manifest aimed at electronic exchange; Phase 2 -- mutual recognition of inspection results.
<b>Paperless trading or e-certification of trade documents</b>	Capacity building to promote best practices on paperless trade which is linked to NSW. Support digital transformation by enhancing e-customs systems and new developments in information communication technology. Support accession to Regional Framework Agreement on Facilitation of Cross-border Paperless Trade in Asia-Pacific.

# 2019-2021 Updated CCC Activities

<b>Best practices on free trade agreements (FTAs)</b>	Seminar on priority FTA topics (rules of origin, role of customs agencies).
<b>Promotion of e-commerce &amp; innovation (Industry 4.0)</b>	Pilot initiative on new WCO framework of standards in cross-border e-commerce.
<b>WTO TFA enhanced implementation among CAREC members</b>	Seminars and inter-subregional forum on WTO TFA, especially mandatory provisions of high significance to CAREC (e.g., freedom of transit, authorized economic operators, customs valuation, and border agency and customs cooperation).
	National-level consultations or country-specific needs assessment for national committee on trade facilitation.
	Assist countries adopt modern risk management systems and approaches, develop national AEO programs, and preliminary mutual recognition processes for AEOs across borders.





# Thank you!

# Спасибо!

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