

Trade Facilitation– Recent Developments and Key Issues

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Customs Cooperation Committee (CCC)

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CCC Meeting

- Substantial achievements in 5 priority areas
- CCC work embodied in the WCO's "Customs in the 21st Century" paradigm
- CCC work program will benefit from ADB-WCO collaboration

Time Release Study

- Reviews border procedures, and identifies bottlenecks & corrective actions
- Piloted in BCPs included in Regional Improvement of Border Services Project
- A major CCC initiative

Joint Customs Control

- Working group meeting b/w PRC & MON
 - Review Zamyn Uud-Erenhot pilot
(First Phase: Harmonized Roads Loading List)
 - Plans to move to next phase
 - Replicate pilot in other BCPs

Capacity Building

- Specialized training for customs officials
 - Partnership: Shanghai Customs College & WCO
 - Topics: customs modernization; risk management; customs intelligence
 - Expertise sharing: customs control for pipeline-transported energy products

CAREC Federation of Carrier and Freight Forwarder Associations

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CFCFA Activities

- From 14 to 17 members
 - 2 more applicants
 - PAK and TKM to join
- Business Networking Forum
 - 200 participants; 8 booths
 - Successful format; hold future similar events
- CFCFA website: cfcfa.net
 - Up-to-date profile and information on activities

CFCFA Activities

- Capacity building seminars
 - Supply chain and multimodal transport
 - Application of FIATA standards on freight forwarding documents for the CAREC region
 - Trade logistics
 - Plans to hold logistics seminars in KAZ and PRC

CFCFA Activities

- Accession of KAZ to CIM/SMGS agreement
- Holding of Customs-Transport-Forwarding international meeting
- Participation in meetings on strategy of public and private rail car fleet utilization

Executive Board Meeting

- Reviewed achievements in first year
 - Constitution and org. framework approved
 - CPMM-flagship activity
 - Identified and implemented priority projects
- Agreed to set up 3 working groups
 - Intl. best practices: standardization & adoption
 - Cross-border transport & trade
 - Organization & funding

Corridor Performance Measurement and Monitoring

- 2 years of implementation; 14 associations
- Data collection, analytical framework, and report preparation streamlined
- Annual and quarterly reports regularly prepared
- Contributes trade facilitation indicators to the CAREC results framework
- Capacity building for national associations
- CPMM webpage allows data retrieval and interactive analysis for members

Key Issues

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What Do We Need?

- More and better border services
- Faster project implementation
- Private sector integrated into trade services
- Action-oriented joint activities for regional institutions
- Involvement of Pakistan and Turkmenistan
- CPMM and time-release study information utilized
- New areas explored: SPS; movement of people; logistics; economic corridors

How to do this?

Subregional workshops for MTPP priorities and selection criteria:

1. Reconfirm the TTFS and action plan: investments along the 6 CAREC Corridors
2. Strengthen regional and national TF institutions
3. Involve key stakeholders and maximize synergies
4. Demonstrate strong regional and country ownership

Work Plan (1)

- Prepare RIBS project
- Get ready for RIBS implementation with National Joint Committees
- Update trade facilitation action plan to reflect new MTPP

Work Plan (2)

- Work to be done:
 - CCC: Develop and review customs-related elements of the MTPP; monitor and evaluate ongoing projects
 - NJCs: Review the MTPP; make appropriate recommendations to the SOM/MC
 - CFCFA: Facilitate private sector participation in TF MTPP projects
 - TF institutions to work under the guidance of SOM and MC

Thank You

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