

# COMPETITIVENESS, TRADE, AND JOBS IN CENTRAL ASIA

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Five Year Project: October 2016 to September 2021

Goals: Expand regional trade and employment in the horticulture, tourism, transport and logistics in Central Asia

Approach: Market Systems Development – facilitating market actors to implement activities and achieve goals

## **CTJ Structure**

CTJ has five Country Offices:

CTJ Head Quarters in Almaty

CTJ Project Office in Kyrgyzstan

CTJ Project Office in Tajikistan

CTJ Project Office in Turkmenistan

CTJ Project Office in Uzbekistan

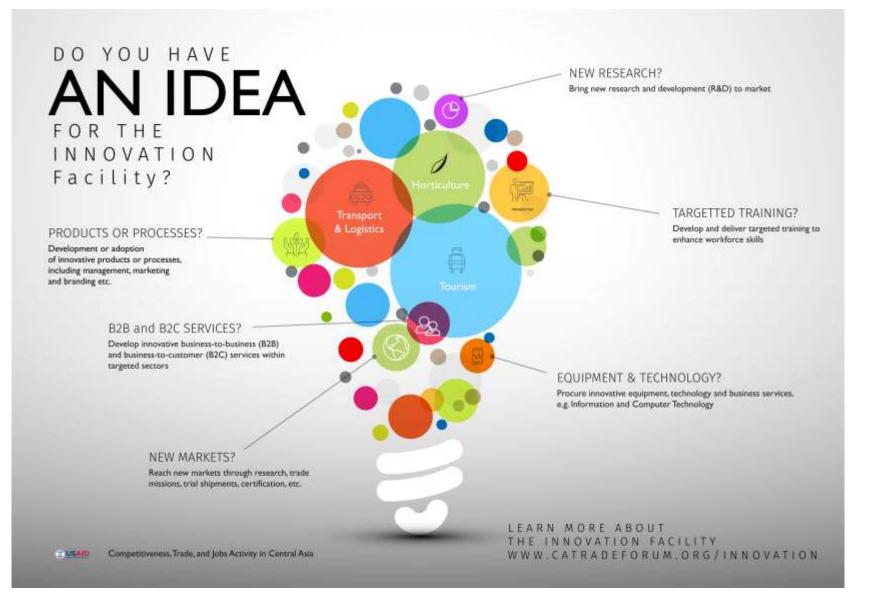


USAID CTJ increases competitiveness and facilitates trade in Horticulture Transport & Logistics Tourism

## **Areas of Activity:**

- C5+1
- Transport & Logistics Partnership (more than 200 private & public companies)
- Support to WTO Accession
- Central Asia Trade Forum CATF
- Export promotion of horticulture products
- Exhibitions and trade missions to Latvia, Lithuania, the Netherlands, India, the United Kingdom and Turkey

## **INNOVATION FACILITY**



## C5+1 Platform

### C5+1 brings together the five states of Central Asia and the United States to discuss and work on issues of common concern

At the first C5+1ministerial in Samarkand, Uzbekistan in November 2015, the six ministers agreed to develop regional projects to improve security, promote economic connectivity, and increase resilience against the impacts of climate change



## USAID CTJ vs. C5+1:

#### The C5+1 Central Asia Business Competitiveness Project:

- Phytosanitary Capacity Building
- Export promotion of horticultural products
- Free Export Zone strengthening

#### The C5+1 Transport Corridor Development Project:

- Regional Customs Cooperation: AEO and green channel measures
- Transport and Logistics Development
  - ✓ TLP: professional standards, curricula, trainings and study tours
  - ✓ Cold Chain Capacity Building: partnership, trainings

## **USAID CTJ support: How vs. Where?**



- Review and analysis of SPS legislation to ensure consistency with international agreements (WTO SPS Agreement, IPPC)
- Rob Black provided initial training and review to Uzbekistan Plant Quarantine Agency in April 2018
- Capacity building trainings for SPS staff:
  - PRA Training in Dushanbe, February 26-28, 20
  - Trainings on ISPM: 4, 6, 7, 8, 12, 17, 19, 23
- Exposure to phytosanitary import requirements of key export markets (guide for exporters)
- Support to laboratories for international accreditation (ISO 17025); Private laboratory in Turkmenistan
- Accession/membership of C<sub>5+1</sub> member countries to IPPC and EPPO



Heads-up for Uzbekistan: Events vs. Activities

- >29 July-2 Aug, Tashkent Regional PRA Practical Training by EPPO expert
- International expert to facilitate the preparations for Uzbekistan's membership to IPPC
- Showcase best practices of software applications to manage plant quarantine enterprise administration;

## THANK YOU

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