

Terms of Reference for NJC's and RJC

Workshop on National and Regional Joint
Trade and Transport Facilitation Committees

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Background

- Two separate and distinct committees implementing distinct strategies – the Customs Cooperation Committee (CCC) and the Transport Sector Coordinating Committee (TSCC).
- The Action Plan of the TTFS proposed that national joint transport and trade facilitation coordinating committees (**NJCs**) and a regional joint transport and trade facilitation coordinating committee (**RJC**) be formally established.

National Joint Committees



- Main objectives:
 - promote transport development and integrated trade facilitation efforts at the national level
 - deepen inter-agency collaboration and enhance partnerships between the public and private sectors
 - address broader issues of transport and trade facilitation.

NJC Composition

- Representatives of all government agencies in charge of transport, trade, and border-crossing activities (e.g., Ministry of Transport, Ministry of Trade, Ministry of Economy, customs authority, and agencies responsible for quarantine, sanitary and phyto-sanitary, product quality standards, security, and immigration)
- Private sector groups such as freight forwarders and road carriers associations and logistics service providers

NJC Scope of Work

- **Ownership**
 - development of national joint transport and trade facilitation action plan
 - enhance skills of NJC member agencies and stakeholders to plan, implement and evaluate projects
- **Coordination**
 - coordinate public-private sector efforts to develop integrated national action plan consistent with the approved TTFS Action Plan;
 - coordinate with multi-lateral organizations to mobilize resources for investments identified in national action plan;
- **Implementation**
 - supervise and monitor implementation of CAREC transport and trade facilitation projects

Tasks: Ownership

- **Enhancing country's ownership**
 - Develop a national joint transport and trade facilitation action plan with measurable outputs and timelines;
 - Report to the Regional Joint Transport and Trade Facilitation Committee on the status of national action plan implementation
 - Enhance skills of NJC member agencies and stakeholders to plan, implement and evaluate projects
 - Adopt international best practices and recommendations
 - Supervise the design and conduct of capacity building programs (training, seminars, knowledge sharing, and workshops) to strengthen capabilities of involved agencies

Tasks: Coordination

- **Serve as focal point for**
 - Promoting inter-agency cooperation among the various public and private sector agencies involved in transport and trade facilitation;
 - Creating working groups if and as necessary to study particular concerns and/or take charge of specific projects and activities;
 - Liaising with development partners and identify possible sources of funds for investment projects and technical assistance.

Tasks: Implementation



- **Implement major CAREC Projects**
 - Supervise, monitor and evaluate implementation of the TTFS Action Plan and take necessary measures to address identified constraints and issues;
 - * corridor performance measurement and monitoring;
 - * single window development

Regional Joint Committee



- Objectives of RJC:
 - Provide regional leadership in the design and implementation of the CAREC joint transport and trade facilitation strategy/action plan (TTFS)
 - Serve as a regional forum to raise, discuss, and resolve issues relating to barriers to trade and development that are of common interest to its members
- RJC will be comprised of representatives of NJCs and regional groupings such as CCC, TSCC and private sector groups such as regional association of transport and trade logistics (RATTLL)

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RJC Scope of Work

- **Ownership**

- Overseeing implementation of CAREC TTFS Action Plan
- Support the implementation of corresponding national action plans by sharing experiences learned and best practices
- Enhance NJCs' ownership of programs and projects
- Promote organization of regional groupings

- **Coordination**

- Coordinate with CCC, TSCC, Trade Policy Committee and with regional cooperation mechanisms such as Shanghai Cooperation Organization, European Asian Economic Cooperation and others in the implementation of the TTFS and its Action Plan;
- Promote participation and involvement of development partners, multilateral development agencies, and the private sector;

- **Implementation**

- supervise and monitor implementation of CAREC transport and trade facilitation projects

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Thank you



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