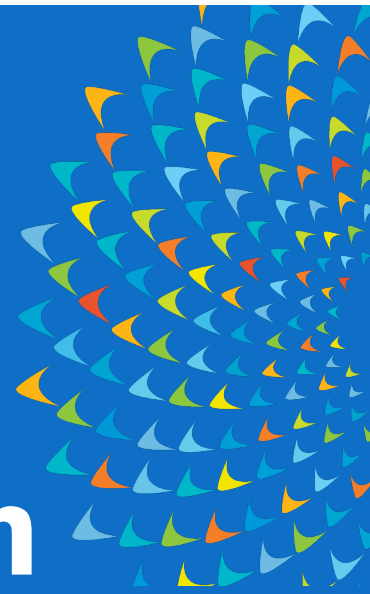


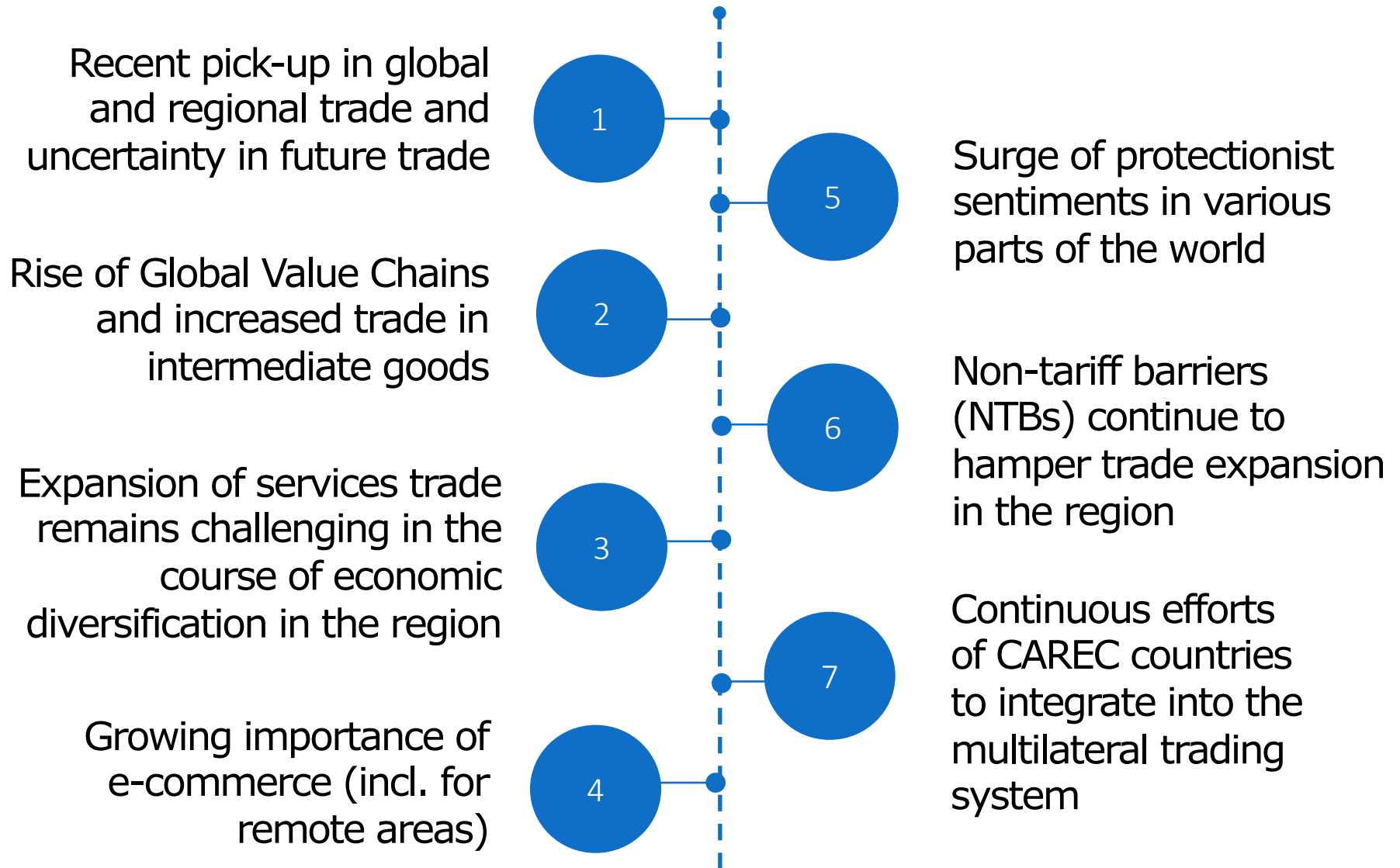
CAREC Integrated Trade Agenda 2030 *and* Rolling Strategic Action Plan 2018-2020 – *Role of the Private Sector*



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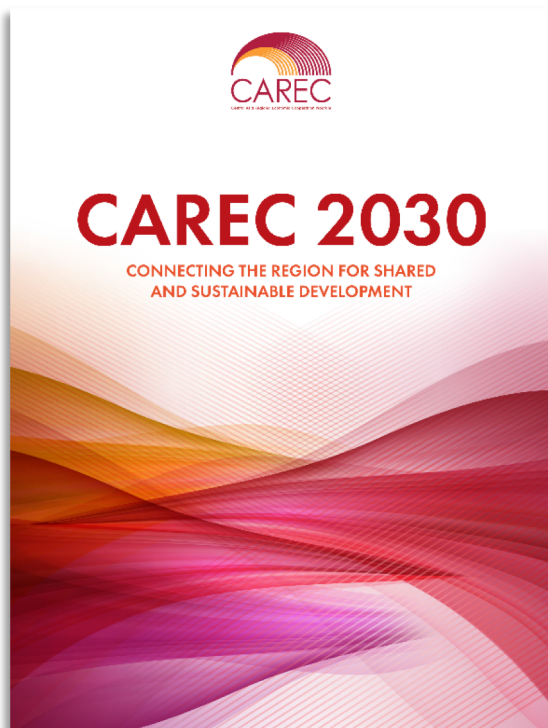


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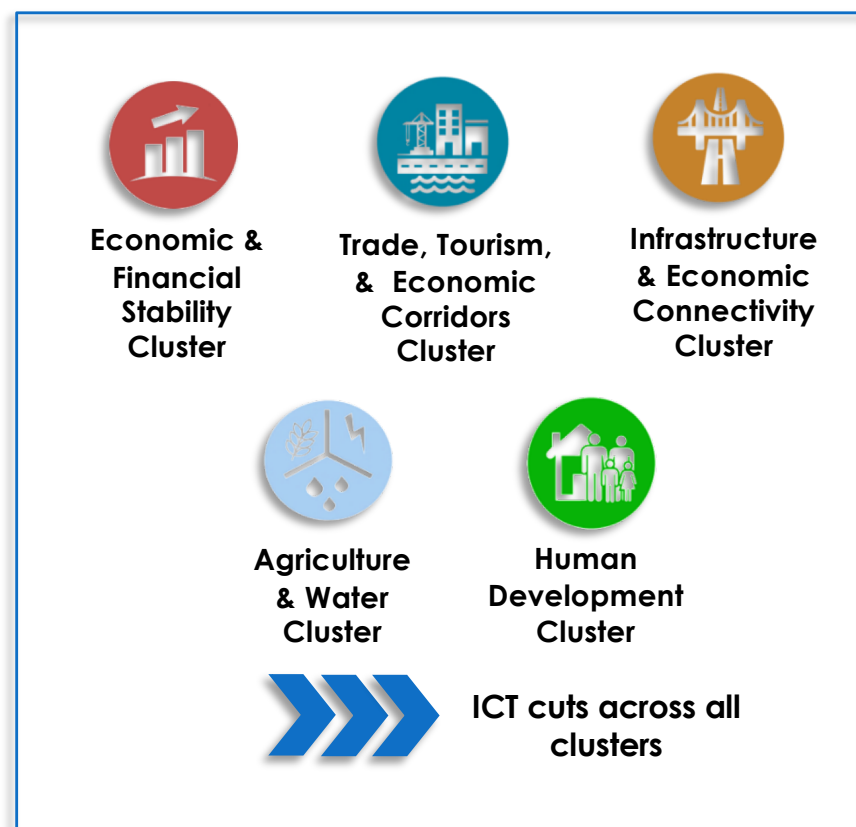


CAREC Strategy 2030

- **Connecting** the region for shared and sustainable development
- **Aligning** with national strategies and supporting SDGs and COP21*



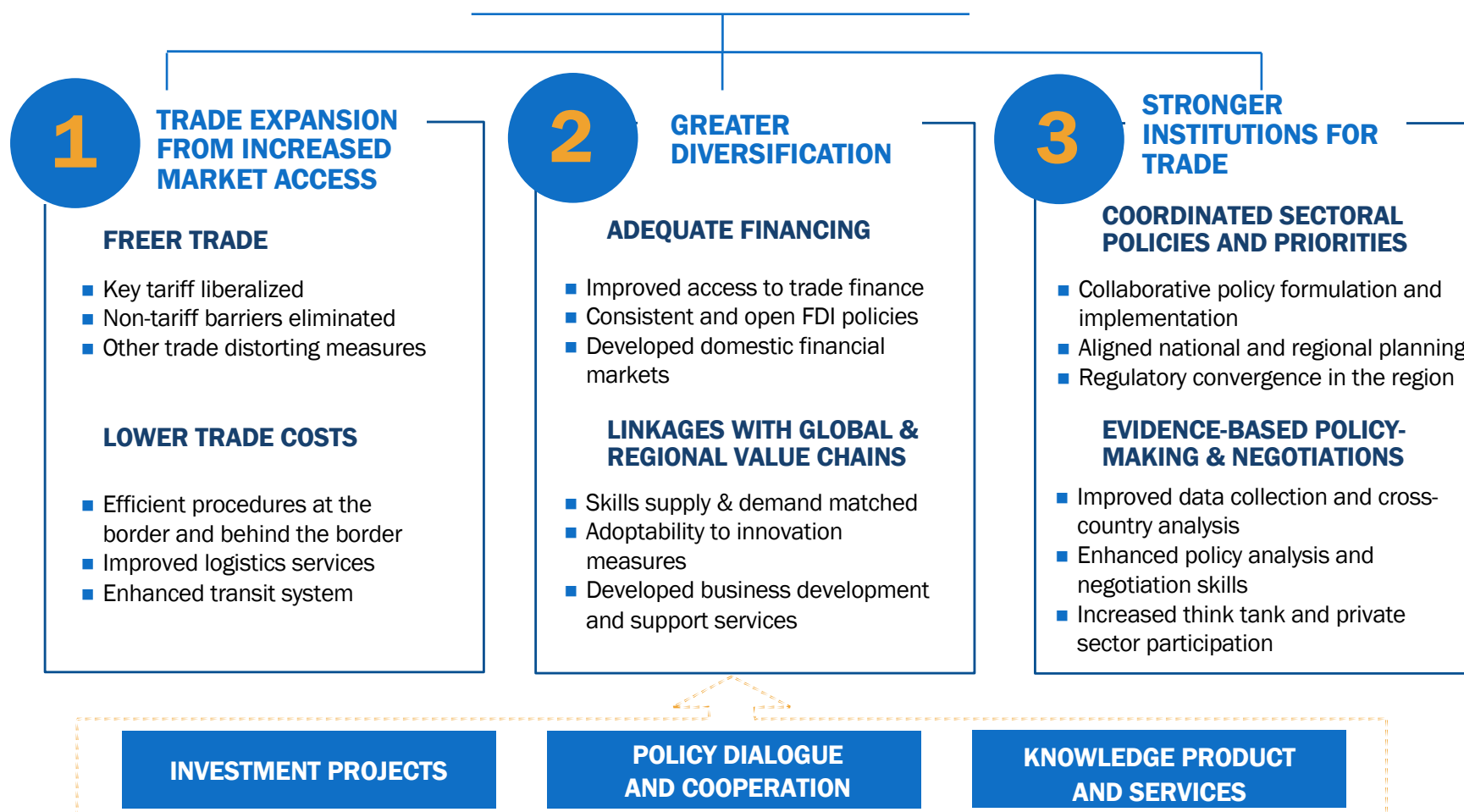
- **Expanding** operational priorities **selectively**



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CAREC Integrated Trade Agenda 2030

CAREC COUNTRIES ARE MORE INTEGRATED IN THE GLOBAL ECONOMY



1 Trade expansion from increased market access

- Support for **WTO** accession and post-accession commitments

- Reduction of **non-tariff barriers** and **alignment** with international standards including modernizing SPS systems or quality infrastructure

- Impact analysis of bilateral and/or regional **FTAs**



- Implementation of **WTO** agreements on **TBT, SPS** and **TFA**

- Deepening initiatives in **customs cooperation**, best practices in customs procedures, transit, data exchange and use of ICT

- Restraint from trade distorting measures and responding to emerging **global agenda**

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Greater diversification

- Growth of **trade in services** and development of key services sector

- Facilitation of **movement of people**, collaboration towards **skills upgrading** and labor market information

- **Investment promotion** and facilitation, cross-border finance and effective schemes to meet financing demands



- SMEs access to **trade** and **supply chain finance** and **credit insurance**

- Industrial and business development including special/border zones, **economic corridors** and industrial parks

- E-commerce and promotion of **digital trade**

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Stronger institutions for trade

- Establishment or strengthening of **National Committees on Trade Facilitation** or similar mechanisms

- Promotion of **regulatory convergence** and collaborative policy implementation

- Development of **online trade portal** for information and best practices exchange

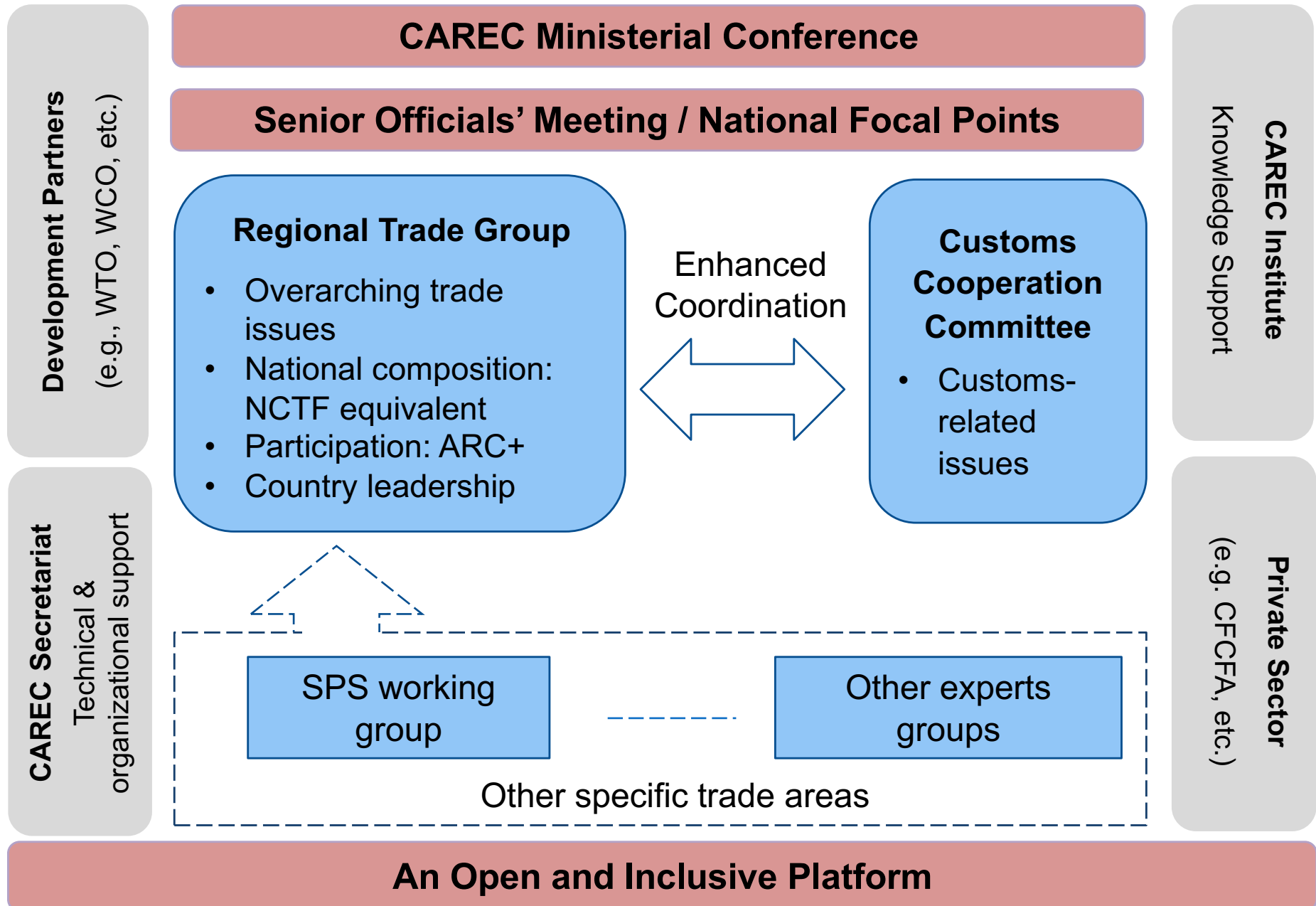


- Capacity building on **negotiation skills** and **policy analysis** for trade officials

- Improved coordination with other regional arrangements, **cross-learning** and strengthened **CAREC Institute**

- Enhanced **public-private sector dialogue** and participation

Institutional Structure



Regional Trade Group

Scope and function

- Policy dialogue and strategy formulation (CITA/RSAP)
- Project pipeline development, implementation & monitoring
- Institutional strengthening & stakeholders coordination

Membership

- Appointed Representative of Country
- contact points and agency list

Meetings and support

- Regular meetings (annual and technical meetings)
- Agenda-driven and issues-based
- Chairperson appointed by Host Country (rotation)
- CAREC Secretariat, ADB and other DPs support



Role of the Private Sector

- Private sector's integral role in trade facilitation esp. the CFCFA is well-recognized
- CITA aims to strengthen dialogue mechanisms and private sector engagement, to identify and address issues and challenges faced by the private sector in expanding trade
- CAREC will also explore the possibility of establishing CAREC Chamber of Commerce and Industries to serve as a regional business-to-business platform

Rolling Strategic Action Plan

RSAP 2018-2020

1. Increased Market Access

Investment Projects including Scoping Studies

1. Regional improvement of border services (**RIBS**) projects with customs automation in KGZ-TAJ, MON & PAK (ongoing) and AZE, GEO, UZB (planned)
2. National **Single Window** (PAK)
3. Pilot **joint customs control** (JCC) including e-manifests (PRC-MON)
4. Establishment of new border crossing point (**BCP**) with JCC (AZE-GEO)
5. Regional upgrade of SPS for Trade (**RUST**) projects in MON; scoping for KGZ; border SPS needs and cold chain in PAK & AFG; laboratory capacity in AZE, TAJ & UZB
6. CAREC Advanced Transit System (**CATS**) including information common exchange (**ICE**) pilot implementation in AZE-GEO-KAZ

Policy Dialogue and Cooperation

1. Development of regional/subregional animal and pest **surveillance systems**
2. Potential mutual recognition of SPS **certificates or accreditation**
3. Facilitated **visa arrangements** or special permits for traders and truck drivers, labor migrants or temporary movement of people
4. Information-sharing on **transit schemes** (CATS, QTTA, NCTS) to promote implementation
5. Customs-private sector dialogue on standards developed by private sector (**CFCFA**)
6. Technical barriers to trade (**TBT**) regulatory mapping including on conformity assessment procedures

Knowledge-Product and Services

1. Implementation of Common Agenda for Modernization of SPS Measures for Trade (CAST)
2. Support for **WTO accession** and implementation
3. **WTO TFA** implementation including inter-subregional forum
4. Best practices seminar on **paperless trading** or e-certification
5. Case study and **best practices FTAs**
6. Study on **border trade** development
7. CAREC Corridor Performance Measurement and Monitoring (**CPMM**)

Rolling Strategic Action Plan

RSAP 2018-2020

	Investment Projects including Scoping Studies	Policy Dialogue and Cooperation	Knowledge-Product and Services
2. Greater Diversification	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Feasibility studies on special zones (UZB, PAK) or cross-border economic zones in PRC (IMAR)-MON, KAZ-PRC(XUAR)-MON 2. Establishment of logistics centers in KAZ, MON (ongoing) and UZB (planned) 3. Awareness and access to trade and supply chain finance, guarantees and expansion of PPP operations 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Investment forum on agriculture, tourism & technology 2. Strategic planning or roadmaps for CITA implementation 3. Explore possible sectoral or industrial clusters between CAREC countries 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Research on developing trade in services (finance, health, education, transport and tourism) 2. Workshops or field visits on economic corridor development, cross-border cooperation centers 3. Case study on value-chain development 4. Seminar on regulatory framework / best practices on e-commerce and innovation (Industry 4.0)
3. Stronger Institutions for trade	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. ICT - establishment of one-stop shop/online trade policy, best practices and data portal for CAREC countries 2. Support for establishment of WCO accredited training centers (scoping for PAK) 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Establishment of SPS working groups to implement CAST and develop national SPS strategies 2. Enhanced implementation of WTO TFA (freedom of transit, AEOs, border management strategy and customs cooperation) 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Capacity building for NCTFs including through training or advisory support 2. Trainings on SPS regulations and international standards (CAST) 3. Trainings on data collection, policy analysis and negotiations 4. Improved research capacity and coordination of national think-tanks and CAREC Institute

Thank you!

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