



# **2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the CAREC Regional Trade Group**

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## **Key Outcomes**



## Key deliverables

- CAREC Trade Sector Report 2018-2019 including CITA results-framework target estimation
- CITA 2030's Rolling Strategic Action Plan (RSAP) 2019-2021
- Knowledge products on trade sector
- Institutional arrangements
  - SPS regional and national working groups
  - Strengthened coordination with CCC
  - Regional programs for cooperation on plant and animal health and proposed CAREC food safety network



# Key deliverables

- **CAREC Trade Sector Report 2018-2019**
  - I. Introduction
  - II. Key institutional developments (CCC, RTG, SPS RWG, CFCFA)
  - III. Implementation of RSAP 2018-2020
  - IV. Trade Sector Work Program → three-year RSAP (2019-2021)
  - V. Implementation approach and results framework
  - VI. Key trade deliverables and issues for SOM guidance



# Rolling Strategic Action Plan 2019-2021 (1)

- Continued implementation of WTO TFA, inter-Subregional TFA workshop with SASEC
- Accession to the WTO and implementation of commitments (observer status)
- CAST implementation – pilot projects on TKM, PRC-KAZ biosafety channel; regional programs on plant & animal health and food safety network
- Investment projects (e.g., pilot SPS system in the BCP for GEO; AZE-GEO joint BCP; laboratory upgrades in AFG, needs assessment)
- Legal reforms in accordance with WTO agreement and alignment with international standards, mutual recognition, e-certificates
- Transit mechanism



Trade expansion from increased market access



## Rolling Strategic Action Plan 2019-2021 (2)

- Cross-border economic zone projects (PRC-MON); knowledge-sharing
- Services development and investment facilitation scoping work, support to facilitate SMEs participation
- Data analysis to promote tourism trade, visa schemes
- Bilateral investment agreements



- E-commerce and digital trade initiatives
- legal mapping, policy framework support, and cooperation arrangements
- Framework on paperless trade and trade facilitation
- SME trade finance and research on gaps

Greater diversification



# Rolling Strategic Action Plan 2019-2021 (3)

- Strengthening NCTF;  
SPS NWGs

- Joint customs- RTG -  
SPS activities

- experience-sharing and  
demonstration activities

- online trade portal

- CITA monitoring &  
results-framework  
estimation



- Skills upgrading and  
training (SPS, TBT)

- FTA capacity building,  
harmonized templates,  
best practices

- **CAREC Institute** policy  
research on e-commerce  
and cost-benefit  
analysis; development  
partner engagements

- Enhanced **public-  
private sector  
dialogue** and  
participation (CFCFA)

Stronger institutions for trade