

Review of CCC Five Priority Areas and Terms of Reference in Context of CITA 2030

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CCC and CAREC Integrated Trade Agenda 2030

- The CAREC 2030 strategy (endorsed in Oct 2017) called for:
 - creation of Regional Trade Group to discuss/deliberate on increasingly intertwined issues of trade policy and trade facilitation in a synergistic manner
 - development of CAREC Integrated Trade Agenda (CITA) and Rolling Strategic Action Plan
- CCC will continue to carry out customs cooperation functions related to trade facilitation

Five (5) CCC Priority Areas

1. Simplification and harmonization of customs procedures and documentation
2. Joint customs control
3. Risk management and post-entry audit
4. Regional transit development
5. Information and communication technology (ICT) for customs modernization and data exchange

CCC Terms of Reference (TOR)

MAIN OBJECTIVE: To promote cooperation among customs organizations of CAREC countries and support development and implementation of the Common Action Plan as a means to accelerate economic growth and improve living standards among CAREC member countries.

SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES:

- To promote regional trade facilitation initiatives through concerted customs reforms and modernization, strengthened inter-agency coordination and enhanced partnerships with private sector
- To serve as regional forum for addressing issues of common interest relevant to trade facilitation.

CCC Terms of Reference (TOR)

SCOPE OF WORK:

- **Concerted customs reform and modernization** – continued focus on existing priority areas and a systematic approach in complementing individual member countries' customs simplification and harmonization as well as modernization efforts
- **Provide leadership in promoting integrated trade facilitation initiatives** - expanding the scope of the work program from customs cooperation to a deepened interagency collaboration and enhanced partnerships between the public and private sectors
- **Coordinate with key stakeholders**, including the CAREC Transport Coordination Committee and facilitate the development of an efficient regional trade logistics industry

CCC Activities in RSAP

CCC Meeting Statement 2017	RSAP 2018-2020
1. Piloting of a CAREC Advanced Transit System (CATS)	Piloting of CATS (AZE, GEO, KAZ) and piloting of ICE for the single transit document to support the implementation of CATS
2. Piloting of Information Common Exchange (ICE)	
3. Support for the implementation of TFA	Implementation of WTO TFA focusing on common areas designated by CAREC members under Category A, NCTF, transit, AEOs, border management and customs cooperation
4. More investment and technical assistance projects for trade facilitation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RIBS, NSW • JCC • Capacity-building 	Improvement of border services (KGZ-TAJ, MON, PAK, AZE-GEO, UZB); new AZE-GEO BCP NSW for PAK (project design) PRC-MON pilot JCC WCO accredited training center (PAK); RUST
5. Formulation of new Trade Facilitation Strategy	Now part of CITA 2030

For Discussion

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Review of CCC priority areas and identify new areas, if any, in light of CITA 2030	<ul style="list-style-type: none">– Customs' leadership in integrated trade facilitation, e.g., WTO TFA, NCTF, NSW, CBM– Potential new areas of customs cooperation, i.e., e-commerce, paperless trade, SPS functions in some agencies
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Review of CCC's Terms of Reference (TOR) & role and responsibilities of CCC in relation to RTG	<ul style="list-style-type: none">– CCC works together with RTG to promote CITA and ensure effective RSAP implementation
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Issues of implementation of CCC activities included in RSAP 2018-2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none">– Implementing pilot projects– Effective coordination with private sector



Thank you!