



Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation Program
18th CUSTOMS COOPERATION COMMITTEE MEETING
20-21 June 2019: Tashkent, Uzbekistan



AGENDA

Objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• To update Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation (CAREC) Customs Cooperation Committee (CCC) members on overall progress made in the CAREC program; the CAREC Integrated Trade Agenda (CITA) 2030 and accompanying Rolling Strategic Action Plan (RSAP), and on new customs priority areas in each member country.• To be informed on the “Single Information Space: A Way to Trade Facilitation” of Uzbekistan State Customs Committee.• To discuss and agree on the CCC 2019-2021 work program, and the proposed ADB technical assistance to support CAREC countries implement new priorities.• To discuss and agree on the 18th CCC Summary of Proceedings and CCC Report to the CAREC Senior Officials’ Meeting to be held in June 2019.
Participants	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Delegates from Afghanistan, Azerbaijan, People’s Republic of China, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Mongolia, Pakistan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan.• Asian Development Bank (ADB) staff and consultants.
Date & Location	20-21 June 2019; Palace of Youth Creativity, Tashkent, Uzbekistan.
Day 1 – Thursday 20 June 2019	Co-Chairs: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr. Anvar Asamov, First Deputy Chairman, Uzbekistan State Customs Committee• Mr. Ying Qian, Director, Public Management, Financial Sector and Regional Cooperation Division (EAPF), East Asia Department, ADB
08:30 – 09:00	<i>Registration</i>
09:00 – 10:00	Opening Session
09:00 – 09:15	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Opening Remarks: Mr. Anvar Asamov, First Deputy Chairman, Uzbekistan State Customs Committee• Welcome Remarks: Mr. Ying Qian, Director, ADB
09:15 – 10:00	Keynote Presentation: “Single Information Space: A Way to trade Facilitation” <i>Uzbekistan State Customs Committee will present a proposal on the incremental establishment and development of the Single Information Space among CAREC customs services. Participants will be given opportunity to seek clarifications or give comments through an open forum after the presentation.</i> Presenter: Mr. Daniyar Maksumov, Head of IT Department, Uzbekistan State Customs Committee Moderator: Mr. Ying Qian, Director, ADB

10:00 – 10:30	<i>Coffee/Tea Break and Group Photo Session</i>
10:30 – 11:15	<p>Session 1. Updates from 17th CAREC Ministerial Conference, and CAREC Integrated Trade Agenda (CITA)</p> <p><i>Session 1 will present the outcomes of the 17th Ministerial Conference (October 2018; Ashgabat, Turkmenistan), review the revised CCC terms of reference and priority areas as agreed at the 17th CCC meeting (September 2018; Ashgabat, Turkmenistan), and provide progress in implementation of CITA 2030 and RSAP since endorsement, including in customs cooperation areas.</i></p> <p>Presenter / Moderator: Mr. Ying Qian, Director, ADB</p> <p>Q & A</p>
11:15 – 12:00	<p>Session 2. Customs Development: Partnership with the Private Sector – Results of the 2018 CAREC Corridor Performance Measurement & Monitoring Mechanism</p> <p><i>Session 2 will (i) present the draft CPMM 2018 Annual Report and an introduction to the expanded CPMM+ methodology, and (ii) seek suggestions from the CAREC member countries how CPMM reports could be made more useful to customs authorities and other data users.</i></p> <p>Presenter: Ms. Rose McKenzie, Senior RCI Specialist, ADB Moderator: Mr. Ying Qian, Director, ADB</p> <p>Q & A</p>
12:00 – 14:00	<i>Lunch at Hyatt Hotel</i>
14:00 – 14:45	<p>Session 3. Customs Development: Updates on Trade Facilitation Agreement National Action Plans</p> <p><i>Country representatives will briefly share the status of TFA implementation, with reference to their respective action plan developed in October 2018. A proposed inter-subregional knowledge-sharing workshop with the South Asia Subregional Economic Cooperation (SASEC) Customs Subgroup in October 2019 will be discussed.</i></p> <p>Presenter: Country Representatives Moderator: Ms. Rose McKenzie, Senior RCI Specialist, ADB</p> <p>Q & A</p>
14:45 – 15:30	<p>Session 4: Customs Technology: Update on CAREC Advanced Transit System (CATS) / Information Common Exchange (ICE) Pilot</p> <p><i>Session 4 will (i) provide an update on the CATS trilateral agreement; (ii) present outcomes of meetings with CATS insurance companies, the Information and Communications Technology, and Customs Control Facilitation working groups in Kazakhstan in April 2019; and (iii) propose activities to launch the pilot. Participating countries will make interventions.</i></p> <p>Presenters: Mr. Nigel Moore, Consultant, ADB Representatives from Participating Countries Moderator: Mr. Ying Qian, Director, ADB</p>

Q & A

15:30 – 15:45 *Coffee Break*

15:45 – 16:15 **Session 5: Customs Technology: Implementation of Authorized Economic Operator (AEO) Programs**

CAREC countries currently implementing or starting to implement AEO programs will share an update on implementation progress, challenges met, and next steps. General Administration of China Customs will present its concept of mutual recognition of AEOs.

Presenters: Representatives of Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Mongolia, and the People's Republic of China

Moderator: Mr. Nigel Moore, Consultant, ADB

Q & A

16:15 – 16:45 **Session 6: Customs Services: Implementation of Single Window Systems**

CAREC countries currently implementing or starting to implement a single window system will share an update on implementation progress, challenges met, and next steps.

Presenters: Representative of Kyrgyz Republic, People's Republic of China, Tajikistan, and Uzbekistan

Moderator: Mr. Bakhtiyor Abduganiev, Uzbekistan State Customs Committee

Q & A

16:45 – 17:45 **Session 7. CCC Workplan 2019-2021; Proposed ADB Regional Technical Assistance; and Coordination with the CAREC Regional Trade Group**

This session will discuss and agree on (i) a proposed ADB technical assistance to enhance the capacity of the CAREC customs agencies; (ii) proposed coordination with the Regional Trade Group and the CAREC SOM; (iii) customs-related indicators to feed into the CITA 2030 results framework; (iv) CCC workplan for 2019–2021. The new CAREC Transport Strategy 2030 will also be introduced.

Presenters: Ms. Rose McKenzie, Senior RCI Specialist, ADB
Mr. Oleg Samukhin, Transport Specialist, Transport and Communications Division, CWRD, ADB
Ms. Nargiza Zufarova, CAREC Regional Trade Group Appointed Representative of Uzbekistan (tbc)

Moderator: Mr. Ying Qian, Director, ADB

Open Discussion

17:45 – 18:00 **Wrap up for Day 1**

Moderator: ADB

19:00 – 21:00 *Dinner hosted by Uzbekistan State Customs Committee*

Day 2 – Friday 21 June 2019	Co-Chairs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Anvar Asamov, First Deputy Chairman, Uzbekistan State Customs Committee • Mr. Ying Qian, Director, Public Management, Financial Sector and Regional Cooperation Division (EAPF), East Asia Department, ADB
<i>08:30 – 09:00</i>	<i>Registration</i>
09:00 – 10:30	Session 8. Plenary Session – Finalization of the CCC Work Program 2019–2021; and the CCC Report to the CAREC Senior Officials’ Meeting, June 2019 <i>The session will deliberate on and finalize the 18th CCC Summary of Proceedings and agree on the CCC Report to the CAREC Senior Officials’ Meeting to be held in June 2019.</i> Chair: Mr. Anvar Asamov, First Deputy Chairman, Uzbekistan State Customs Committee Co-Chair: Mr. Ying Qian, ADB
10:30 – 11:00	Wrap Up of Day 2 and Closing of the 18th CAREC Customs Cooperation Committee Meeting. Moderator: ADB
<i>11:00</i>	<i>Return to Hyatt Hotel for Lunch</i>
<i>The Joint CCC-CFCFA Meeting will start at 13:00.</i>	