



19th Meeting of the CAREC Customs Cooperation Committee (CCC)

08 September 2020, Tuesday
1400-1630H (Manila time) or 1030H–1300H (Kabul time) via zoom

Provisional Agenda as of 07Sep20

Objectives

The 19th CCC Meeting will deliberate on:

- (i) trade facilitation initiatives and the need for increased resilience to threats arising from the cross-border movement of people and goods;
- (ii) Customs role in adopting paperless trade and promoting cross-border e-commerce based on the discussions from the *Webinar on E-commerce and Paperless Trade* on 3 September 2020; and
- (iii) CCC work program and inputs to the CAREC Integrated Trade Agenda (CITA) 2030's Rolling Strategic Action Plan (RSAP) 2020-2022.

Participation

Country focal points to the CCC and other relevant officials, experts and development partners.

Chair: Afghanistan Customs Department, Ministry of Finance, Afghanistan

Co-Chair: Asian Development Bank (ADB)

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1330 – 1400 (Manila time)	Setting up and logging in the zoom meeting
1400 – 1410	Welcome and Opening Remarks Khalilullah Salehzada , Director General, Afghanistan Customs Department, Ministry of Finance James Patrick Lynch , Director General, East Asia Department, ADB
1410 – 1420	Introduction of the Agenda and Roll Call of Country Delegation <i>The Chair will introduce the agenda and acknowledge <u>each country</u> delegation and provide additional agenda item, if any, to the meeting.</i> <i>Group Photo: all heads of delegation will be requested to turn on their cameras or start their videos in the zoom meeting.</i>

1420 – 1445	<p>Session 1: Importance of trade facilitation and the role of Customs during and post-COVID 19</p> <p><i>This session will present a report from the World Trade Organization (WTO) Secretariat on implementation of Trade Facilitation Agreement (TFA) among CAREC countries and trade facilitation measures in response to COVID-19. The Global Express Association (GEA) will provide brief private sector perspectives on the role of Customs during COVID-19.</i></p> <p>Dolores Halloran, Acting Secretary to the Committee on Trade Facilitation and Secretary to the Committee on Customs Valuation, Market Access Division, WTO</p> <p>Carlos Grau Tanner, Director General, Global Express Association</p> <p><i>Moderator: Dorothea Lazaro</i>, Regional Cooperation Specialist, East Asia Department, ADB</p>
1445 – 1600	<p>Session 2: Around the Table</p> <p><i>Each country delegation will be requested to provide brief (5 minutes) intervention, presentations or updates since the CCC Intersessional Meeting (from November 2019 to August 2020) in terms of:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>(i) reforms on customs legislations and regulations or temporary measures undertaken in response to COVID-19;</i> <i>(ii) follow-up actions or progress on ongoing projects, activities and interventions on trade facilitation, especially the regional improvement of border services (RIBS), pilot on CAREC Advance Transit System and information customs exchange, paperless trade or single-window initiatives;</i> <i>(iii) short- to medium-term issues and proposals for CAREC CCC workplan for the CITA's RSAP 2020-2022.</i> <p>Countries: Afghanistan, Azerbaijan, People's Republic of China, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Mongolia, Pakistan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan</p> <p><i>Moderator: Khalilullah Salehzada</i>, Director General, Afghanistan Customs Department, Ministry of Finance</p>
1600 – 1620	<p>Session 3: Development partners interventions</p> <p><i>Development partners will make brief interventions with respect to country and regional initiatives on trade and some responses to the proposals of CAREC countries. The CAREC Secretariat may provide a response with respect to CITA 2030 implementation with focus on customs cooperation and trade facilitation, and the outcomes of the study and webinar on E-commerce and Paperless Trade on 3 September 2020.</i></p> <p>Development Partners representatives:</p>

	<p>Tatiana Rey-Bellet, Director, TIR and Transit Services, International Road Transport Union</p> <p>Oleg Samukhin, Senior Transport Specialist, Central and West Asia Department, ADB</p> <p>Rovshan Mahmudov, Senior Capacity Building Specialist, CAREC Institute</p> <p><i>Moderator: Dorothea Lazaro</i>, Regional Cooperation Specialist, East Asia Department, ADB</p>
1620 – 1625	<p>Session 4: 2019 Annual Report Corridor Performance Measurement and Monitoring (CPMM)</p> <p><i>ADB will present the highlights of the CPMM 2019 Annual Report and some findings on informal survey on impact of COVID-19 especially at the borders.</i></p> <p>Zulfia Karimova, Principal Regional Cooperation Specialist, EAPF, EARD</p> <p><i>Moderator: Khalilullah Salehzada</i>, Director General, Afghanistan Customs Department, Ministry of Finance</p>
1625 – 1630	<p>Closing Session</p> <p>Khalilullah Salehzada, Director General, Afghanistan Customs Department, Ministry of Finance</p> <p>Emma Fan, Director, Public Management, Financial Sector, and Regional Cooperation Division, EARD, ADB</p>