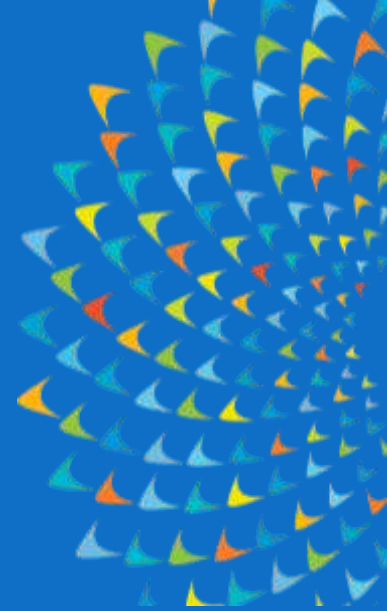


# CITA 2030 & RSAP CAREC Integrated Trade Agenda 2030 and Rolling Strategic Action Plan 2018-2020



Consultation Meeting with  
CAREC National Focal Points  
9-10 October 2018, Ashgabat



# Pivotal role of trade

## GDP outlook \*



Up by –  
4.6%  
(2018) &  
4.4%  
(2019)



- Growth stable in Asia-Pacific
- Higher prices for oil and natural gas, rising exports and investment drive slightly higher growth in Central Asia
- Biggest risk from disruption of global production linkages due to rising trade tensions

## Trade snapshot\*



16.8%  
trade  
growth



<1% global  
trade share



10.8%  
services  
trade/GDP



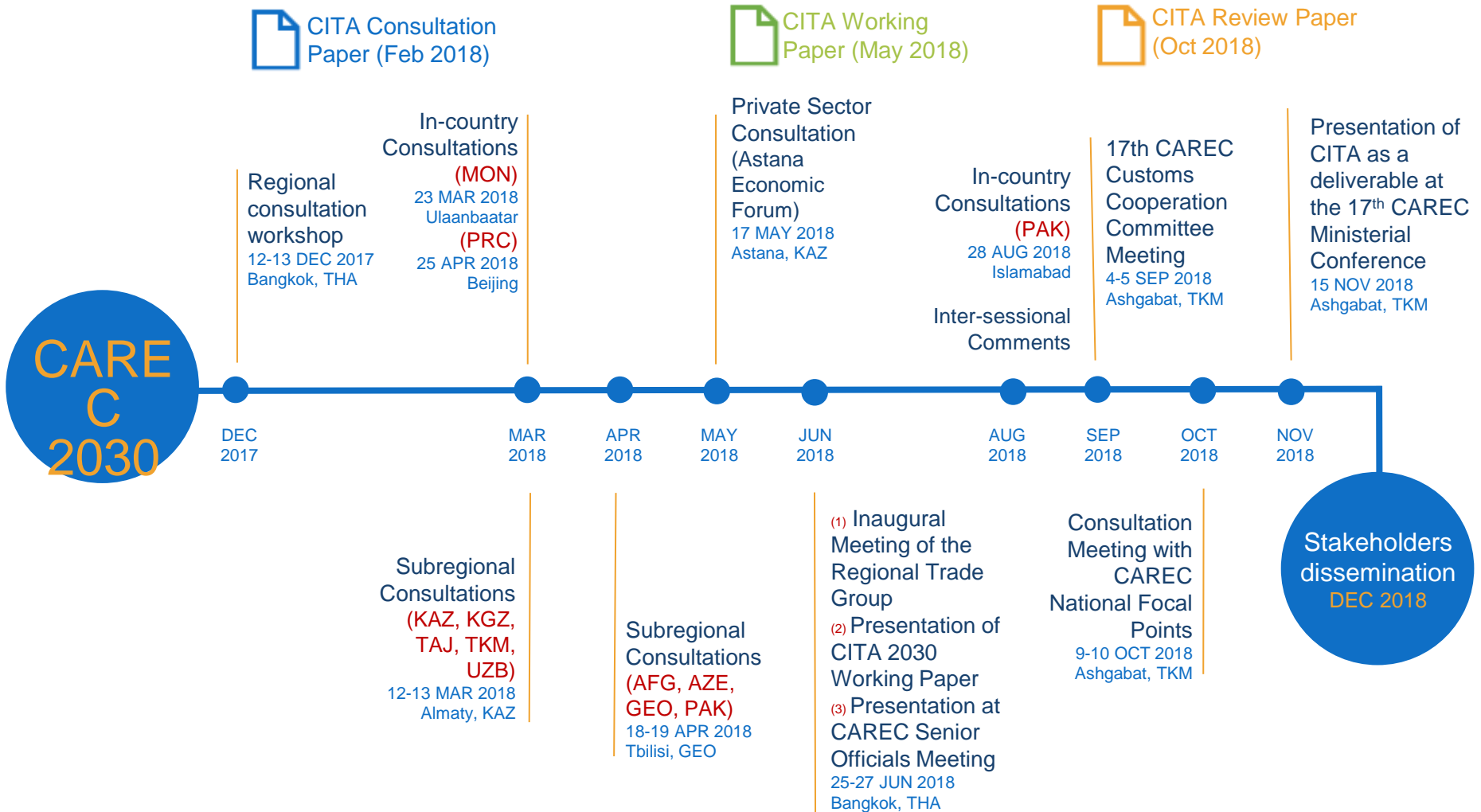
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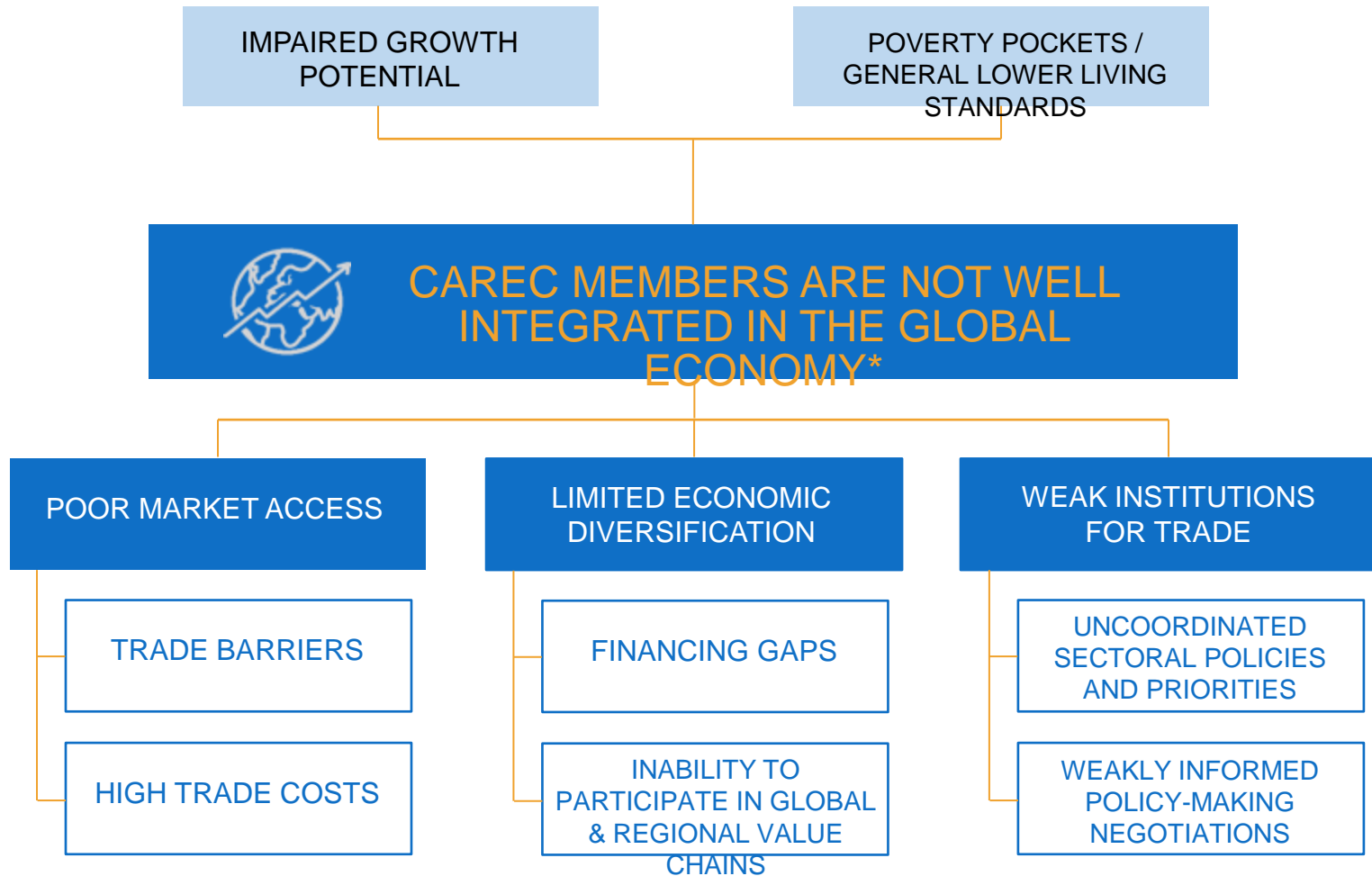
*“Connecting the  
region for shared  
and sustainable  
development”*

\*As of 2017 or latest year (excludes PRC)

# Thorough consultation process

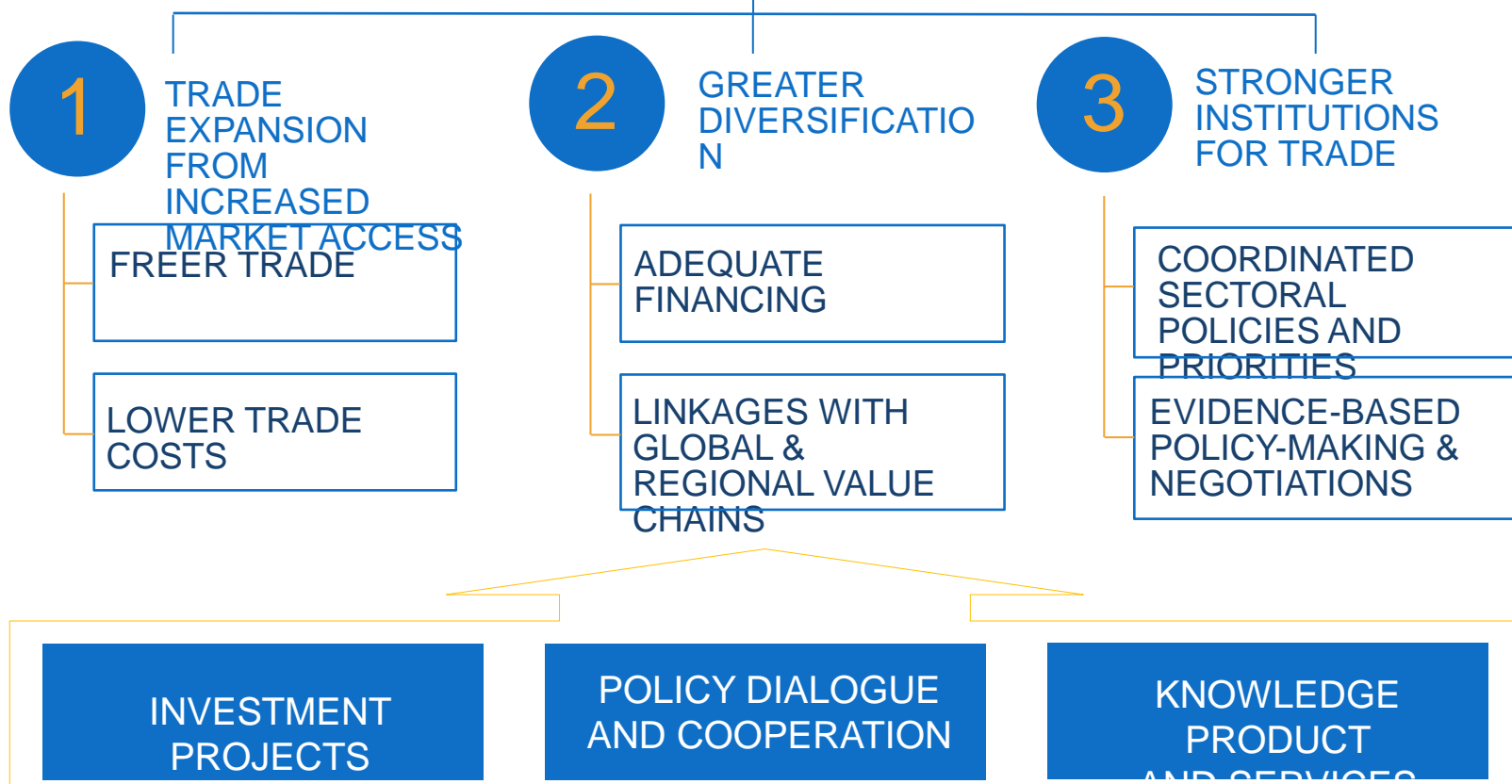


# Broad scope of issues identified



# CAREC Integrated Trade Agenda 2030

CAREC COUNTRIES ARE MORE INTEGRATED IN THE GLOBAL ECONOMY



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# 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**

# 2

## 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**

# 3

## 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



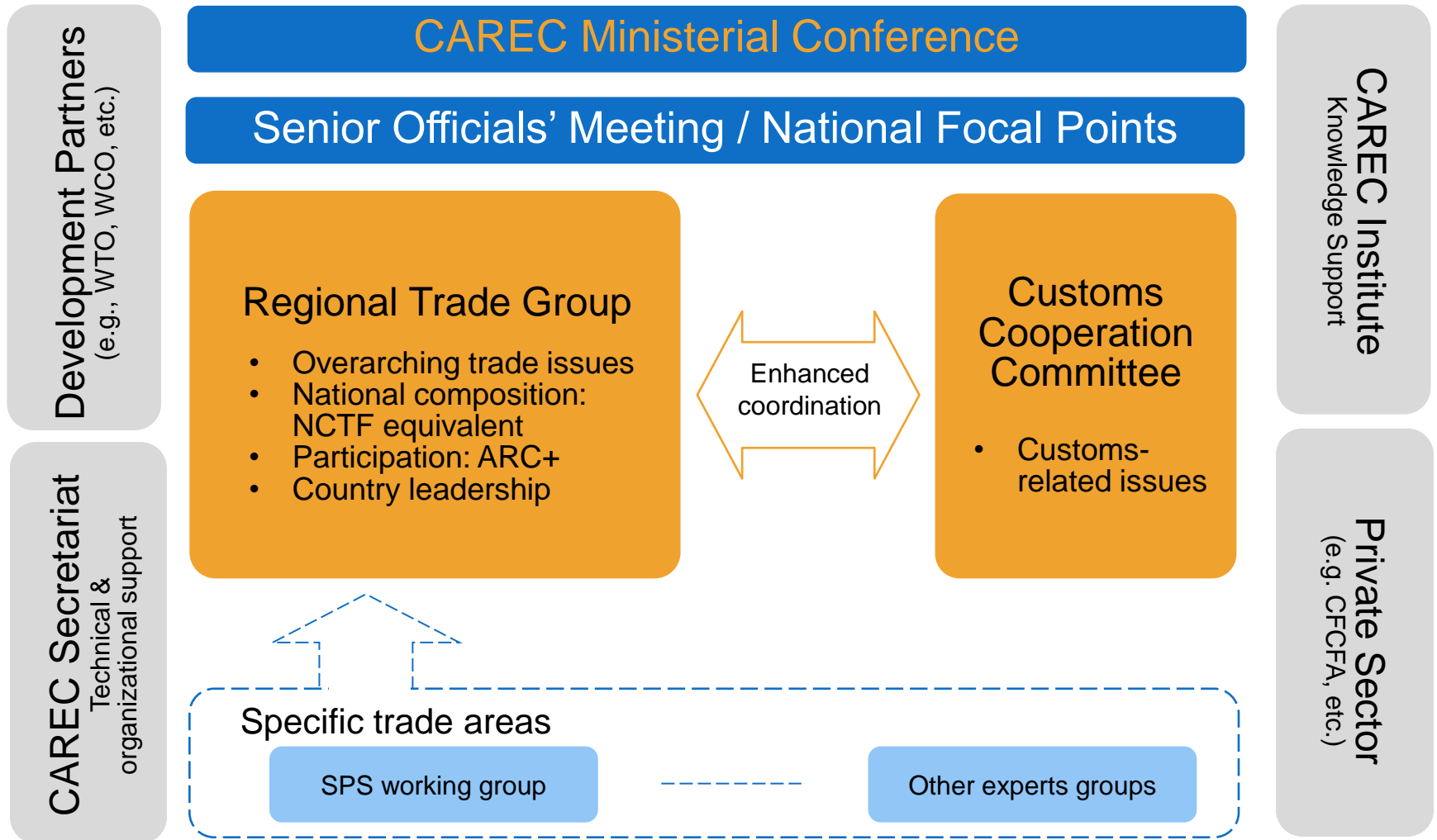
# Achieving CITA with concrete projects...

## Rolling Strategic Action Plan (RSAP) 2018-2020

### Pillar 1: Trade Expansion from Increased Market Access

Project/Activity	Description/Objectives	Intervention	Status	Countries	Period
1 Regional Improvement of Border Services (RIBS)	Upgrade of facilities at key border crossing points (BCPs), customs automation system, and strengthen customs and project management capacity	Investment Project (including scoping)	Ongoing	KGZ-TAJ, MON, PAK	KGZ-TAJ: 2013-2019; MON: 2016-2022; PAK: 2015-2022
			Planned	UZB	2019-2022
2 National Single Window (NSW)	Project design for establishing NSW		Planned	PAK	2018-2020
3 Developing a new BCP	Proposed Abreshumis Gza -Ipek Yolu friendship BCP with joint customs control		Proposed	AZE, GEO	2019-2020
4 Regional Upgrades of Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) Measures for Trade Project (RUST)	Strengthen food safety, animal and plant health standards through facilities upgrade		Ongoing	MON	2015-2021
	Needs assessment study at the borders including laboratory capacity and cold-chain facilities		Proposed	KGZ AFG, PAK	2018-2020 2019-2020
	Pilot project for SPS infrastructural development in railway Gardabani BCP			AZE-GEO	
	Capacity assessment and development of SPS country plans			TAJ, UZB	
5 CAREC Common Agenda for Modernization of SPS Measures for Trade (CAST) implementation	Develop or amend legislations to be consistent with WTO SPS agreement and aligned with international standards	Knowledge-Sharing Products and Services	Ongoing	REG	2018-2020
	Strengthen international food safety standards in agricultural value chains through CAREC food safety network				2016-2019
	Animal diseases and pest surveillance program		Planned	REG	2019-2020
	Mutual recognition or accreditation of SPS certificates (perishable goods)	Policy Dialogue and Cooperation	Planned	REG	2019-2021

# An open and inclusive platform



## CITA Institutional Structure

# Regional Trade Group (RTG)

## 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

■ Inaugural Meeting of the  
CAREC Regional Trade Group  
25-26 June 2018 | Bangkok, Thailand



# Customs Cooperation Committee (CCC)

## New set of Priority Areas for CCC

- **customs development:** WTO TFA implementation, customs-business dialogue, and institutional development;
- **customs technology:** information exchange, risk management, and regional transit; and
- **customs services:** simplification and harmonization in customs procedures, coordinated border management, and single window

## Working with other key stakeholders

- Strengthen coordination with RTG & Transport Sector Coordination Committee
- Enhance partnership with private sector & development partners

■ Customs Cooperation Committee Meeting

5 September 2018 | Ashgabat, Turkmenistan



# Working Group on Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) Measures

## Regional Working Group

- Promote concerted reforms and modernization through *CAREC Common Agenda for Modernization of SPS Measures for Trade (CAST)*
- Discuss SPS issues best-addressed at regional level

## National Working Group

- Develop national-level SPS strategy and priority actions
- Forum for exchange of information on progress of CAST and contribute to CITA implementation

- CAREC Regional Workshop on Modernizing Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures  
29-30 May 2018 | Bishkek, Kyrgyz Republic



# Strengthened Private Sector Role

## CAREC Federation of Carrier and Forwarder Associations (CFCFA)

- Customs-business partnership as CCC priority area
- CFCFA to join force with CCC/RTG on new initiatives such as standardization, pre-arrival information, transit routes, etc

## Proposed CAREC Chamber of Commerce

- As a regional business-to-business platform
- Discuss proposals for trade center, trade portal, business-matching, authorized economic operators

## CAREC Institute and national think-tanks

- Provide opportunities for cross-learning
- Link knowledge products and services with trade policy-making

# Outline of CITA Review Paper

## Executive Summary

- I. Introduction
- II. Rational
- III. Impact, Outcome and Outputs
- IV. Institutional Structure
- V. Implementation Approach and Results-Framework

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Appendix 1: Problem Tree and Objective Tree Analysis

Appendix 2a: Institutional Structure

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Appendix 4: Results–Framework for CITA 2030

Appendix 5: Consultation Process, Timeline and Support

## Supplementary Issues Papers

- i. Addressing Technical Barriers to Trade
- ii. Expanding Trade in Services

# Take-aways and issues for NFP

- CITA 2030 fosters regional cooperation and integration (RCI)\*, implementation is key
- RSAP serves as a platform to build pipelines of projects, mobilize funds, and coordinate seamlessly on project implementation— country ownership and commitment are important
- Need to leverage trade's cross-sectoral linkages with *CAREC 2030* operational priorities and real sectors (transport, logistics, agriculture, etc.)
- We are in the same boat → trade integration boosts shared prosperity

\*a priority under ADB's *Strategy 2030*



# Thank you!

