

**CAREC Time Release Study Planning Workshop  
Tashkent Uzbekistan  
29 – 31 March 2011,**

**Day 1 Tuesday 29 March 2011**

- 0830 – 0900      **Registration**
- 0900 – 0915      **Welcome Remarks :** **Mr. Rustam Mansurov**, Deputy Chairman, State Customs Committee of Uzbekistan  
  
**Mr. Plamen Bozakov**, Deputy Country Director  
ADB Resident Mission in Uzbekistan
- 0915 – 0940      **Introduction: Time Release Study for Selected BCPs**  
  
Resource Speaker: **Mr. Ying Qian**, Lead Regional Cooperation Specialist, Public Management, Financial Sector and Regional Cooperation Division, East Asia Department, ADB  
  
Briefly discuss the proposed project on Regional Improvement of Border Services (RIBS); the role of BCPs in facilitating trade and the need for Time Release Study; discuss the objectives of the workshop and expected outputs
- 0940 - 1000      **Border Crossing Points Infrastructure Improvement**  
Resource Person: **Mr. Sunil Mitra**, Senior Transport Specialist, CWRD, manager of task team 1 on border crossing point infrastructure  
  
Briefly discuss plans for improving border crossing point facilities and how the TRS studies can help the design team select the proper BCPs and support services that may be included in the project.
- 1000 – 1015      **Photo Session**
- 1015 - 1030      **Coffee Break**
- 1030 – 1100      **Time Release Study (TRS): Overview**  
  
Resource Person: **Mr. Shingo Matsuda**, Technical Officer, Compliance and Facilitation Directorate, WCO  
  
Briefly discuss the purpose of TRS, the TRS Guide, skills required and resources needed to conduct TRS.
- 1100 - 1130      **Experience in Implementing TRS: Results and Outcomes**  
  
Resource Persons: **Mr. Chris Tan** , ADB Consultant  
**Mr. Nguyen Ba Hung**, Regional Cooperation Specialist, Southeast Asia Department, ADB  
  
Briefly discuss the experiences of the BIMP-EAGA countries and Singapore Customs' in doing the Time Release Studies and how the outcomes were

used to improve efficiency of import/export inspection and clearance processes.

1130 – 1200

**Open Forum**

1200 – 1400

**Lunch Break**

1400 – 1500

**Model documents: TOR on TRS, Questionnaire and Timetable**

Resource Person: **Mr. Shingo Matsuda**, WCO

Present the proposed model on TOR on TRS, model questionnaire and model timetable and solicit comments and feedback on the models.

1500 – 1530

**Coffee Break**

1530 – 1730

**Country Presentations: National customs procedures at border-crossing points** (15 mins each)

Moderator: **Mr. Jeff Procak**, Regional Cooperation Specialist, ADB

- Afghanistan
- Azerbaijan
- Kazakhstan
- Kyrgyz Republic
- Mongolia
- Tajikistan
- Uzbekistan

1730 – 1745

**Wrap – Up for Day 1**

**Mr. Ying Qian**, ADB



**Day 2 Wednesday 30 March 2011**

0900 – 1030	<b>Review and Amendments/modifications to Model Documents</b>  Moderator: <b>Mr. Shingo Matsuda</b> , WCO  Open forum on how to adapt/revise the documents according to needs and situation of each customs organization
1030 - 1045	<b>Coffee Break</b>
1045 – 1200	<b>WCO TRS Software:</b>  Resource Person: <b>Mr. Shingo Matsuda</b> , WCO  Briefing and demonstration of the use of the TRS software.
1200 – 1400	<b>Lunch Break</b>
1400 - 1500	<b>WCO TRS software</b> (cont)  Hands on practice on the use of the TRS software
1500 - 1515	<b>Using the Study Results</b>  Resource Person: <b>Mr. Ying Qian</b> , Lead Regional Cooperation Specialist, ADB  Discuss how the results will be used and the timing of the R-PPTA.
1515 – 1545	<b>Coffee Break</b>
1545– 1615	<b>CAREC Trade Facilitation Program: Assessing its progress and contributions</b>  Resource Person: <b>Mr. Ken Watson</b> , ADB Consultant  Briefly discuss plans to look at how the trade facilitation component has contributed to the primary goals of CAREC and in improving border control procedures and over-all environment to allow smooth flow of goods and people across the region.
1615 – 1630	<b>Wrap up Session</b>  Resource Person/s: <b>Mr. Ying Qian</b> , Lead Regional Cooperation Specialist, ADB



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**Day 3 – Thursday Field Visit to Yallama Border Crossing Point *(to be confirmed)***

0900 – **Assembly at Hotel Lobby**

0900 - 0945 **Travel to Yallama BCP**

0945 – 1015 **Overview of Yallama BCP Operations**

Resource Person: **UZB Customs (*tbc*)**

Short briefing on operations of BCP, particularly on customs procedures and inter-agency collaboration on border control regulatory functions.

1015 - 1100 **Tour of Yallama BCP**

1100 - 1130 **Open Forum**

1130 – 1200 **Travel back to Dedeman Hotel**