

# **CAREC Trade Facilitation: Implementation Progress and Key Issues**

CAREC Senior Officials' Meeting  
Manila, Philippines  
26–27 June 2014



# Key Developments

## 1. Projects and Technical Assistance

- Regional Improvement of Border Services (RIBS) Project
  - KGZ and TAJ: PIU established and recruitment of consultants completed. NSW technical proposal being evaluated
  - MON: Project preparation on going
- Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) assessment on going
  - regulatory, laboratory and border services
- PRC-MON agreed on joint customs control (JCC) expansion to two more pair of BCPs: Ceke, PRC – Shivee Khuren, MON (in March 2014) and Zhuengadabuqi, PRC – Bichigt, MON (in August 2014).
- RETA projects for customs cooperation and modernization
  - inception workshop and consultations to develop national action plans:
    - Coordinated Border Management for Results in CAREC
    - Aligning Customs Trade Facilitation Measures with Best Practices in CAREC
    - Facilitation of Regional Transit Trade in CAREC
- CPMM modified to reflect CAREC TTFS 2020 refinement
  - Expanded coverage to monitor Designated Railway Corridors
  - Trade Logistics performance indicators to be identified

# Key Developments

## 2. Institutional Support and Capacity Building

- 12<sup>th</sup> Customs Cooperation Committee, Astana, September 2013
- CPMM Coordinators' Training, Almaty, October 2013
- CFCFA website administration transferred to a Tashkent-based member, November 2013
- PRC-MON Joint Transboundary Animal Disease Control Workshop, Beijing, November 2013
- CAREC Customs Cooperation Committee Technical Assistance Inception Workshop, Baku, April 2014

## 3. Knowledge Product

- Modernizing SPS Measures to Facilitate Trade in Agricultural and Food Products
- 2013 CPMM Quarterly and Annual Reports
- CAREC CPMM: A Forward Looking Retrospective
- Initial study on movement of people undertaken and findings reported to TPCC

# Key Issues for Guidance by the SOM

## 1. Support for Regional Priority Projects

- Regional Upgrade of SPS Measures for Trade (RUST): support to ongoing SPS assessment and preparatory work
- Regional Improvement of Border Services (RIBS) Project: BCP improvement and NSW development needs
- Support to regional TA implementation on customs modernization:
  - Implementation of country action plans
  - Work with other border agencies and private sector to implement reforms

## 2. Interagency Coordination

- Establishment/strengthening of interagency National Joint Transport and Trade Facilitation Committees (NJC) – timeframe
- Coordinate Border Management (customs, SPS, movement people, and other border facilitation issues)

## 3. Delivering Better Outcomes

- TF indicators still weak despite concerted efforts