

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

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# Key Developments

1. Customs reforms and cooperation being pursued more vigorously.
2. CFCFA – private sector advocate of region trade facilitation proposals and priorities
3. Measuring Results – CPMM continues to gather valuable data. Data collected from time release studies, SPS assessments, and regional transit to enhance analysis.

# Key Issues for Guidance by the SOM

1. Important role of trade facilitation in CAREC corridor development – more investments in trade facilitation needed.
2. Inst'l support for cross-sector coordination – Nat'l Joint Committees, Coordinated Border Management (customs-immigration-SPS)
3. More active participation in Regional Projects – RIBS2, Regional Upgrades of SPS measures for Trade