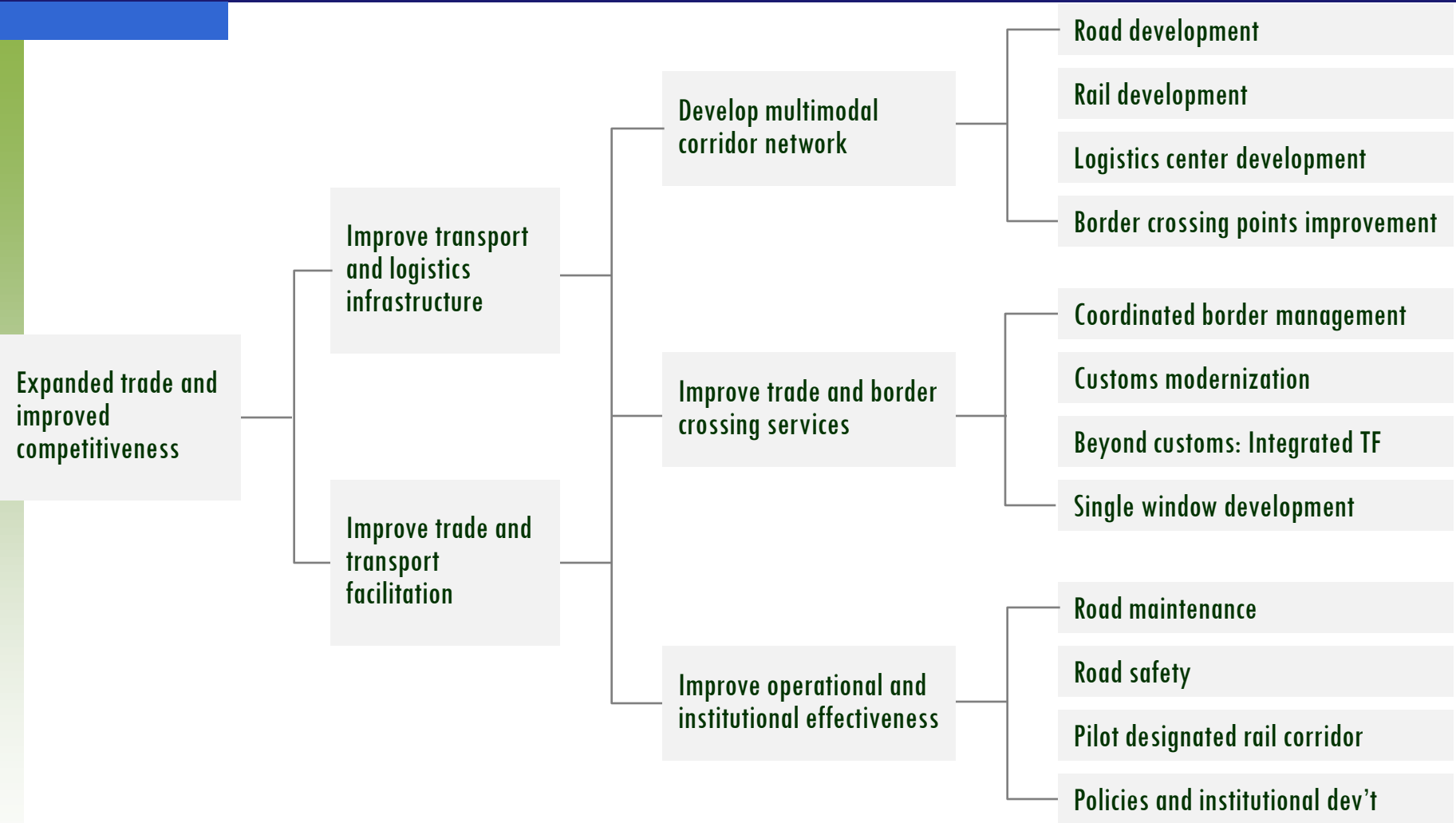




Regional Technical Assistance: Promoting Cooperation in Sanitary and Phyto-Sanitary Measures for CAREC

CAREC Learning Opportunity: Modernizing Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures to Expand Trade and Ensure Food Safety—Sharing the Baltic Experience

Refined Transport and Trade Facilitation Strategy 2020



2 Major Sub-components:

- ❖ Customs cooperation
- ❖ Integrated trade facilitation

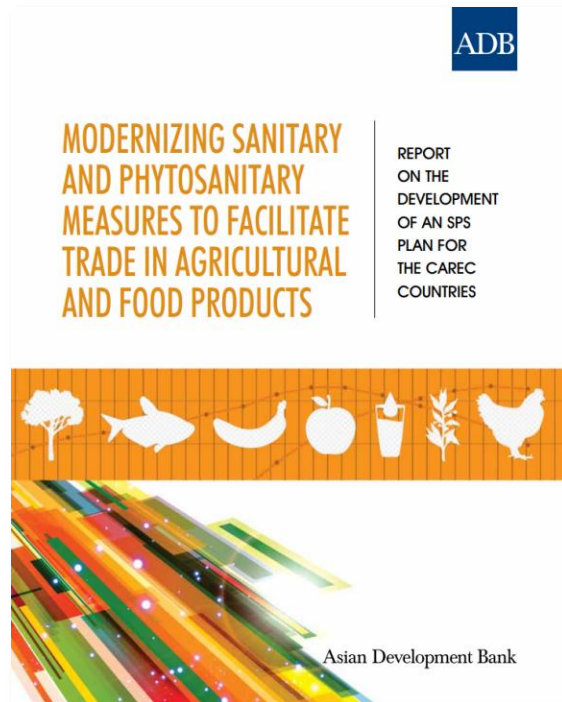
**PROMOTING COOPERATION IN SANITARY
AND PHYTOSANITARY (SPS) MEASURES
FOR CAREC**

Background

- ❖ All countries maintain SPS measures to ensure food safety and prevent spread of plant/animal diseases.
- ❖ However, poorly designed SPS measures can harm competitiveness and constrain trade in the CAREC region.
- ❖ World Trade Organization SPS Agreement considered as international best practice

CAREC Initiating Activities

CAREC SPS Workshop (July 2012)
– focused on information exchange and initial steps to develop an SPS action plan for regional cooperation to improve SPS measures in CAREC



CAREC SPS Publication (May 2013) – highlighted key findings on country-level assessments and emerging SPS-related issues in CAREC and identified coordinated efforts and investments needed.

<http://www.adb.org/publications/modernizing-sps-measures-facilitate-trade-agricultural-and-food-products>

Key Issues

- ❖ **Regulatory framework for SPS in CAREC countries not fully consistent with international best practice.**
- ❖ **SPS laboratory infrastructure need to be upgraded and modernized.**
- ❖ **Coordination at the border between SPS agencies and customs needs to be improved.**

PROJECT OBJECTIVES

- ❖ **Promote SPS reforms and modernization consistent with international standards in a way that advances trade facilitation.**
- ❖ **Identify and prioritize investment needs to modernize SPS measures and their application**
 - **Regional project: Regional Upgrade of SPS standards for Trade (RUST)**

PROJECT COMPONENTS AND KEY ACTIVITIES

Review of regulatory framework

- Identify SPS regulations and procedures that constitute a barrier.
- Analyze gaps between SPS agreement (international standards) and existing regulatory framework in each country.
- Recommend harmonization of selected regulations.

Inventory of laboratory assets

- List SPS laboratory infrastructure required to ensure safety of food and health animals/plants.
- Identify critical investments needed to modernize and upgrade laboratories.

Border Management Strategy

- Assess current border management regulations.
- Identify key BCPs for priority handling of goods subject to SPS control .
- Recommendations for effective SPS border management in coordination with other agencies.

Thank you!

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