

CAREC Trade Policy: Progress Report and Issues for Consideration

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Trade Policy: Progress Report

- Highlights from the 22th TPCC meeting:
 - ✓ Reporting of progress under the updated TPSAP: end-2014 targets (IMF)
 - ✓ Continued implementation of the capacity-building and knowledge-sharing program (WB/ADB)
 - ✓ Roundtable discussion among CAREC members on TPSAP implementation challenges
 - ✓ Roundtable discussion on IFI/donors supporting role for TPSAP implementation

Trade Policy: Issues for SOM's Consideration

- Building on successful data submission by all members for measures targeted at end-2014, CAREC senior officials are requested to ensure continued full participation going forward
- In view of implementation challenges, collaboration with and support from international development partners is critical, starting with initiating a stock taking exercise on
 - ✓ The degree of TBT and SPS measures in place
 - ✓ Existing bottlenecks to the expansion of trade in services