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# **UNDP Trade Related Activities in the CAREC Region**

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Since last CAREC TPCC on 04.11.2014 in Bishkek, UNDP's Wider-Europe Initiative – Aid for Trade (WEI-AfT3) project conducted the following capacity development activities in line with the “Trade Policy Strategic Action Plan for 2013–2017 (TPSAP)” - Chapter 4. Policy Actions to Achieve the CAREC Trade Policy Goals

### □ **SPS and TBT issues: workshops on information and recommendations for practical implementation of WTO SPS and TBT agreements, including CODEX, IPCC, OIE, and Review of NTMs:**

- 2015-03-26 Implications of WTO membership on Agricultural Policy, regional workshop and international conference Kaliningrad/RUS, in cooperation with FAO;
- 2015-04-15 Cooperation between F&V VC stakeholders of the Ferghana Valley, [Kazakhstan](#), and Russian Federation, [Kyrgyz Republic - Tajikistan](#) Workshop Issykul/[Kyrgyz Republic](#), in cooperation with Hilfswerk Austria, sub-topic on SPS, CODEX, and IPCC requirements;
- 2015-05-26 Agricultural Technologies and Trade Policy in Central Asia, sub-topic WTO requirements on Agricultural Policy, regional ([Kyrgyz Republic](#), [China](#), [Tajikistan](#), [Uzbekistan](#)) workshop Bishkek, in cooperation with FAO;
- Since 2014-11 WTO Post-accession Plan [Tajikistan](#): support to adjustment of trade related laws and by-laws to WTO requirements on national and Oblast (Khatlon, Sughd) level by international and national consultants, studies, and expertise.

### □ **Studies and Technical Assistance for Services Exports:**

- 2014-11-03 Role of TPOs in Global Economy, regional workshop Dubai, with reference to membership of WTO, in cooperation with USAID;
- 2014-12 onwards: support to WTO Post-accession Plan [Tajikistan](#) regarding adjustments on Law on Domestic Services;
- 2015-01 onwards: support to regional linkages between Agricultural Market Information System ([Tajikistan](#)) and AGRO-KG market information system ([Kyrgyz Republic](#)) for trade in goods and services, operational cooperation since 2015-05.

### □ **Capacity Building and Knowledge Sharing on Trade Issues:**

- 2015-02-09 Public Private Dialogues (PPD), Workshop [Tajikistan \(Dushanbe\)](#), in cooperation with GIZ (regional), sub-topic on Impacts of WTO accession to PPD;
- 2015-03 onwards: SPS and HACCP training for food exporting agro-processing companies towards receiving certifications;

- 2015-04-15 Cooperation between F&V VC stakeholders of the Ferghana Valley, **Kazakhstan**, and Russian Federation, Workshop Issykul, in cooperation with Hilfswerk Austria (**Kyrgyz Republic, Tajikistan**);
- 2015-04-16 Joint strategies on promoting regional trade, regional (**Kyrgyz Republic, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan**) workshop Issykul/KGZ;
- 2015-05 to 2015-09 Regional (**Kyrgyz Republic, Tajikistan**) Benchmarking study on optimizing regulations for Free Economic Zones;
- 2015-06-15 Essentials of Trade Promotion, regional (**Kyrgyz Republic, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan**) Summer Academy Geneva, in cooperation with ITC.