



Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation Program
15th Customs Cooperation Committee Meeting
21 September 2016
International Enterprise Singapore
Agenda

Wednesday	Participants: Customs officials of 10 CAREC member countries
0830 – 0900	Registration
0900 – 0915	Opening Session Host: Pakistan Federal Board of Revenue (Customs) Opening Remarks: Mr. Nisar Muhammad Khan , Chairman, Pakistan Federal Board of Revenue
0915 – 0930	Keynote Address: WCO's Theme for 2016: Digital Customs Speaker: Mr. Samson Bilangna , Technical Officer, World Customs Organization
0930 – 0945	Update on CAREC Trade Facilitation Program 2015-2016 and outcomes of CAREC Senior Officials Meeting held in July 2016 Speaker: Mr. Ying Qian , Director, Public Management, Financial Sector and Regional Cooperation Division, East Asia Department, ADB
0945 – 1030	CAREC Customs Information Exchange Framework - <i>The consultant will present a comparative summary of the assessment results on the maturity and readiness of existing customs information systems and constraints identified that hinder the effective exchange of information and improvements needed to address constraints. He will also present a proposed pilot scheme for implementation in 2017.</i> Moderator: Mr. Ying Qian , Director, Public Management, Financial Sector and Regional Cooperation Division, East Asia Department, ADB Presenter: Mr. Lauro Vives , Consultant Open discussions - <i>Moderator will lead discussions and solicit comments from participants on the proposed framework, the implementation mechanics of the pilot, and improvements to enhance readiness of existing information systems in CAREC customs</i>
1030 – 1100	<i>Coffee/Tea Break</i> <i>Photo Session</i>

- 1100 – 1220 **Update on On-going Projects** –*Concerned CAREC countries will provide updates on the implementation of on-going loan projects in their respective jurisdictions (10 mins each). A brief status report on the progress made under the on-going technical assistance projects will also be presented including proposed activities for remaining 6 months.*
- Updates on on-going technical assistance projects
 - Regional Improvement of Border Services (RIBS) – Tajikistan, Kyrgyz Republic, Mongolia and, Pakistan

Moderator/Presenter: **Ms. Cristina Lozano**, Regional Cooperation Specialist
Presenters: **Representatives from Tajikistan, Kyrgyz Republic, Mongolia and, Pakistan.**

Open discussions - *The presentations will be followed by an open forum to give CAREC participants' opportunity to raise questions/inquiries; suggest new initiatives*

1220 – 1400

Lunch

1400 – 1445

Regional Transit in CAREC – *The consulting firm, PADECO, will present the major findings and recommendations of the regional transit study and the agreements reached at the interim workshop held in Almaty in July 2016. An open discussion will follow to solicit comments on the proposed regional transit guarantee mechanism (RTGM) and agree on pilot phase of the project.*

Moderator: **Ms. Cristina Lozano**, Regional Cooperation Specialist, East Asia Department, ADB

Presenters: **Mr. Graham Walker**, PADECO Consultant (via videocon)
Mr. Nigel Moore, PADECO Consultant

1445 – 1515

Open discussions – *The discussion will review the business mechanics of the proposed regional transit system and plan to pilot the guarantee in select CAREC countries. The moderator will also summarize agreements on the proposed scheme and pilot implementation.*

1515 – 1530

Coffee/Tea Break

1530 – 1730

Plenary Session:

Chair: **Mr. Nisar Muhammad Khan**, Chairman, Pakistan Federal Board of Revenue

For endorsement to Senior Officials' Meeting

- Future RIBS/RUST
- Piloting of customs information exchange
- Piloting of regional transit including AEO expansion/regional mutual recognition of AEOs
- National Trade Facilitation Committees
- Enhanced cooperation with private sector