

CAREC Trade Policy Agenda What Next?

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Overview



- Taking stock: **Where are we?**
- CAREC member survey: **Where to go?**
- Post-2017 agenda: **How to get there?**

Stocktaking: Where are We?

Trade Policy Measures to Be Implemented by End-2015

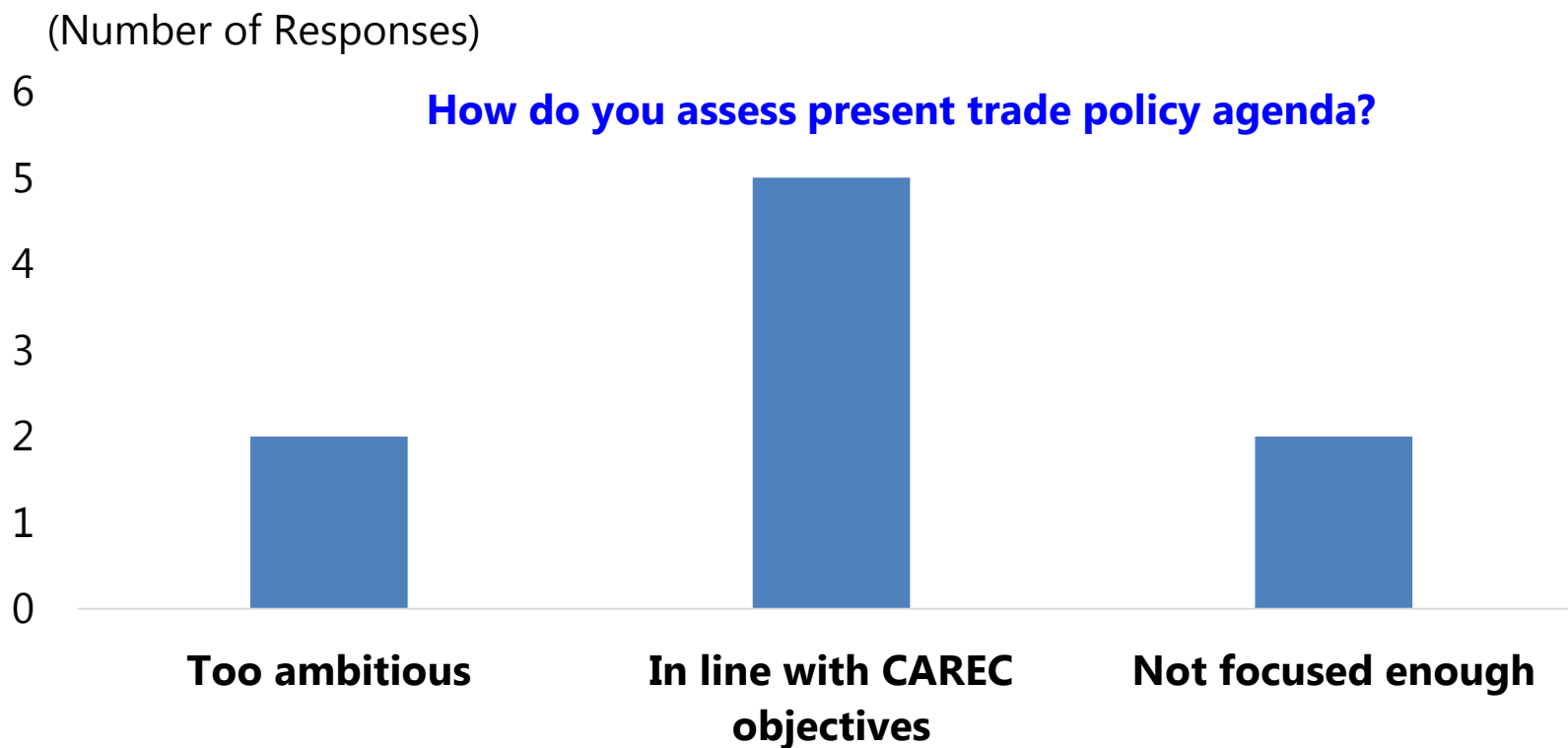
Measures	AFG	AZE	CHN	KAZ	KGZ	MNG	PAK	TJK	TKM	UZB
#1: Adopt legislation compliant with the SPS and TBT agreements	Not completed	Completed	Completed	Completed	Completed	Completed	Completed	Completed	Not yet submitted	Completed
#2: Prepare a SPS strategy and action plan to guide the gradual transition to WTO compliant systems	Not completed	Completed	Completed	Completed	Completed	Completed	Completed	Completed	Not yet submitted	Not completed
#3: Begin reviewing the existing and new regulations by NJCs	Not yet submitted	Not completed	Completed	Not completed	Not completed	Not completed	Not completed	Not completed	Not yet submitted	Not completed
#4: Start producing annual report of NJCs in 2015	Not yet submitted	Not completed	Completed	Not completed	Not completed	Not completed	Not completed	Not completed	Not yet submitted	Not completed
#5: Complete national studies to assess key bottlenecks to expansion of trade in services	Not completed	Not completed	Completed	Not applicable	Not completed	Not completed	Completed	Not completed	Not yet submitted	Not completed
#6: Confirm whether a bilateral agreement has been put in place for temporary labor movement	Not yet submitted	Not applicable	Completed	Not applicable	Not completed	Not completed	Not completed	Completed	Not yet submitted	Not completed
#7: Prepare annual report on regulatory improvements for trade in services	Not completed	Not completed	Completed	Not applicable	Not completed	Not completed	Not completed	Not completed	Not yet submitted	Not completed
#8: Participate in the ADB' TA program for modernization of SPS measures	Not completed	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Completed	Completed	Not applicable	Not completed	Not applicable	Completed

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Stocktaking: Where are We?

Member Country Views on Trade Policy Agenda*



*Based on the responses from AFG, AZE, CHN, KGZ, MNG, TJK, UZB as of October 11, 2016.

** Multiple responses possible (7 countries with 9 responses).

Stocktaking: Where are We?

Quality Of Trade Policy: International Rankings

World Economic Forum Competitiveness Rankings:

	Overall Ranking		Trade Facilitation ^{1/}		Trade Policy ^{2/}	
	Level in 2016	Change since 2011	Level in 2016	Change since 2011	Level in 2016	Change since 2011
AZE	37	18	85	20	71	57
CHN	28	-2	55	1	78	-15
KAZ	53	19	59	43	67	45
KGZ	111	15	93	41	107	23
MNG	102	-6	98	24	93	-1
TJK	77	28	64	35	96	26
PAK	122	-4	113	-15	112	3
GEO	59	29	12	15	14	23

No rankings available for AFG, TKM, and UZB

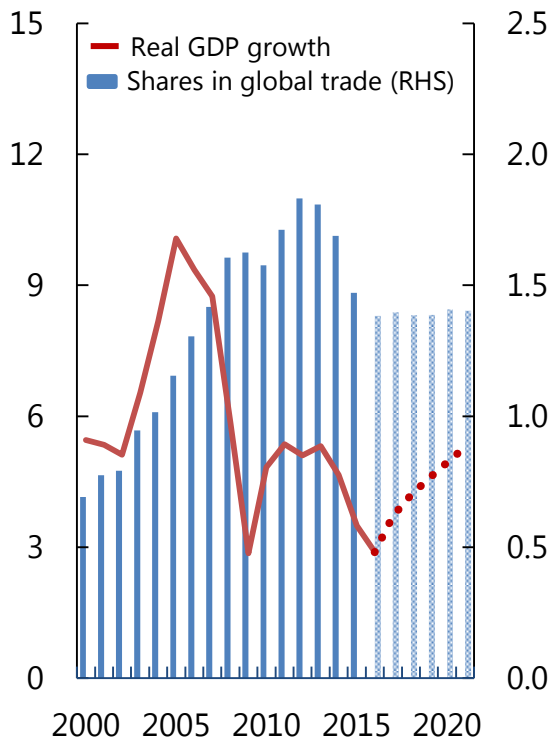
1/ Refers to burden of customs procedures.

2/ Refers to prevalence of non-tariff trade barriers.

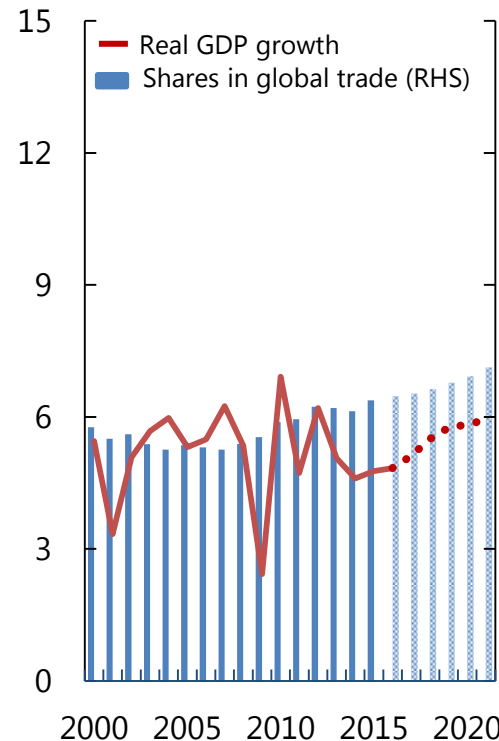
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Trade and Growth

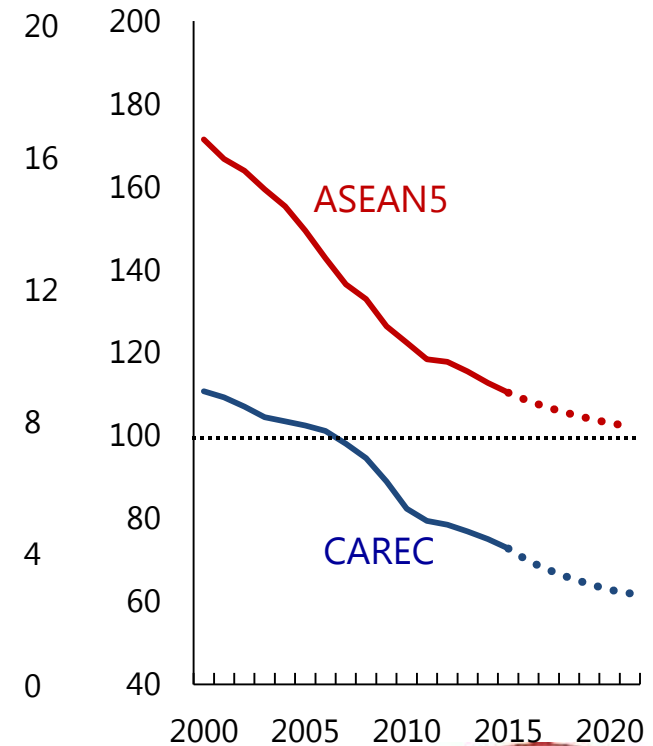
CAREC*: Trade Shares and GDP Growth
(Percent)



ASEAN5: Trade Shares and GDP Growth**
(Percent)



CAREC* and ASEAN5: Per Capita Income**
(Percent of Emerging Asia)



* CAREC figures exclude China.

** ASEAN5 figures include Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Thailand, and Vietnam.

Source: IMF staff calculations.



CAREC Member Survey: Where to Go?

Post-2017 Trade Policy Priorities

- Survey listed eleven trade policy areas:
 - Tariff barriers: (1) tariff and duties; (2) charges and taxes
 - Non-tariff barriers: (3) SPS; (4) TBT; (5) pre-shipment; (6) licenses and quota; (7) anti-competitive practices
 - Structural barriers: (8) public procurement; (9) movement of labor; (10) business environment
 - Capacity building: (11) building trade policy capacity
- Countries were asked to pick five out of the eleven policy areas ordered by priority

CAREC Member Survey: Where to Go?

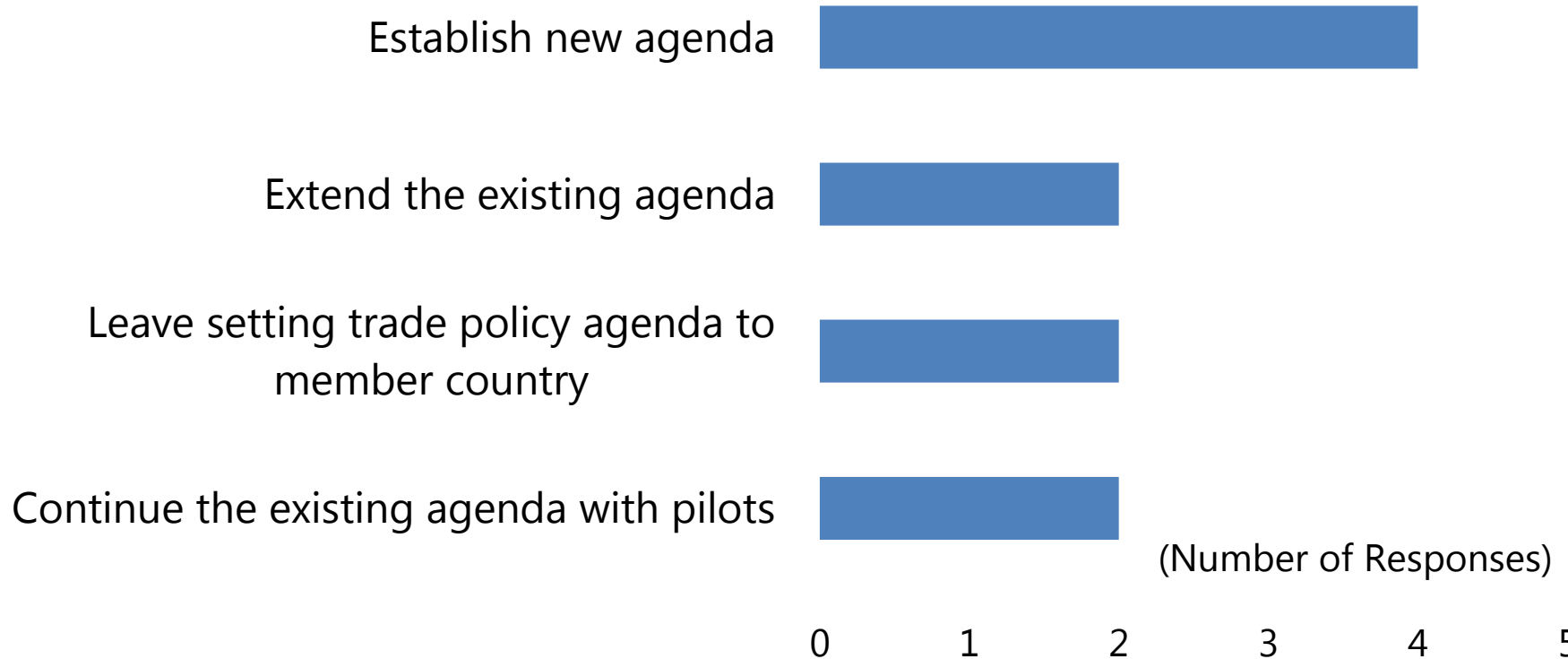
Survey Results on Trade Policy Priorities*



* Aggregate scores. Each country gave 5 points to its first priority, 4 points to its second priority, 3 points to the third, and so on.

Post-2017 TPCC Agenda: How to Get There?

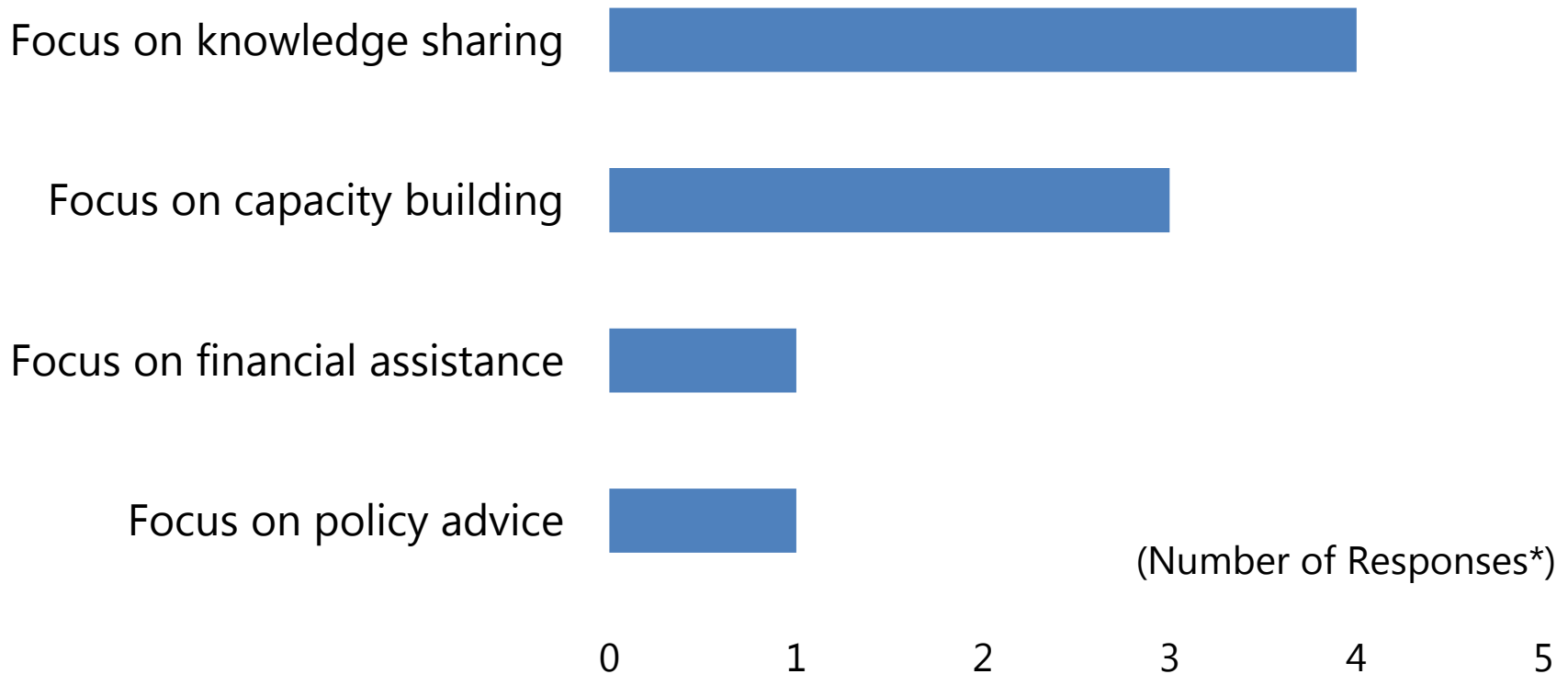
Member Countries Views on How to Forge New Agenda*



* Multiple responses were possible (7 countries with 9 responses).

Post-2017 TPCC Agenda: How to Get There?

Member Countries Views on Role of IFIs



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Issues for SOM's Consideration

- **Where are we?** Is SOM satisfied with the progress achieved in implementing the present trade policy agenda?
- **Where to go?** Does SOM see the survey results on policy priorities as a good starting point for the post-2017 agenda?
- **How to get there?** Does SOM have preferences on how to forge agreement on the post-2017 agenda?