# Almaty-Bishkek Economic Corridor (ABEC)

## FROM ABCI TO ABEC: TOWARDS THE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

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## ABEC - Long Term Vision

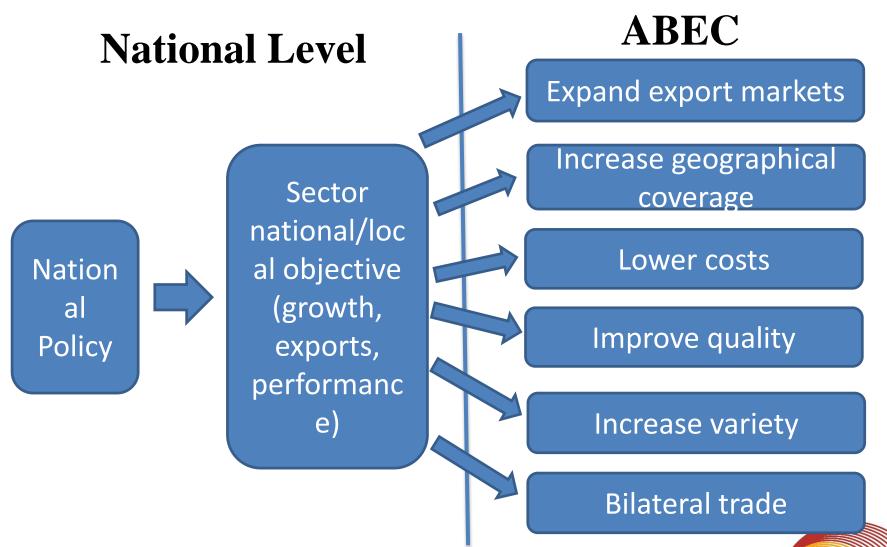
- Single integrated, dense and diverse economic region
- High growth driven by new drivers export-oriented knowledge intensive services, modernized agriculture and agri-business and tourism
- Exploiting agglomeration, scale and specialization benefits;
   building on opportunities of EEU's single economic space
- Spatially integrative transport and communication
   Infrastructure developed, reduce time and cost of connectivity
- Major economic center in Central Asia, competing with other economic centers in CAREC region

### ABEC Investment Framework

- 4 streams of lending and non-lending interventions:
- Creation of larger (scale) and deeper (specialization) markets through sectorlevel integration
- 2. Fostering ecosystem for knowledge and technology-based activities
- 3. Business-friendly regulatory environment
- 4. Make cities more attractive
- Interactive pillars (spillovers)



## ABEC: Beyond the national



## ABCI → ABEC

#### **ABCI**

- Agribusiness
- DRRM
- Education
- Health
- ICT
- Tourism
- Transport
- Spatial/Urban

- Hard infra
- Soft infra
- Cap Bldn
- Knowledge

#### **ABEC IP**

- Policy detailing
- Sector Instns
- Project sequencing
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- Pvt Sector, DPs
- Corridor Instns



#### IP formulation: Issues to be addressed

- Are all the proposals in the completed studies under ABCI acceptable?
- What are the next steps to be taken by (i) country delegations; (ii) consultant teams for the IP?
- How will the sector teams be formulated and by when? Who will be the members?
- Milestones for formulating the Implementation Plan during 2017?

