



**Workshop: Revised Kyoto Convention Awareness and Self-Assessment Tools
27–31 March 2017, Ashgabat, Turkmenistan**

Draft Program

DAY 1 (27 March)		
<p>Day 1 consists of a series of briefing sessions both from Turkmenistan Customs and the WCO. Through Day 1, the WCO experts will improve their understating of the situation of Turkmenistan Customs regarding RKC accession. On the other hand, Turkmenistan Customs will improve their understanding of the Agreement on Trade facilitation (TFA) and the role of the WCO in its implementation, as well as the RKC structure, benefits, rights and obligations of Contracting Parties, and accession process etc. Each topic under these sessions will comprise of presentation followed by Q & A.</p>		
Session 1: Inauguration		
09:30 – 09:45	Opening Ceremony of the Workshop	<p>Mr. Guvanch Rejebov Deputy Minister of Ministry of Economy and Development (MED)</p> <p>Mr. Ed Broekema & Ms. Vyara Filipova World Customs Organization (WCO) Experts</p>
09:45 – 10:00	Brief Introduction of Participants	All
10:00 – 10:30	Presentation on the outline of Turkmenistan Customs (including customs modernization plan, update of customs law, and so on)	<p>Mr. Batyr Annayev Head of HR division, State Customs</p>
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee Break & Group Photo	

Session 2: Introduction of RKC		
11:00 – 12:00	The role of the WCO in the implementation of the WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement (TFA)/ Mercator Programme	Ms. Vyara Filipova WCO expert
12:00 – 13:30	Lunch Break	
13:30 – 15:00	Outline of Revised Kyoto Convention (RKC)—Background, What is the RKC, Structure of the RKC, Benefits	Mr. Ed Broekema WCO Expert
15:00 – 15:30	Coffee Break	
Session 3: RKC outline (accession)		
15:30 – 16:00	Rights and obligations of Contracting Party to the RKC	Ms. Vyara Filipova WCO expert
16:00 – 16:30	Accession to the RKC	Ms. Vyara Filipova WCO expert
DAY 2 (28 March)		
The morning session of Day 2 is earmarked for deepening the understanding of Turkmenistan agencies of the provisions of the General Annex while the afternoon session will be allocated to the introduction to certain Specific Annexes to the RKC.		
Session 4: General Annex of the RKC		
09:30 – 10:30	Introduction to the General Annex (GA)	Mr. Ed Broekema WCO Expert
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee Break	
11:00 – 12:00	Introduction to the General Annex (GA)	Mr. Ed Broekema WCO Expert
12:00 – 13:30	Lunch Break	

Session 5: Specific Annexes of the RKC		
13:30 – 15:00	Introduction to certain Specific Annexes (SAs)	Mr. Ed Broekema WCO Expert
15:00 – 15:30	Coffee Break	
15:30 – 16:30	Introduction to certain Specific Annexes (SAs)	Mr. Ed Broekema WCO Expert
DAY 3 (29 March)		
<p>The morning session of Day 3 is allocated for the continuation of the introduction to certain Specific Annexes to the RKC. In the afternoon the participants will be introduced to the self-assessment tools and will start conducting a gap analysis between the national legislation and the RKC provisions with the help of the WCO experts.</p>		
Session 6: Specific Annexes of the RKC (continued)		
09:30 – 10:30	Introduction to certain Specific Annexes (SAs)	Mr. Ed Broekema WCO Expert
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee Break	
11:00 – 12:00	Introduction to certain Specific Annexes (SAs)	Mr. Ed Broekema WCO Expert
12:00 – 13:30	Lunch Break	
Session 7: Conduct of Gap Analysis		
13:30 – 15:00	Explanation on how to conduct Gap Analysis	Ms. Vyara Filipova WCO Expert
15:00 – 15:30	Coffee Break	
15:30 – 16:30	Plenary work on the comparison of national legislation and RKC provisions (GA)	Workshop participants with the help of WCO Experts

DAY 4 (30 March)

The morning session of Day 4 is allocated for the continuation of the gap analysis between the national legislation and the provisions of the General Annex of the RKC. The afternoon of Day 4 will be devoted to gap analysis between the national legislation and certain Specific Annexes to the RKC.

Session 8: Gap analysis on GA (continued and end)

09:30 – 10:30	Plenary work on the comparison of national legislation and RKC provisions (GA) – continued	Workshop participants with the help of WCO Experts
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee Break	
11:00 – 12:00	Plenary work on the comparison of national legislation and RKC provisions (GA) – continued	Workshop participants with the help of WCO Experts
12:00 – 13:30	Lunch Break	

Session 9: Gap Analysis on certain SAs

13:30 – 15:00	Plenary work on the comparison of national legislation and RKC provisions (SAs)	Workshop participants with the help of WCO Experts
15:00 – 15:30	Coffee Break	
15:30 – 16:30	Plenary work on the comparison of national legislation and RKC provisions (SAs) – continued	Workshop participants with the help of WCO Experts

DAY 5 (31 March)

The morning session of Day 5 will orient participants of the CAREC Program, and its activities and advocacies in the Trade Facilitation Sector. Feedback from participants will be solicited to identify technical cooperation possibilities with Turkmenistan. The afternoon session is allocated to summarizing the gap analysis work (GA and SAs) and Q&A session for making progress after this workshop. Finally, the progress of the work and the initial roadmap will be reported to the representative of Turkmenistan Government.

Session 10: CAREC Trade Facilitation Program Orientation

09:30 – 09:45	CAREC Program Overview	Mr. Ying Qian Director, Public Management, Financial Sector and Regional Cooperation Division (EAPF), East Asia Department (EARD), ADB
09:45 – 10:00	Q&A	
10:00 – 10:30	Coffee Break	
10:30 – 11:30	<p>Overview of Trade Facilitation Sector in CAREC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Customs Cooperation Committee (CCC) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Standardization/harmonization of customs procedures ○ Joint Customs Control (JCC) ○ Customs Risk Management ○ Regional Transit ○ ICT for Customs • Integrated Trade Facilitation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Regional Improvement of Border Services (RIBS) ○ National/Regional Single Windows ○ Participation of the private sector (CFCFA, CPMM) ○ Coordinated Border Management 	Mr. Ying Qian Director, EAPF, EARD, ADB
11:30 – 11:45	Q&A	
11:45 – 12:15	<p>Discussions: Implementing the Trade Facilitation Program in Turkmenistan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Representatives of the various government agencies are requested to comment on the Trade Facilitation program and how their agencies can participate in the various projects. • Suggestions on how ADB may assist in the development of Turkmenistan's trade facilitation 	Mr. Batyr Annayev Head of HR division (Moderator)
12:15 – 13:30	Lunch	

Session 11: Initiate Accession Roadmap		
13:30 – 14:30	Summary of the gap analysis work and initial development of roadmap towards possible accession to RKC	Workshop participants with the help of WCO Experts
14:30 – 15:00	Coffee Break	
15:00 – 16:30	Report of the outcomes of the workshop Closing ceremony	Mr. Guvanch Rejebov Deputy Minister of MED Ms. Vyara Filipova & Mr. Ed Broekema WCO Experts
17:00 – 22:00	Cultural Program (visit to equestrian complex) and Dinner (hosted by MED)	