Facilitation of Regional Transit Trade in CAREC

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TA Rationale and TTFS Strategic Framework

 CAREC Transport and Trade Facilitation Strategy (TTFS) 2020 signed in October 2013 highlighted 2 strategic objectives:

Trade Expansion:

 Through transport connectivity, the facilitation of the cross-border movement of goods and people, trade liberalisation and energy trade.

Improved Competitiveness:

 Through transport connectivity, improved transport infrastructure, the development of competitive corridors across the CAREC region and energy sector cooperation.



CAREC investment and Focus

Investments

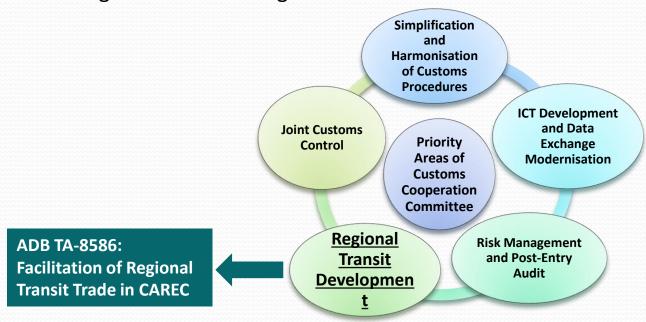
- USD 247 million in 2001 for 6 projects.
- USD 24.6 billion for 156 projects up to 2014.
- USD 43.4 billion planned for 2014-2020 for 108 new projects.

Focus

- Improved transport and logistics infrastructure (multimodal corridor network)
- Improved trade and transport facilitation (improved trade and border crossing services and operational and institutional effectiveness.

Project Objectives

- To remove customs-related impediments to transit through the CAREC corridors.
- To develop a Regional Transit Guarantee Mechanism (CGM) to promote intraregional trade amongst CAREC countries.



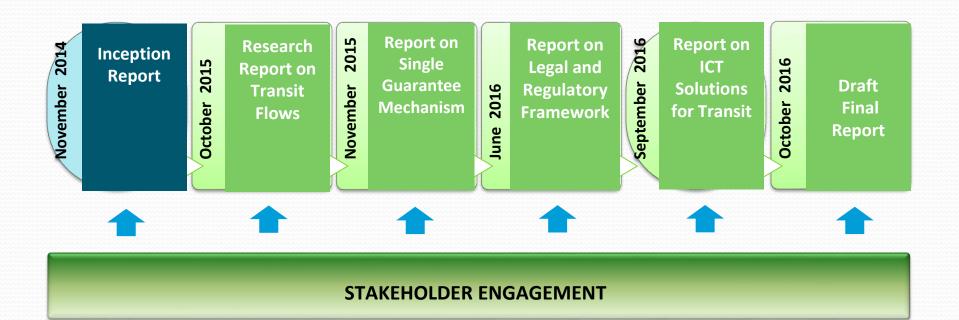


Specific Objectives

- To identify the major CAREC corridors and their transit operation characteristics;
- To identify major impediments within current transit systems;
- To make recommendations for a Regional Transit Guarantee
 Mechanism –the CAREC GUARANTEE MECHANISM (CGM)
- To identify the legislative and regulatory requirements for the CGM;
- To recommend an ICT system to support the CGM; and
- To identify a PILOT CORRIDOR to test the recommended transit regime involving 2 or more countries.



Summary of Deliverables and Program





Pilot Corridors



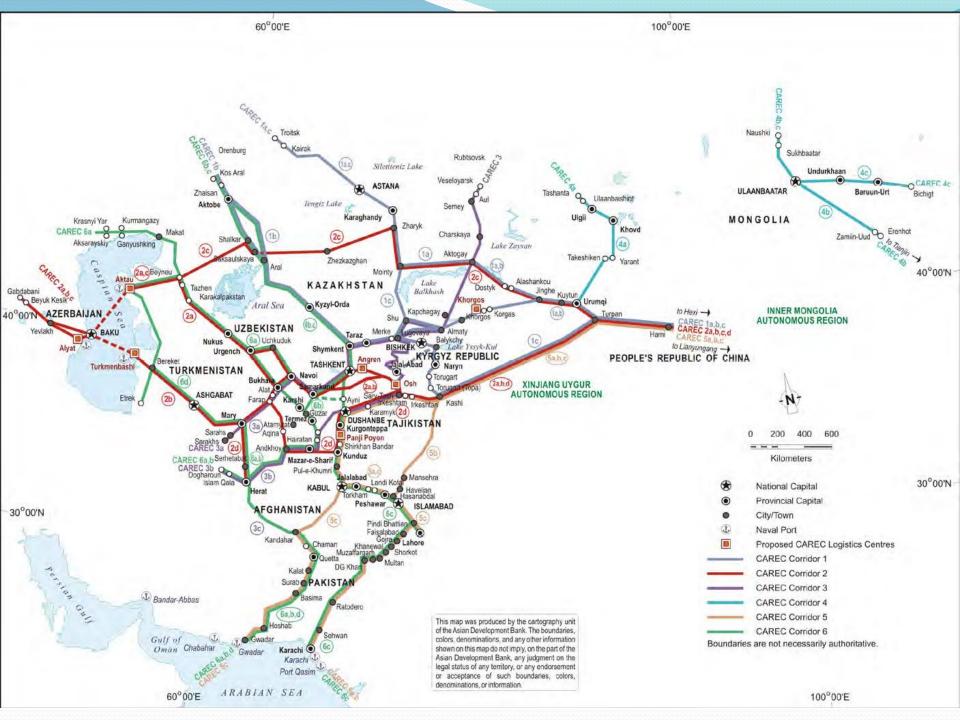
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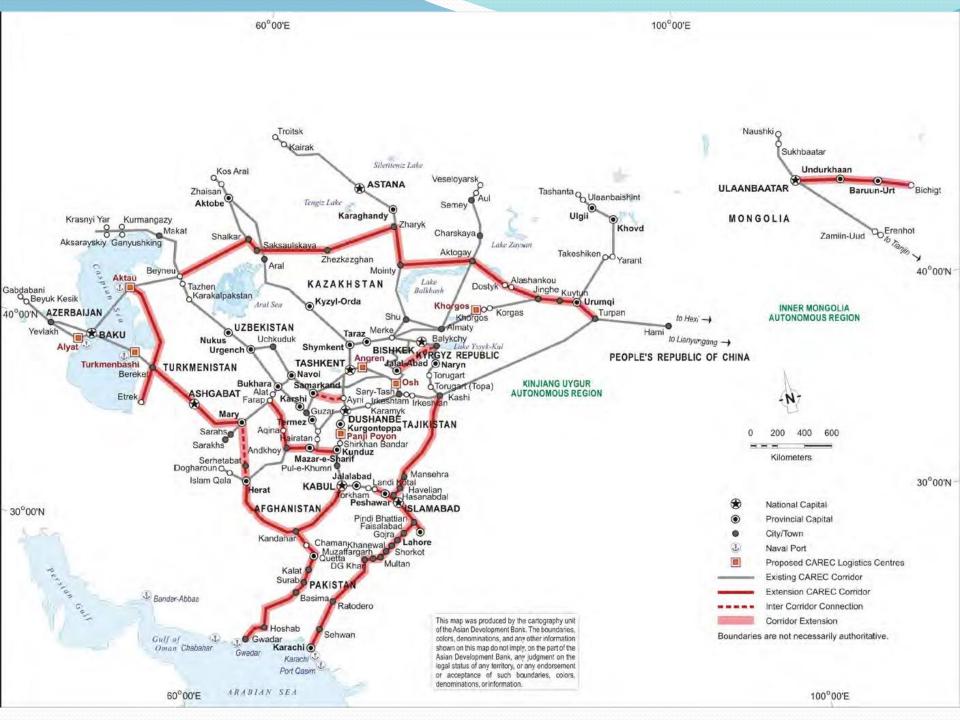
• **Option A**: Corridor 1: Sub-Corridors 1b and 1c involving Kazakhstan, the Kyrgyz Republic and the PRC.

BCP at Khorgos/Korgas between KAZ and PRC BCP at Torugart/Torugart(Topa) between KGZ and PRC

- Option B: Corridor 2: Sub-Corridor 2a involving Azerbaijan and Kazakhstan
 - BCP at Alat/Aktau with maritime crossing







Option A: Corridor 1 Sub-Corridors: 1b and 1c

Key Corridors 1b and 1c





Rationale for Selection

- Traffic Density
- Volume of Trade

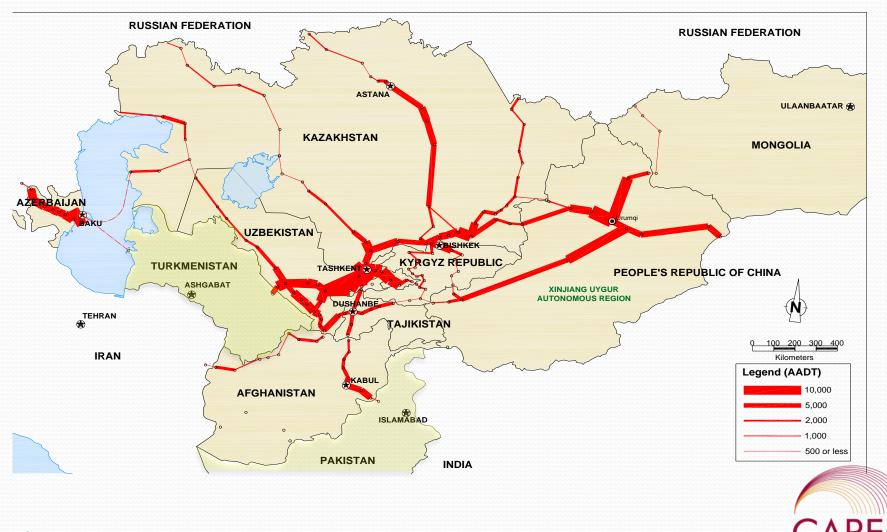
Value of Trade

Economic Importance



Traffic Density

Road traffic density (AADT) for road transport along the CAREC Corridors



Value and Volume of Trade

Value of Intra-regional trade amongst CAREC countries (USD Thousand) 2014†

To From	AFG	AZB	PRC	KAZ	KGZ	MON	PAK	TAJ	ткм	UZB
AFG		0	20277	0	0	0	198352	0	0	0
AZB	200,336		33,832	46,744	12,761	529	29	13,763	39,853	10,712
PRC	393,597	645,260		12,719,176	5,075,346	2,449,592	13,248,879	1,869,364	1,137,644	2,613,355
KAZ	333,539	220,026	9,815,017		670,671	62,768	505,36	5052	159,011	1,126,615
KGZ	12,281	4211	38,955	382453		4365	2455	50,535	5,052	159,011
MON	0	0	5,070,107	4,856	282		0	0	46	489
PAK	1,879,143	27,656	2,252,900	6,652	771	280		10,287	2,420	3,460
тај*	NA	188	47,691	72,081	3460	19	394		NA	NA
ткм*	NA	NA	9,516,158	121,245	1682	0	15780	NA		NA
UZB*	NA	23,512	1,597,121	1,017,978	97610	5415	685	NA	NA	

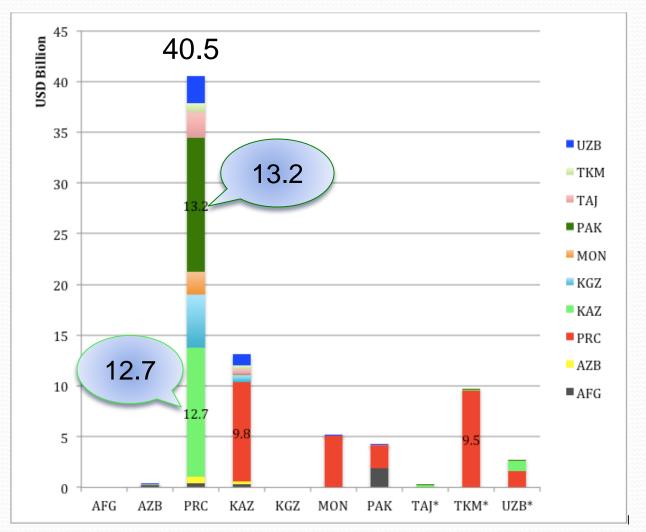
NA=No data Available



^{* =} Partner provided (Mirror) data

 $[\]dagger$ = No data available for Afghanistan and the Kyrgyz Republic, 2014. Therefore 2013 data is used. (In matrix only)

Value of Intra-regional trade amongst CAREC countries (USD Billions) 2014 – Including the PRC





Volume of Intra-regional trade amongst CAREC countries† (Tons) 2013

To	AFG	AZB	PRC	KAZ	KGZ	MON	PAK	TAJ	ТКМ	UZB
AFG	-	0	NA	NA	0	0	0	0	0	0
AZB	192,511	-	84,583	45,737	15,872	187	27	15,591	40,416	12,253
PRC	35,545	32,953	-	4,311,380	242,958	181,176	337,032	92,544	122,101	278,967
KAZ	490,216	1,052,034	19,642,477	-	1,626,259	4391	6,706	1,188,991	168,663	1,448,827
KGZ	14,909	1,862	141,019	165,864	-	2,377	750	201,430	12,448	602,400
MON	0	64	26,594,643	29	139	-	0	0	184	657
PAK	5,815,344	92,625	1,638,307	5,985	62	20	-	13,657	1,156	406
TAJ*	0	22	39,214	232,451	1,120	23	210	-	NA	NA
ТКМ	0	73,728	17,709,768	1,003,252	1,250	0	5,866	NA	-	NA
UZB	0	2,800	2,429,351	2,174,111	129,733	16,259	1,538	NA	NA	-

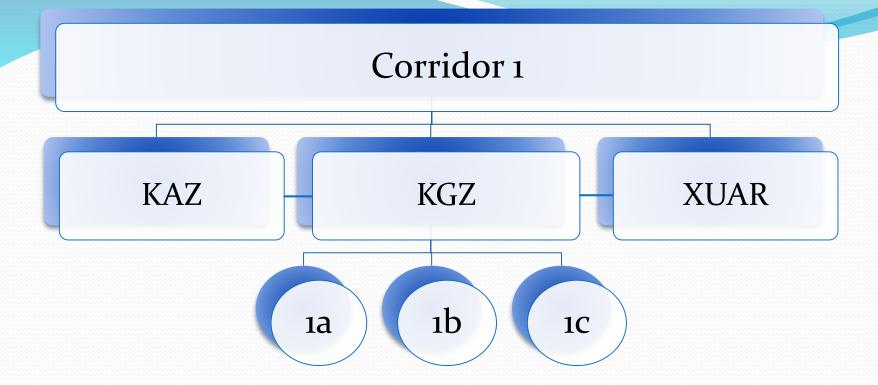
Source: ITC calculations based on UN COMTRADE statistics.



 $[\]dagger$ = Representative sample of quantities obtained from top 3-5 most valuable bilaterally exported goods for each country. Equating to at least 66.67% of total bilateral exports. NA=No data Available

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Economic Importance and Growth



- Most strategic CAREC corridor connecting with KAZ and KGZ with XUAR (PRC)
- Trade between Kazakhstan and XUAR = \$22.81 bn in 2013.
- Accounted for 51% of total trade from XUAR (PRC)
- 1b and 1c pass through densely populated centers such as Urumqi, Almaty, Bishkek and Astana.
- Bishkek-Almaty economic corridor being developed by ADB

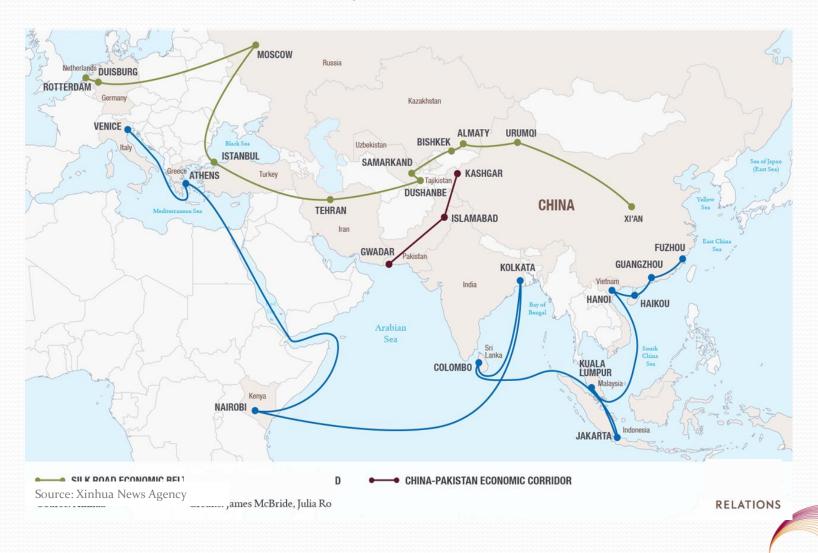


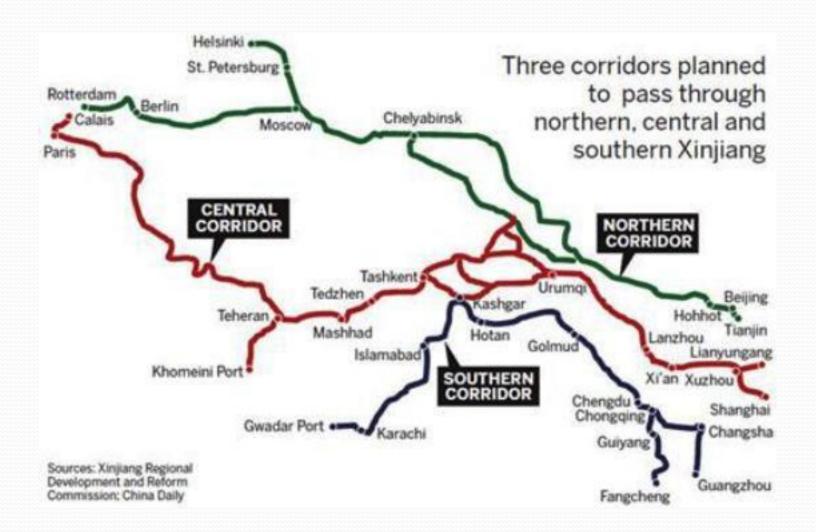
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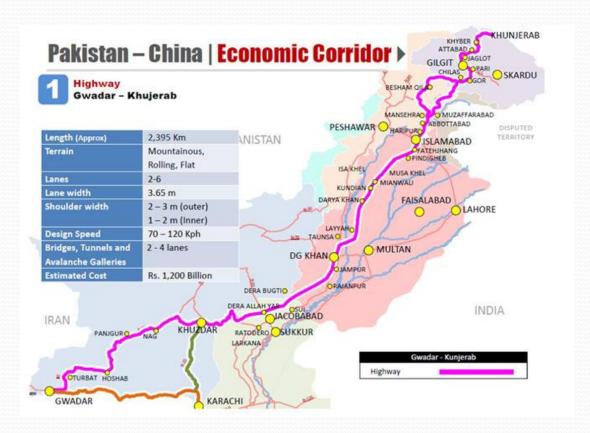
- One Belt, One Road
- China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC)



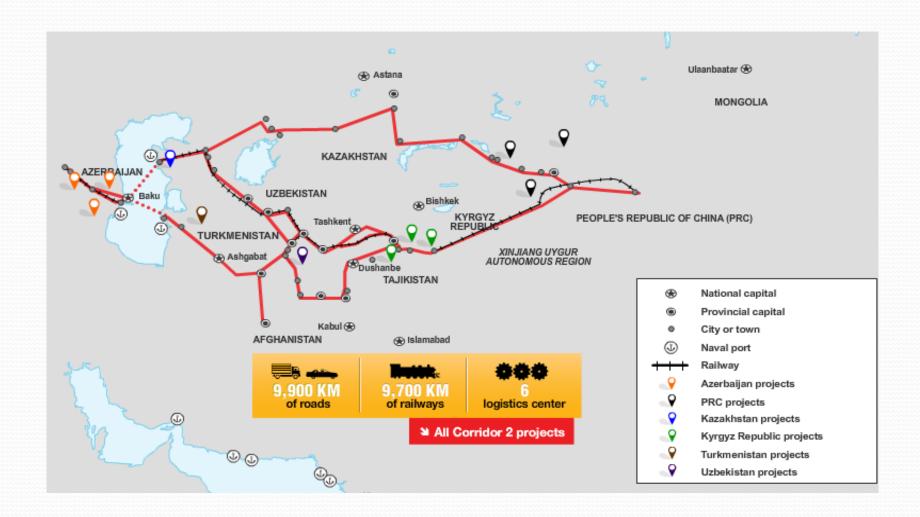
The PRC's Proposed New Silk Roads



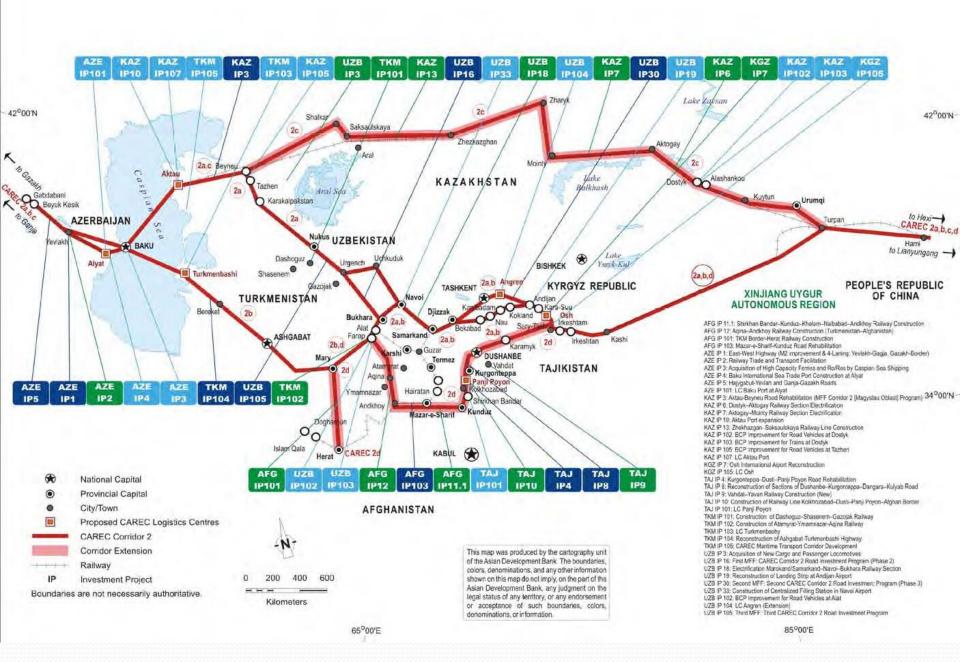




Option B: Corridor 2 Sub-Corridor 2a.



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Rationale

- Traffic density shows large trade flows along Corridor 2 with a high AADT moving towards Georgia and Europe.
- Potential for developing stronger links through to Europe via Georgia
- Azerbaijan has a very well developed IT system for transit, which is operational within the region
- The new port of Alyat is nearing completion.
- There are plans to develop a West–East Corridor via a land route from Kazakhstan to the PRC.
- This is a TRACECA corridor.



Pilot Phase: Implementation Schedule

Phase 1: Project design



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A: PROJECT ENDORSEMENT																									
A.1 Ministerial Meeting Islamabad																									
A.2 Selection of Pilot Countries (Final Workshop)																									
A.3 Agreement on Institutional Structures																									
PHASE B - PROJECT PREPARATION																									
B.1 Preparation of TOR																									
B.2 Tender for Project Mgt.																									
B.3 Evaluation of Proposals																									
B.4 Team Mobilisation																									
B.5 Establish Institutional Structures																									
B.5.1 Coordinating Committee																									
B.5.2 Stakeholder Agreements																									
B 5.3 Technical Support Units																									
B.6 Prepare Work Programme																									
B.7 First Workshop																									
B.7.1 Agree Work Programme																									
B.7.2 Agree Reporting Procedures																									
PHASE C - PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION (PHASE 1)																									
C.1 Design of Pilot																									
C.1.1 Customs																									
C.1.2 Legal and Regulatory																									
C.1.3 ICT																									
C.1.3.1 SRS Development (including Single Transit Document)																									
C.1.3.2 Software Development																									
C.1.3.3 Hardware Procurement																									
C.1.4 Financial/Insurance Mechanisms																									
C.1.5 Institutional Arrangements																						П			
C.2 Capacity Building																									
C.2.1 Training in-house staff																									
C.2.2 Training for stakeholders																									
C.3 Monitoring and Management																									
C.4 Second Workshop																									
C.4.1 Agreement on pilot time-frame							\Box																\Box		

Pilot Phase: Implementation Schedule

Phase II: Testing of Pilot



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	A: SYSTEMS TESTING												++						
A.1	ICT network																		
A.2	Institutional Arrangements												† †						
A.3	Financial Mechanisms												$\dagger \dagger$						
	Insurance Mechanisms																		
	Evaluation of Results																		
	B: STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT																		
B.1	Coordinating Committee																		
B.2	Customs Administrations																		
B.2.1	Central Authorities																		
B.2.2	BCP Officials																		
B.3	CFCFAs																		
	C: WORKSHOP 3																		
C.1	Presentation of testing Results																		
C.2	Endorsement of next steps																		
	D: IMPLEMENTATION OF PILOT IN 2 COUNTRIES																		
D.1	Synchronisation of Mechanisms								$\perp \perp$					$\perp \perp$					
D.2	Engagement with Stakeholders								$\perp \perp$			Ш							
D.3	Training for Truckers								$\perp \perp$										
D.4	Full Implementation								$\perp \perp$										
D.5	Evaluation/Assessment																		
	E: PREPARATION FOR NEXT PHASE																		
E.1	Confirmation of new countries	_		+		\perp	$\perp \perp$		+			++	++	++	$\perp \perp$				
E.2	Establish new institutional structures			+		+	++			\vdash		++	++	++	$\perp \perp$				
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E.4	Preparation of Work Plan																		
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F.2	Request additional Funding																		

Latest Status

- Customs Cooperation Committee Meeting in Singapore in September endorsed the Piloting of a regional Transit
 System including a guarantee mechanism (RTGM) to the Senior Officials' meeting in Islamabad in Pakistan on the 25th October.
- The Senior Officials' meeting endorsed the **Pilot Scheme**.



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