



CAREC Trade Facilitation Consultation Workshop for Georgia

23 February 2017

Ballroom 2, Courtyard by Marriott, Tbilisi, Georgia

AGENDA

Objective: To introduce salient features of the CAREC Trade Facilitation Program to the government officials and other stakeholders, and identify technical cooperation possibilities with Georgia.

Participants: Representatives of ministries (Economy and Sustainable Development, Finance), agencies (customs, immigration, sanitary and phyto-sanitary, border security), and private sector (carrier and forwarding companies, related associations) of Georgia.

09:00 – 09:30	Registration
	Georgia government representative <i>Moderator for the morning sessions</i>
09:30 – 09:50	SESSION 1 Opening Remarks
09:30 – 09:40	Mr. Genadi Arveladze Deputy Minister, Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia, and CAREC National Focal Point
09:40 – 09:50	Ms. Yesim M. Elhan-Kayalar Country Director, Georgia Resident Mission, ADB
09:50 – 10:15	SESSION 2 CAREC Program Overview
09:50 – 10:05	Mr. Ying Qian Director, Public Management, Financial Sector and Regional Cooperation Division (EAPF), East Asia Department (EARD), ADB
10:05 – 10:15	Q&A
10:15 – 10:30	Group Photo, and Coffee and Tea Break

10:30 – 11:15

SESSION 3

Overview of Trade Facilitation Sector in CAREC

- **Customs Cooperation**
- **Integrated Trade Facilitation**

10:30 – 11:00

Mr. Yuebin Zhang

Senior Regional Cooperation Specialist, EAPF, EARD, ADB

Points to be discussed include:

- Overview of Trade Facilitation Program
- Customs Cooperation Committee (CCC)
 - Standardization/harmonization of customs procedures
 - Joint Customs Control (JCC)
 - Customs Risk Management
 - Regional Transit
 - ICT for Customs
- Integrated Trade Facilitation
 - Regional Improvement of Border Services (RIBS)
 - National/Regional Single Windows
 - Participation of the private sector (CFCFA, CPMM)
 - Coordinated Border Management

11:00– 11:15

Q&A

11:15 – 12:00

SESSION 4

Private Sector Participation

11:15 – 11:45

Mr. Khong Khie “Max” Ee

Principal Consultant, SCMi Group LLP

Points to be discussed include:

- Monitoring, data analysis, and policy planning through the CAREC Corridor Performance Measurement and Monitoring (CPMM)
- Private sector participation through the CAREC Federation of Carrier and Forwarder Associations (CFCFA)

11:45– 12:00

Q&A

12:00 – 14:00

Lunch – Restaurant La Brasserie, Courtyard by Marriott

Mr. Ying Qian, Director, EAPF, EARD, ADB
Moderator for the afternoon sessions

14:00 – 14:40

SESSION 5
Facilitation of Regional Transit Trade in CAREC

14:00 – 14:30

Mr. Graham Walker
 Trade Facilitation Specialist and TA Consultant Team Leader, PADECO

Mr. Nigel Moore
 Customs Modernization and Trade Facilitation Specialist

Points to be discussed include:

- Facilitation of regional transit trade in CAREC
- Proposed CAREC regional transit guarantee mechanism (CGM),
- Pilot test along CAREC sub-corridor 2A from Georgia through Azerbaijan to Kazakhstan

14:30 – 14:40

Q&A

14:40 – 15:10

SESSION 6
Sanitary and Phyto-Sanitary (SPS) Measures for CAREC

14:40 – 15:00

Ms. Loreli de Dios
 International Consultant, EAPF, EARD, ADB

Points to be discussed include:

- CAREC Common Agenda for SPS Modernization for Trade Facilitation
- Proposed regional technical assistance on SPS Measures

15:00 – 15:10

Q&A

15:10 – 15:25

Coffee and Tea Break

15:25 – 15:55

SESSION 7
Discussions: Implementing the Trade Facilitation Program in Georgia

Moderator: **Mr. Samson Uridia**
 Head of International Relations Department, Ministry of Finance, and
 Sector Focal Point – Trade Facilitation

- Representatives of the various government agencies are requested to comment on the TF program and how their agencies can participate in the various projects.
- Suggestions on how ADB may assist in the development of Georgia's trade facilitation

15:55 – 16:15

Closing Remarks

15:55 – 16:05

Georgia government representative

16:05 – 16:15

Mr. Ying Qian

Director, EAPF, EARD, ADB