



24TH TRADE POLICY COORDINATING COMMITTEE MEETING

19 June 2017, Tbilisi, Georgia

AGENDA

09:00 – 09:15 **Opening Session**
Welcome remarks by Ms. Mariam Gabunia, Acting Head, International Trade Policy Department, Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia
Opening remarks by Ms. Gulru Kayumova, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Economic Development and Trade, Tajikistan
Introduction of the agenda by Mr. Albert Jaeger, Advisor, Middle East and Central Asia Department, IMF

SESSION I. STAGE-SETTING

09:15 – 10:00 **New CAREC Long-term Strategy**
Mr. Guoliang Wu, Unit Head, CAREC / Senior Regional Cooperation Specialist, Central and West Asia Department, ADB
Open discussions

SESSION II. STOCKTAKING OF TPSAP 2013–2017 AND POST-2017 TRADE POLICY AGENDA

10:00 – 10:45 **Achievements under TPSAP 2013–2017**
Mr. Albert Jaeger, IMF (10 minutes)
Open discussions

10:45 – 11:00 *Coffee / Tea Break*

11:00 - 12:00 **Brainstorming Session on Post-2017 Trade Policy Agenda**
Mr. Albert Jaeger, IMF (10 minutes)
Open discussions

SESSION III. WTO – TFA: IMPLICATIONS FOR THE POST-2017 TRADE POLICY AGENDA

12:00 – 12:20 **Preliminary Assessment of WTO-TFA in CAREC Countries**
Mr. Ying Qian, Director, Public Management, Finance, and Regional Cooperation, East Asia Department, ADB

12:20 – 13:00 **Open Forum**
WTO member countries: WTO-TFA implementation plans
Non-WTO member countries: Implications of WTO-TFA

13:00 – 14:45 *Lunch*



SESSION IV. KNOWLEDGE AND INFORMATION SHARING

- 14:45 – 15:15 **Changes in Export Quality in CAREC Countries since 2000**
Mr. Kevin Ross, Senior Economist, Middle East and Central Asia Department, IMF.
- 15:15 – 15:45 **Promoting Trade and Investment in Central and West Asia: The Case for a Regional Trade Credit and Investment Guarantee Agency**
Mr. Roland Pladet, Principal Finance Specialist, Energy Division, Central and West Asia Department, ADB
- 15:45 – 16:00 *Coffee Break*
- 16:00 – 16:30 **Deep Integration: Current Trends and Future Opportunities for CAREC Countries**
Ms. Nadia Rocha, Senior Economist, Trade and Competition Unit, Global Practice, World Bank

SESSION V. WRAP-UP AND CLOSING

- 16:30 – 16:50 **Report on Progress to the SOM and Future Work Program**
Mr. Albert Jaeger, IMF
- 16:50 – 17:00 **Concluding Remarks**