



**CENTRAL ASIA REGIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION PROGRAM
MEETING on NATIONAL COMMITTEE on TRADE FACILITATION**

Intercontinental Hotel Seoul Coex
Seoul, Korea

Objective: To share information about NCTFs *or similar mechanisms* in each country, in view of the entry into force of the WTO-TFA which requires members to have fully operational NCTFs in place.

AGENDA

1 June 2017
1900 - 2100 **Farewell Dinner**

2 June 2017
0830 – 0900 **Registration**

0900 – 0930 ***Session 1: Opening Session***

Introduction on CAREC National Committees on Trade Facilitation (NCTFs)

Speaker: **Mr. Ying Qian**, Director, Public Management, Financial Sector and Regional Cooperation Division, East Asia Department, ADB

- *TFA Article 23.2 – Need for NCTFs*
- *Overview of CAREC NCTFs*
- *Role of NCTFs*

0930 – 0940 *Photo Session*

0940 – 1040 ***Session 2: Country Reports on NCTFs***

*(15 minutes
each
presentation)*

- **Georgia**
- **Kyrgyz Republic**
- **Mongolia**
- **Pakistan**
- **Tajikistan**

Each country report shall describe: legal mandate, how and why NTFC was established, structure/members, current status, activities, and NTFC workplan

1040 – 1100 *Coffee/Tea Break*



1100 – 1145 **Session 3: Country Reports on other Trade Facilitation Bodies**

- PRC – WTO Negotiations on TF Support Group
- Kazakhstan – Working Group on the Implementation of the TFA

Each country will present the structure, legal mandate (if any), objectives or terms of reference of these committees and how these bodies can address the TFA requirement on establishment of NTFCs.

1145 – 1200 **Open discussions** – *Participants may ask questions or seek clarification on presentations or share experiences/issues encountered in setting up and/or effectively maintaining NTFCs or other trade facilitation bodies.*

1200 – 1400 *Lunch*

1400 – 1430 **Session 4: CAREC Trade Facilitation Program**

- *Current programs/projects to assist set-up or strengthen NCTFs*

Speaker: **Mr. Ying Qian**, Director, Public Management, Financial Sector and Regional Cooperation Division, East Asia Department, ADB

1430 – 1500 **Open discussions** – *During the open discussion, the speaker will be solicit comments from participants on how CAREC countries can participate in the projects and coordinate their respective NCTF plans and activities with the ADB projects' proposed activities.*

1500 – 1515 *Coffee/Tea Break*

1515 – 1545 **Session 5: Other Matters**

- Brief report on status of customs information exchange and regional transit pilot implementation
- Proposed agenda for 16th Customs Cooperation Committee Meeting in Dushanbe
- Upcoming workshops/meetings

Speaker: **Mr. Ying Qian**, Director, Public Management, Financial Sector and Regional Cooperation Division, East Asia Department, ADB

1545 – 1600 **Closing Session**

Mr. Azim Tursunzoda, Deputy Head, Tajikistan Customs Service
Mr. Mingun Lee, Director, Multilateral Cooperation Division, KCS
Mr. Ying Qian, Director, Public Management, Financial Sector and Regional Cooperation Division, East Asia Department, ADB