



**CENTRAL ASIA REGIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION PROGRAM**  
**CAREC Advanced Transit System/Information Common Exchange**  
**Technical Working Group Meetings**  
 23-25 July 2019  
 Batumi, Georgia

**AGENDA**

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| <b>Objectives</b>          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To finalize the CATS Agreement and discuss domestic legal requirements for the agreement to be signed</li> <li>• To review the technical aspects of CATS prototype and discuss implementation and next steps</li> </ul>  |
| <b>Participants</b>        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Members of the Information and Communications Technology and Customs Control Facilitation Working Groups from the State Customs Committee of Azerbaijan; Customs Department, Georgia Revenue Service; and Kazakhstan State Revenue Committee</li> <li>• Asian Development Bank staff and consultants</li> <li>• International Consultants for CATS and ICE</li> </ul>    |
| <b>Date and Location</b>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 23-25 July 2019: Batumi, Georgia</li> </ul>  |
| <b>Day 1: 23 July 2019</b> |   |
| 0830 – 0900                | Registration  |
| 0900 – 0915                | <p><b>Session 1: Opening Session</b></p> <p>Speaker: Mr. Anzor Ergeshidze, Deputy Head, Customs Department, Georgia Revenue Service</p>   |
| 0915 – 0930                | <p><b>Session 2: Overview of the Meeting</b></p> <p>Presenter: Mr. Ying Qian, Director, Public Management, Financial Sector and Regional Cooperation Division, East Asia Regional Department, Asian Development Bank</p> <p><i>An update on the status of implementation of the proposed CATS/ICE pilot will be presented including the objectives and expected outputs of the workshop.</i></p> <p>Q &amp; A</p> |
| 0930 – 1000                | <p><b>Session 3: Presentation on Georgia Experience on NCTS</b></p> <p>Presenter: Mr. Mikhail Peikrishvili, Adviser, Department for International Relations, Georgia Revenue Service</p>  |

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|                            | <i>Georgia Revenue Service (GRS) will share its experiences in its accession to the Convention on Common Transit Procedures, the problems encountered, lessons learned and the status of implementation. GRS will also provide general information on and advantages of NCTS.</i>   |
| 1000 - 1030                | Group Photo/Coffee Break  |
| 1030 – 1230                | <p><b>Session 4: Draft CATS Agreement Finalization</b></p> <p><i>Discussions on any remaining outstanding issues and finalization of the draft Agreement text will take place. Each country will present their proposed strategy and internal procedures required for the Agreement to be signed.</i></p> <p>Presenters: Representatives from AZE, GEO and KAZ<br/>Moderator: Mr. Nigel Moore, ADB Consultant</p> |
| 1230 – 1400                | Lunch   |
| 1400 – 1530                | <p><b>Session 5: Presentation of CATS Prototype Technical Specification and comparison with WCO Data Model, NCTS Data Elements and Astana 1 Data Elements</b></p> <p>Presenter: Mr. Viboon Chaojirapant, ADB CATS ICT Specialist<br/>Moderator: Mr. Nigel Moore, ADB Consultant</p> <p>Q &amp; A</p>  |
| 1530 – 1600                | <b>Coffee/Tea Break</b>   |
| 1600 – 1715                | <p><b>Session 6: Presentation of CATS Prototype software</b></p> <p>Presenter: Mr. Viboon Chaojirapant, ADB CATS ICT Specialist<br/>Moderator: Mr. Ying Qian, ADB</p> <p>Q &amp; A</p>  |
| 1715 – 1730                | The moderators will give a brief recap of the first day and workshop schedule for the 2 <sup>nd</sup> day.  |
| 1830 – 2030                | Dinner hosted by Georgia Revenue Service  |
| <b>Day 2: 24 July 2019</b> |   |
| 0830 – 0900                | <b>Registration</b>   |
| 0900 – 1030                | <p><b>Session 7: Breakout Session</b></p> <p><i>Participants will be grouped into two: i) Customs Control Facilitation Working Group and ii) Information and Communications Technology Working Group to discuss specific implementation topics and next steps.</i></p>  |

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|  | Moderators: Mr. Nigel Moore, ADB Consultant<br>Mr. Viboon Chaojirapant, ADB CATS ICT Specialist   |
| 1030 – 1100  | Coffee/Tea Break  |
| 1100 - 1200  | <b>Session 8:</b> continuation of Session 7   |
| 1200 –1400   | <b>Lunch</b>  |
| 1400 - 1500  | <b>Plenary Session 9:</b> Designated representative of Information and Communications Technology working group will present summary of the results of their meeting including agreements reached.<br><br>Presenter: Representative of ICT WG<br><br>Moderator: Mr. Nigel Moore, ADB Consultant<br><br>Q & A   |
| 1500 – 1530  | <b>Coffee/Tea Break</b>   |
| 1530 – 1630  | <b>Plenary Session 10:</b> Designated representative of Customs Control Facilitation working group will present summary of the results of their meeting including agreements reached.<br><br>Presenter: Representative of CCF WG<br><br>Moderator: Mr. Viboon Chaojirapant, ADB CATS ICT Specialist<br><br>Q & A  |
| 1630 – 1715  | <b>Plenary Session 11: Wrap-Up and Next Steps</b><br>Moderator: Mr. Ying Qian, Director, Asian Development Bank<br><br><i>The moderator will outline the next steps for the project based on the discussions for the last two days – finalization of the Agreement including legal scrubbing, finalization of the operating manuals, internal procedures for the signing of the Agreement; installation of the CATS IT software and the training of personnel and insurance groups on how to use the system. The group will also discuss the possibility of presenting the signed Agreement as a deliverable for the 18<sup>th</sup> Ministerial Conference in Uzbekistan in November 2019.</i> |
| 1715 – 1745  | <b>Closing Session</b><br>Speaker: Mr. Anzor Ergeshidze, Georgia Revenue Service<br>Mr. Ying Qian, ADB  |
| <b>Day 3: 25 July 2019</b><br><b>Field Visit – courtesy of Georgia Revenue Service</b> |   |
| 0900 – 0930  | Transportation from Hotel to “Sarpi” Border Crossing Point  |

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| 0930 – 1100 | Visit and presentation of Sarpi BCP                               |
| 1100 – 1115 | Transportation form Sarpi to “Adlia” Customs Clearance Zone (CCZ) |
| 1115 – 1215 | Visit of “Adlia” CCZ  |
| 1215 – 1245 | Transportation for Adlia CCZ to Batumi Sea Port                   |
| 1245 – 1345 | Visit of Batumi Sea Port  |
| 1345 - 1400 | Transportation to Lunch place                                     |
| 1400 - 1600 | Lunch   |
| 1600 - 1630 | Back to Hotel   |