



Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation Program
Intersessional Meeting of the CAREC Customs Cooperation Committee
 1 November 2019: Tbilisi, Georgia

AGENDA

Expected participants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Customs officials from participating Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation (CAREC) member countries including at least one representative of the CAREC Customs Cooperation Committee (CCC); and • CAREC Institute • ADB staff and consultants.
Objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To discuss (i) follow-up actions to the 18th Meeting of the CCC (June 2019; Tashkent, Uzbekistan); and (ii) priority projects and activities for 2019-2020 to finalize the CCC work plan 2019-2021 in advance of the CAREC Ministerial Conference; • To discuss mechanisms to update progress in CCC priority areas, and to track progress in implementing the provisions of the World Trade Organization (WTO) Trade Facilitation Agreement (TFA); and • To brainstorm and decide on how to showcase CCC achievements during the 20th anniversary of the CAREC Program in 2020.
01 November 2019 (Friday)	
<i>08:45–09:00</i>	<i>Registration</i>
09:00–09:15	Opening Session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opening Remarks: Ms. Rose McKenzie, Senior Regional Cooperation Specialist, Public Management, Finance Sector, and Regional Cooperation Division, East Asia Department, Asian Development Bank • Welcome Remarks: Mr. Samson Uridia, Head of International Relations Department, Georgia Revenue Service, Ministry of Finance
09:15–10:15	Session 1: CCC Priority Projects/Activities 2019-2020 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Session 1 will briefly review agreements reached at the 18th CCC Meeting, including proposed projects to be initiated and activities to be conducted for 2019-2020, based on the updated Rolling Strategic Action Plan 2019-2021 and the approved technical assistance project “Better Customs for Better Client Services in CAREC”. CCC members will agree on priority activities and target dates, and develop an action plan.</i> <p>Presenter: Ms. Rose McKenzie, ADB Moderator: Mr. Samson Uridia, Georgia Revenue Service</p> <p><i>Open discussion</i></p>
10:15–10:45	Session 2: Monitoring Mechanism for CCC Priority Areas



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Session 2 will introduce a proposed reporting format for the CCC priority areas and solicit suggestions for improvement. A WTO TFA implementation tracking mechanism will also be discussed.</i> <p>Presenter: Ms. Loreli de Dios, ADB Consultant</p> <p>Moderator: Ms. Rose McKenzie, ADB</p> <p><i>Open discussion</i></p>
10:45–11:00	<i>Coffee/Tea Break and group photo</i>
11:00–11:30	<p>Session 3: ADB-CAREC Institute Partnership for the CAREC Corridor Performance Measurement and Monitoring Mechanism</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>CAREC Institute will introduce a partnership with ADB that will transition management of the CAREC Corridor Performance Measurement and Monitoring mechanism from ADB to the CAREC Institute by 2021. The proposed timeline and preparations to ensure a smooth transfer will be shared.</i> <p>Presenter: Dr. Iskandar Abdullaev, Deputy Director, CAREC Institute</p> <p>Moderator: Ms. Rose McKenzie, ADB</p> <p><i>Open discussion</i></p>
11:30–12:00	<p>Session 4: Preparations for the 20th CAREC Anniversary</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>CAREC will celebrate its 20th anniversary in 2020: the CCC will be invited to showcase achievements in the trade and trade facilitation sector. Session 4 will share ideas and agree on the best ways to highlight these achievements.</i> <p>Presenter: Ms. Rose McKenzie, ADB</p> <p><i>Open discussion</i></p>
12:00 –12:30	<p>Session 5: Closing and Wrap-up</p> <p>Ms. Rose McKenzie, ADB</p> <p>Mr. Samson Uridia, Georgia Revenue Service</p>
12:30–14:00	<i>Lunch</i>
14:00–17:00	<p>Bilateral Meetings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Two (2) meeting rooms will be made available for bilateral meetings amongst CCC country delegations with the following schedule:</i> <p>Session 1: 14:00-15:00 Room 1 14:00-15:00 Room 2</p> <p>Session 2: 15:10-16:10 Room 1 15:10-16:10 Room 2</p> <p>Session 3: 16.20-17.20 Room 1 16.20-17.20 Room 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>CCC delegations are requested to inform ADB in advance of organized bilateral meetings. CCC country delegations will be required to coordinate and agree independently and in advance with the CCC country delegation/s with which they wish to meet bilaterally, including agenda items for discussion.</i>

	<i>ADB will provide the rooms for the meetings.</i>
2 November 2019 (Saturday) – Site Visit	
09:30-10:00	Assembly at the Lobby
10:00–11:00	Leave promptly from hotel to Tsiteli Khidi Border Crossing Point (BCP)
11:00 – 13:00	Tour of the Tsiteli Khidi BCP
13:00 – 14:00	Travel from BCP to the Lunch Venue
14:00 – 15:30	Lunch at the Bread House in Tbilisi
15:30 – 16:00	Travel back to the hotel