

Proposed New Activities for Shymkent-Tashkent-Khujand Economic Corridor Development

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Outline

- I. Recap of TA 9630 Progress
- II. Rationale for Continued TA Support
- III. Proposed New Activities for STKEC Development

Recap of TA 9630 Progress

- TA approval in October 2018
- Inception missions in May 2019
- First regional workshop in December 2019
- Roadmap of the economic corridor



Rationale for Continued TA Support

- Commitment to deepening regional cooperation and integration among countries
- Increasing stakeholder interest and commitment
- Regional cooperation and integration key to mitigate COVID-19 impact and restore growth
- Strong momentum of economic corridor development in the region

Proposed New Outputs and Activities

- **Output 1:** Prefeasibility studies to develop the STKEC
 - Establishment of a cross-border international center for trade and economic cooperation between Shymkent and Tashkent
 - A project that includes Tajikistan which involves or benefits other two countries



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Output 2: Institutionalization of the STKEC

- Signing and implementation of a trilateral memorandum of understanding
- Creation and operationalization of the STKEC Steering Committee, and Working Groups in the focus areas

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- **Output 3:** Knowledge sharing and capacity building on economic corridor development
 - ECD related training workshops
 - Study tours in other regions and countries for learning of good ECD practices

Any Comments and Suggestions?

Thank you!