



CAREC Trade

Webinar on E-commerce and Paperless Trade

3 September 2020, Thursday
1400-1600H (Manila time) via zoom

Agenda

The webinar will discuss domestic and cross-border e-commerce development in the CAREC region. The outcomes of the study, *E-Commerce in the CAREC Region: Laws and Policies*, conducted jointly by CAREC Institute and Asian Development Bank will be presented. Customs challenges in handling e-commerce, IT infrastructure and digital platforms, and global initiatives of development partners will be shared.

14:00-14:10 **Opening Session**

Abdul Karim Malikyar, Acting Minister, Ministry of Industry and Commerce, Afghanistan

Syed Shakeel Shah, Director, CAREC Institute

Teresa Kho, Deputy Director General, East Asia Department, Asian Development Bank (ADB)

Moderator: **Jong Woo Kang**, Principal Economist, Economic Research and Regional Cooperation Department, ADB

14:10-14:30 **Presentation:** E-Commerce in the CAREC Region: Laws and Policies

John Gregory, Consultant (Legal Expert), Asian Development Bank

14:30-14:55 **Discussions**

Luca Castellani, Legal Officer, United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL)

Soo Hyun Kim, Economic Affairs Officer, United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP)

14:55-15:15 **Presentation:** CAREC Customs agencies' challenges and capacity for cross-border e-commerce and digital trade

Jonathan Koh, Managing Director, Trade Facilitation Pte Ltd (TFPL)

15:15-15:45 **Around the Table**

Interventions from CAREC members in the form of clarifications, comments, and proposals based on the outcomes of the study and discussions as well as progress and priorities of their respective countries.

15:45-16:00 **Open Forum and Concluding Session**

Emma Fan, Director, Public Management, Financial Sector, and Regional Cooperation Division (EAPF), East Asia Department, Asian Development Bank (ADB)