

CAREC Integrated Trade Agenda 2030 and Rolling Strategic Action Plan 2021–2023

Progress of Implementation and Next Steps

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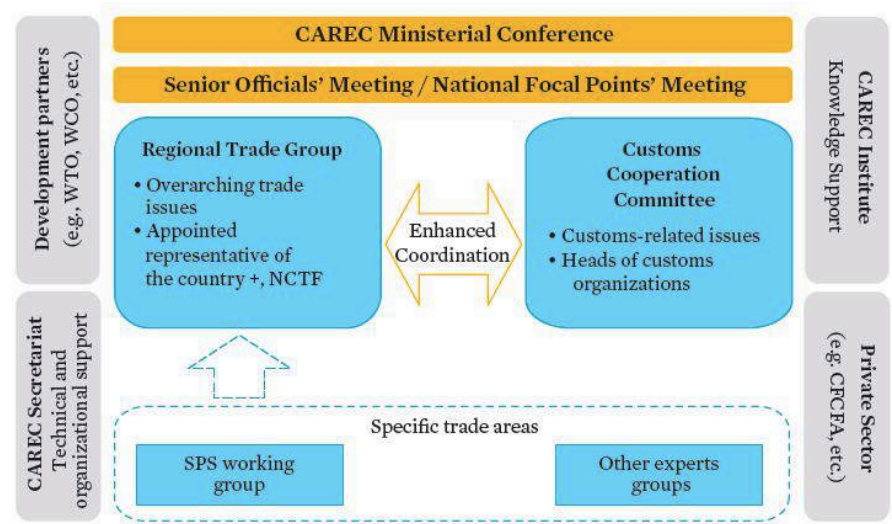
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CAREC Integrated Trade Agenda 2030

Pillars and Institutional Structure



CAREC = Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation, CFCFA = CAREC Federation of Carrier and Forwarder Associations, NCTF = national committee on trade facilitation, SPS = sanitary and phytosanitary, WCO = World Customs Organization, WTO = World Trade Organization.

Regional Trade Group (RTG) is the lead consultative and coordinating body for CAREC trade work as embodied in CITA 2030 and the Rolling Strategic Action Plan

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Pillar 1: Trade expansion from increased market access

- WTO TFA implementation at 45.5% (average) for mandatory provisions; all CAREC made progress in UNTF Survey 2021
- WTO accession of AZE and UZB; TKM (WTO observer) launched seminar series in December 2020
- In February 2021, UN Framework Agreement on Facilitation of Cross-Border Paperless Trade entered into force: AZE and the PRC are members, others preparing to join
- Implementation of Regional Improvement of Border Services (RIBS); Regional Upgrade of SPS measures for Trade projects
- Mapping of technical regulations, standards and conformity assessment procedures underway

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Pillar 2: Greater diversification

- Parallel investments to develop cross-border economic zone between the PRC and MON in corridor 4
- In July 2021, MON joined AZE as contracting parties to the *UN Convention on the Use of Electronic Communications in International Contracts*
- Digital trade initiatives (e-customs systems, e-SPS certificates, CATS/ICE)
- Assessment of regulatory framework and infrastructure development of e-commerce in CAREC
- Study on advancing economic diversification in CAREC through services sector development

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Pillar 3: Stronger institutions for trade

- Capacity building and research on potential CAREC free trade agreement
- Study on customs readiness and challenges on cross-border e-commerce consignments
- Reviving the SPS national working groups
- Creating synergy between CAREC trade and other sectors' initiatives to facilitate safe movement of people and goods while increasing resilience to cross-border threats (One-Health approach)

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Knowledge Products and Services

Knowledge-Sharing Modules on CAREC Trade

Regional Improvement of Border Services

<https://www.carecprogram.org/?event=knowledge-sharing-modules-on-carec-trade-regional-improvement-of-border-services>

Facilitating Trade Through Digital SPS Certification

<https://www.carecprogram.org/?event=knowledge-sharing-modules-on-carec-trade-modernizing-sps-measures-and-use-of-digital-certification>



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Knowledge Products and Services

CAREC SPS video (May 2021)



E-Commerce in CAREC Countries: Laws and Policies
(August 2021)



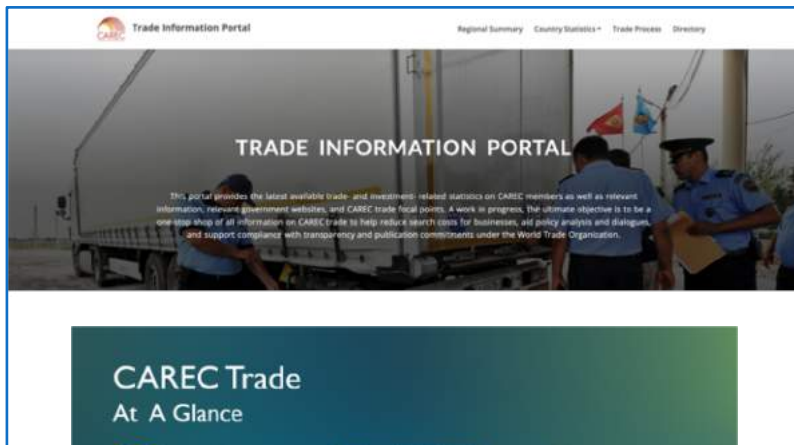
Expanding Agri-Trade in Central Asia through Electronic Certificates
(July 2021)

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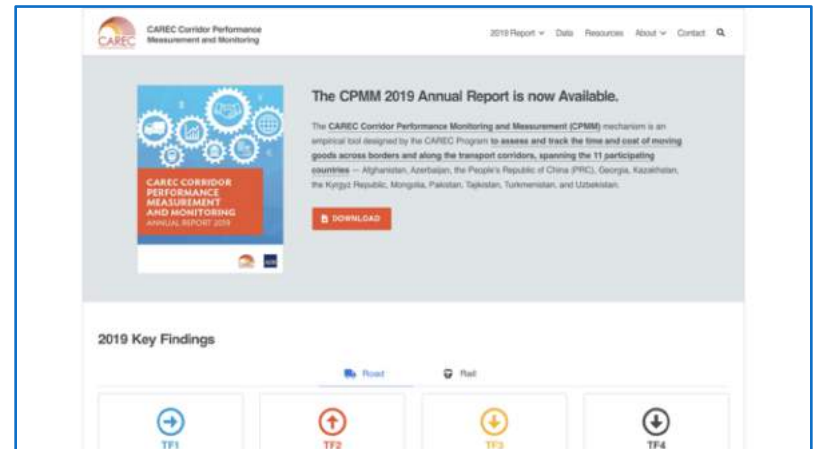


Knowledge Products and Services

CAREC Trade Information Portal



Corridor Performance Measurement and Monitoring Web Portal



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CAREC SPS Measures Week:

Facilitating Safe and Sustainable Trade in the CAREC Region

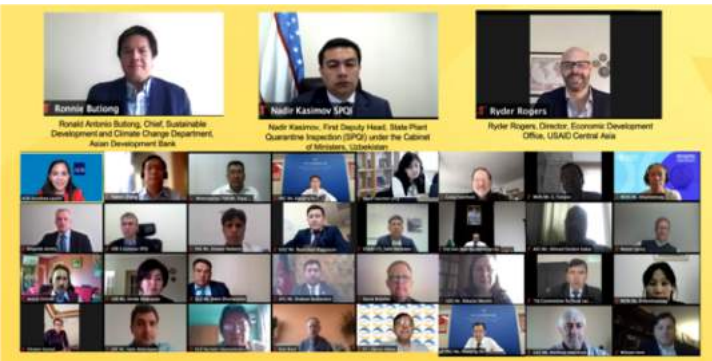
19-22 April 2021



Strengthening Cooperation in SPS Measures in the Post-COVID era



Addressing Transboundary Animal Diseases and Food Safety Issues



Enhancing Trade Opportunities through Phytosanitary Measures



Joint CCC and SPS RWG Meeting — Risk Management and Digitalization

CAREC Trade Week:

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21-23 September 2021

E-Commerce Development in CAREC Countries



Digital Trade and Innovations



PRC's Experience: E-Commerce and Role of Private Sector

Accelerating Digital Trade

Objectives



Enabling investments in data and ICT infrastructure



Mutual trust thru harmonization and regional cooperation



Digital Trade Forum – public-private sector dialogue

Priority Areas of Intervention

- i. Business process analysis, feasibility or **scoping studies** to digitize trade (e.g., blockchain, artificial intelligence, e-certification, e-payment, or cloud platform)
- ii. Technical support to bilateral or subregional **digital trade cooperation** initiative and/or accession to relevant international conventions

Countries to confirm: Digital Strategies and Digital Trade Initiatives

Countries to submit: request or proposals

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