

Break out session: Developing CAREC Consolidated Trade Agenda

Group 1	Group 2	Group 3
PRC Mongolia Pakistan	Kazakhstan Kyrgyz Republic Tajikistan	Azerbaijan Georgia Turkmenistan Uzbekistan



CCTA Objectives

Enhanced openness, trade expansion, further integration with the global economy, economic diversification through private sector development

- *Are these aligned with national development plans (e.g., trade-led growth, trade as means to achieve SDGs, inclusive trade)?*
 - *Should the agenda be developed further into a strategy or action plan (with deliverables, time-frame and actors)?*
 - *What priority trade issues do we need to address?*
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Scope and elements

Possible areas: (i) trade in goods, (ii) trade in services and investment, (iii) potential new areas, and (iv) trade governance and institutional strengthening

- *Would the above help achieve the proposed CCTA objectives?*
 - *Are they consistent with and includes priority areas in your respective national development strategies and plans?*
 - *What strategic actions or indicative activities can we include under each area?*
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Institutional structure

CAREC 2030 provides for the creation of a Trade Committee or Regional Trade Group (RTG)

- *What should be the composition of the proposed Regional Trade Group?*
 - *Would it be useful to utilize existing members of NCTFs for purposes of convening the RTG?*
 - *What are possible terms of reference including reporting structure of the proposed RTG and how to ensure effective coordination with CAREC Customs Cooperation?*
 - *How do we engage other relevant stakeholders?*
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