



**CAREC Regional Improvement of Border Services
Project Inception Meeting
9 June 2011, Baku Azerbaijan
Tentative Program**

- 0830 – 0900 **Registration**
- 0900 – 0915 **Opening Session**
Welcome Remarks:
Speaker: **Ms. Naomi Chakwin**, Director, East Asia Regional Department
- 0915 – 1000 **Updates: Regional Improvement of Border Services (RIBS) Project**
Speaker: **Mr. Ying Qian**, Lead Regional Cooperation Specialist, EARD,
ADB team leader for RIBS
- Consulting Firm - PADECO
 - Project Focal Points
 - Initial List of BCPs nominated by countries to be included in the RIBS
 - SW components to be included in the RIBS
- 1000 – 1030 **Photo Session and Coffee Break**
- 1030 – 1100 **PADECO Preliminary Inception Report**
Speaker: **Mr. Peter Darjes**, Team Leader, PADECO
- PADECO, the consulting firm for RIBS project preparation, will give a brief presentation on their Terms of Reference, team composition, results of initial field visits, over-all work plan and proposed project schedule.
- 1100 – 1230 **Session 1 : Improvement of Border Crossing Points**
Moderator: **Mr. Sunil Mitra**, Senior Transport Specialist, CWRD, manager of task team 1 on border crossing point infrastructure
- Discussion on finalization of BCPs to be included in the RIBS; pairing of BCPs, arrangements for the field visits of consultants.
- 1230 – 1400 **Lunch Break**
- 1400 – 1500 **Session 2 : Single Window and other Trade Facilitation Investment Needs**
Moderator: **Mr. Jeff Procak**, Regional Cooperation Specialist EARD,
- Discussion on single window investment needs that may be funded under the RIBS; other trade facilitation issues, arrangements for the field visits of consultants.
- 1500 – 1530 **Coffee Break**
- 1530 – 1615 **Summary Session and Open Forum**
Moderator: **Mr. Ying Qian**, Lead Regional Cooperation Specialist, EARD,

ADB team leader for RIBS

1615 – 1630

Concluding Remarks

Speaker: **Mr. Hong Wang** Director, Transport Division, CWRD