



Knowledge-Sharing Module on CAREC Trade

Facilitating Trade Through Digital SPS Certification

24 February 2021 15:00-16:45 (Manila time)

The Common Agenda for the Modernization of Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures for Trade aims to promote concerted reforms and modernization in the implementation of SPS measures consistent with international standards to facilitate safe trade among CAREC countries and beyond. In this module, the World Trade Organization will share insights on facilitating safe trade through digital certification and introduce the ePhyto solutions. The initial findings of the ADB-CAREC Institute survey on the potential for digital phytosanitary certification in CAREC will be presented.

15:00–15:10

Opening Remarks

Emma Fan, Director, Public Management, Financial Sector, and Regional Cooperation Division (EAPF), East Asia Department (EARD), Asian Development Bank (ADB)
Syed Shakeel Shah, Director, CAREC Institute (CI)

Facilitator: **Iskandar Abdullaev**, Deputy Director, CI

15:10–15:30

Session 1: Modernizing Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures to Facilitate Trade in CAREC

Dorothea Lazaro, Regional Cooperation Specialist, EAPF/EARD, ADB
Moderator: **Qaisar Abbas**, Chief of Research Division, CI

15:30–15:55

Session 2: Facilitating Safe Trade through SPS Electronic Certification

Simon Padilla, Economic Affairs Officer, Standards and Trade Development Facility, World Trade Organization
Moderator: **Loreli de Dios**, ADB Consultant/Trade Economist

15:55–16:40

Session 3. ADB-CAREC Institute Joint Research on Digital Phytosanitary Certification in CAREC

Ghulam Samad, Senior Research Specialist, CI
Rob Black, ADB Consultant/SPS Expert
Moderator: **Rose Shao**, Capacity Building Specialist, CI

16:40–16:45

Wrap Up and Closing

Qaisar Abbas, Chief of Research Division, CI
Dorothea Lazaro, Regional Cooperation Specialist, EAPF/EARD, ADB