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18 October 2022, Tuesday, 1400-1700H (Manila time)

### AGENDA

#### Objectives

The 5<sup>th</sup> Regional Trade Group (RTG) Meeting will: (i) review the progress of implementation of the CAREC Integrated Trade Agenda (CITA 2030) and Rolling Strategic Action Plan (RSAP) 2021-2023; and (ii) agree on the trade sector deliverables, including the CAREC Digital Trade Forum and RSAP 2022-2024, which will be reported to the 21<sup>st</sup> Ministerial Conference through the National Focal Points' Meeting.

#### Participation (by invitation only)

Focal points to the Regional Trade Group (RTG) and Customs Cooperation Committee (CCC), other relevant officials, experts, and development partners.

#### Register here:

<https://adb-org.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJwlcOuvqjMsH9wpFUIXhbrCu6sATIPfrsOt>



**Chair:** Ministry of Commerce, People's Republic of China

**Co-Chair:** Asian Development Bank (ADB)

1330 – 1400	Logging in the zoom meeting Group Photo
1400 – 1415	<p><b>Opening Session</b></p> <p><b>Ning Chen</b>, Deputy Director General, Department of International Trade and Economic Affairs, Ministry of Commerce, People's Republic of China</p> <p><b>Safdar Parvez</b>, Advisor, East Asia Department, Asian Development Bank</p> <p><i>The Country Chair will introduce the agenda and add new agenda item, if any, to the meeting.</i></p>
1415 – 1435	<b>Session 1: CAREC Integrated Trade Agenda (CITA) 2030 and Rolling Strategic Action Plan (RSAP) 2021–2023</b>

	<p><i>The session will provide updates on the progress of CITA 2030's RSAP activities including the recent 21<sup>st</sup> CCC Meeting and other trade sector activities.</i></p> <p>Presenter: <b>Dorothea Lazaro</b>, Regional Cooperation Specialist, Public Management, Financial Sector, and Regional Cooperation Division, East Asia Department, ADB</p> <p>Moderator: <b>Yuping Zhu</b>, First Secretary, Ministry of Commerce, PRC</p>
1435 – 1450	<p><b>Discussion</b></p> <p><i>ADB will invite questions or feedback from CAREC delegates or development partners on the progress report for CAREC Trade Sector</i></p>
1450 – 1610	<p><b>Session 2: Around the Table</b></p> <p><i>Each CAREC country will be requested to delegate a speaker to make a <u>five-minute intervention</u> on proposals and comments for RSAP 2022-2024.</i></p> <p>Moderator: <b>Yuping Zhu</b>, First Secretary, Ministry of Commerce, PRC</p>
1610 – 1650	<p><b>Session 3: Development Partners' Intervention</b></p> <p><b>Anna Varyanik</b>, Legal Affairs Officer, Accessions Division, World Trade Organization</p> <p><b>Khusrav Rasulov</b>, Legal/Economic Affairs Officer, Accessions Division, World Trade Organization</p> <p><b>Silva Yerznkyan</b>, Project Officer, Office for Eastern Europe and Central Asia, International Trade Center</p> <p><b>Yann Duval</b>, Chief, Trade Policy and Facilitation Section, United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific</p> <p>Moderator: <b>Dorothea Lazaro</b>, Regional Cooperation Specialist, EAPF, East Asia Department, ADB</p>
1650 – 1700	<p><b>Wrap up and Closing Session</b></p> <p><b>Lyaziza Sabyrova</b>, Director, Regional Cooperation and Operations Coordination Division, Central and West Asia Department, ADB</p> <p><b>Ning Chen</b>, Deputy Director General, Department of International Trade and Economic Affairs, Ministry of Commerce, PRC</p>