



VIRTUAL REGIONAL WORKSHOP ON DIGITALIZATION OF TRADE DOCUMENTS IN STKEC REGION

25 May 2022

- 14:00pm - 16:00pm (Manila time)
- 12:00pm – 14:00pm (Nursultan time)
- 11:00am – 13:00pm (Dushanbe time)
- 11:00am – 13:00pm (Tashkent time)

Join via Zoom: <https://adb-org.zoom.us/j/96072376527>
Passcode: workshop25

Objectives:

To identify ways to optimize the digitalization of key documents accompanying goods transported by road or rail in Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, and Tajikistan—the Shymkent-Tashkent-Khujand Economic Corridor (STKEC) countries, including building capacity for the use of international standards and tools for practical implementation of projects. Focus will be on such documents as the entry declaration, commercial invoice, Convention Merchandise Routier (CMR) consignment note, Agreement concerning International Goods Transport by Rail (SMGS) consignment note, packing list, and Transports Internationaux Routiers (TIR) carnet. The workshop will review the current state of digitalization, challenges faced by transport operators in using these documents, and international standards available. It will be facilitated by the Asian Development Bank (ADB) and the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE).

Participants

Customs and other trade-related government agencies in Kazakhstan, Tajikistan, and Uzbekistan, transport operators' associations, development partners.

Time	Activity
14:00-14:10	Opening Session Welcome Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ms. Lyaziza Sabyrova, Director, Regional Cooperation and Operations Coordination Division, Central and West Asia Department, ADB (5 mins)• Ms. Elisabeth Tuerk, Director, Economic Cooperation and Trade Division, UNECE (5 mins)
14:10-14:55	Session 1: Standards for Key Documents accompanying Goods by Road and Rail Transport <i>The session will present the standards applicable to key documents that will harmonize and integrate information flows.</i> <u>New Generation of Global Standards for Trade and Transport Data and Document Exchange</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ms. Sue Probert, Chair, United Nations Centre for Trade Facilitation and Electronic Business (UN/CEFACT) (15 mins) <u>Package of Standards for Digitalization of Data and Document Exchange for Multimodal Transport</u>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Mario Apostolov, Regional Adviser, Economic Cooperation and Trade Division, UNECE (15 mins) <p><u>Practical Implementation of Standards in E-document Equivalents and Data Exchange</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Dmytro Iakymenkov, Expert, UN/CEFACT (15 mins) <p>Moderator: Ms. Dorothea Lazaro, Regional Cooperation Specialist, Public Management, Financial Sector, and Regional Cooperation Division of East Asia Department, ADB</p>
14:55-15:50	<p>Session 2: Key Documents accompanying Goods by Road and Rail Transport and Practical Challenges</p> <p><i>Customs representatives will briefly describe the key documents presented for border clearance, the extent these are digitalized, and whether information may be exchanged electronically between Customs. Representatives from transport operators will share the practical challenges they face with respect to these documents.</i></p> <p>Presenters from Government representatives (35 mins)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State Revenue Committee, Ministry of Finance, Kazakhstan • State Customs Committee, Uzbekistan • Customs Service, Tajikistan <p>Commentators from representatives of transport operators in STKEC countries (20 mins)</p> <p>Moderator: Ms. Xinglan Hu, Principal Regional Cooperation Specialist, Regional Cooperation and Operations Coordination Division, Central and West Asia Department, ADB</p>
15:50-16:00	<p>Wrap Up and Closing Session</p> <p><i>The next steps based on the discussion will be summarized.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Dorothea Lazaro, Regional Cooperation Specialist, Public Management, Financial Sector, and Regional Cooperation Division of East Asia Department, ADB • Mr. Mario Apostolov, Regional Adviser, Economic Cooperation and Trade Division, UNECE