



**Joint Meeting of the CAREC Customs Cooperation Committee and SPS Regional Working Group: Facilitating Safe Trade – Risk Management and Digitalization  
22 April 2021**

**AGENDA**

**Objectives:** The CAREC Customs Cooperation Committee and SPS Regional Working Group will deliberate on risk management and digitalization. The dialogue aims to support inter-agency and cross-border coordination mechanisms to facilitate safe and paperless trade.

**Chair:**

Azerbaijan (State Customs Committee)  
ADB

**Participants:**

Members of CAREC Customs Cooperation Committee  
Members of SPS Regional Working Group  
Development partners

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| 13:30 – 14:00<br>(Manila time) | <b>Zoom log-in time (group photo)</b>   |
| 14:00 – 14:10                  | <p><b>Opening Remarks</b></p> <p><b>Javad Gasimov</b>, Deputy Chair, State Customs Committee of Azerbaijan</p> <p><b>M. Teresa Kho</b>, Deputy Director General, East Asia Department, ADB</p>  |
| 14:10 – 15:20                  | <p><b>Session 1: Integrated Risk Management</b></p> <p>This will cover risk management as a critical tool for Customs and SPS border control and how integrated risk management is practiced.</p> <p><i>Risk Prioritization in Phytosanitary Management</i><br/><b>Shane Sela</b>, Senior Trade Facilitation Specialist, World Bank</p> <p><i>Improving Risk Management Systems in CAREC</i><br/><b>Robbert Wiering</b>, Advisor, Trade Facilitation in Central Asia Program, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ)</p> <p><i>Integrating SPS and Customs Functions</i><br/><b>Samson Uridia</b>, Co-Chair, Head of Department for International Relations, Revenue Service, Ministry of Finance of Georgia</p> <p><b>Moderator: Muhammad Sohail Shahzad</b>, Director, Technical Quarantine, Department of Plant Protection, Ministry of National Food Security and Research (IPPC Official Contact Point of Pakistan)</p> |

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| 15:20 – 15:50 | <p><b>Session 2: Open Forum / Country Interventions</b></p> <p><b>Afghanistan: Ahmad Faridon Kakar</b>, SPS Inquiry Point and Regional Coordination Acting Coordinator, General Directorate of Planning and Program Coordination, Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation and Livestock</p> <p><b>Kazakhstan: Diana Zhabagibayeva</b>, Chief Expert, Division of Customs Operations, Methodology Department, State Revenue Committee, Ministry of Finance</p> <p><b>Mongolia: D. Tsendsuren</b>, Customs Senior Officer, International Cooperation Division, Mongolian Customs General Administration</p> <p><b>Tajikistan: Timur Arabov</b>, Chief Inspector, Customs Control Department, State Customs Service</p> <p><b>Turkmenistan: Bayramgeldi Atagulyyev</b>, Head of Analytical Department, State Customs Service</p> <p><b>Moderator: Javad Gasimov</b>, Deputy Chair, State Customs Committee of Azerbaijan</p> |
| 15:50 – 16:00 | <p><b>Closing</b></p> <p><b>Javad Gasimov</b>, Deputy Chair, State Customs Committee of Azerbaijan</p> <p><b>ADB</b></p>  |