



**2nd Meeting of the CAREC SPS Regional Working Group
27 April 2021**

AGENDA

Objectives: The 2nd Meeting of the CAREC SPS Regional Working Group will (i) discuss the implementation progress of the CAREC Common Agenda for Modernization of SPS Measures for Trade (CAST); and (ii) deliberate on SPS initiatives to enhance market access, facilitate safe trade and help countries participate in global value chains, leveraging on the growing digitalization in trade. CAST Activities under the Rolling Strategic Action Plan (RSAP) 2021-2023 of the CAREC Integrated Trade Agenda (CITA) 2030 will be updated to respond to countries' needs and emerging issues in SPS.

Chair:

Azerbaijan
Asian Development Bank
World Trade Organization

Participants:

CAREC SPS Regional Working Group
Development Partners

13:30 – 14:00 (Manila time)	Zoom log-in time
14:00 – 14:15	<p>Opening Session</p> <p>Orkhan Mikayil, Head of Import and Export Control Department, Food Safety Agency of Azerbaijan</p> <p>Xiaoqin (Emma) Fan, Director, Public Management, Financial Sector, and Regional Cooperation Division, East Asia Department, ADB</p> <p>Melvin Spreij, Head of Standards and Trade Development Facility, World Trade Organization</p> <p><i>(Group photo)</i></p>
14:15 – 14:30	<p>Session 1: Implementation of the Common Agenda for Modernization of SPS Measures for Trade and Highlights of CAREC SPS week</p> <p>Dorothea Lazaro, Regional Cooperation Specialist, Public Management, Financial Sector, and Regional Cooperation Division, East Asia Department (EAPF/EARD), ADB</p>
14:30 – 15:20	<p>Session 2: Around the Table (Country Statements and Proposals)</p> <p>Afghanistan: Ahmad Faridon Kakar, SPS Inquiry Point and Regional Coordination Acting Coordinator, General Directorate of Planning and Program Coordination, Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation and Livestock</p>

	<p>Azerbaijan: Orkhan Mikayil, Head of Import and Export Control Department, Food Safety Agency of Azerbaijan</p> <p>PRC: Ziwei Yuan, Senior Consulate, Department of International Cooperation, General Administration of Customs (CAREC Customs Cooperation Committee Focal)</p> <p>Georgia: Samson Uridia, Head of Department for International Relations, Revenue Service, Ministry of Finance (Co-Chair SPS National Working Group and CAREC Customs Cooperation Committee Focal)</p> <p>Mariam Chubinishvili, Deputy Head of Plant Protection Department, National Food Safety Agency, Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture</p> <p>Kazakhstan: Gulzhan Nurtazina, Deputy Chairman, Committee for Veterinary Control and Supervision, Ministry of Agriculture</p> <p>Kyrgyz Republic: Bakyt Shabdanov, Head of the Technical Regulation Department, Ministry of Economy and Finance (Deputy Head of the SPS NWG)</p> <p>Mongolia: Oyu Vasha, Director General, Foreign Trade and Economic Cooperation Department Ministry of Foreign Affairs</p> <p>Pakistan: Muhammad Sohail Shahzad, Director, Technical Quarantine, Department of Plant Protection, Ministry of National Food Security and Research</p> <p>Tajikistan: Firdavs Kadirov, Deputy Head of the Department on Phytosanitary, Plant Quarantine and Seeds, Committee for Food Security</p> <p>Turkmenistan: Hojanazar Orazdurdiyev, Deputy Head of State Sanitary Epidemiological Service, Ministry of Healthcare and Medical Industry</p> <p>Uzbekistan: Sultanmakhmud Sultanov, Head of International Relations Department, State Plant Quarantine Inspectorate under the Cabinet of Ministers</p> <p>Avaz Makhmudov, Deputy Head of Department to Improve Customs-Tariff Regulation, Ministry of Investments and Foreign Trade</p> <p>Chair: Orkhan Mikayil, Head of Import and Export Control Department, Food Safety Agency of Azerbaijan</p>
15:20 – 15:50	<p>Session 3: Development Partners Interventions/Reactions</p> <p>Giap Minh Bui, Principal Natural Resources and Agriculture Economist, Environment, Natural Resources & Agriculture Division, Central and West Asia Department, ADB</p> <p>Melvin Spreij, Head of Standards and Trade Development Facility, World Trade Organization</p>

	<p>Iskandar Abdullaev, Deputy Director 2, CAREC Institute</p> <p>William Kent, Attorney Advisor, International Commercial Law Development Program, Office of the General Counsel, U.S. Department of Commerce</p> <p>Moderator: Dorothea Lazaro, Regional Cooperation Specialist, EAPF/EARD, ADB</p>
15:50 – 16:00	<p>Closing Session</p> <p>Orkhan Mikayil, Head of Import and Export Control Department, Food Safety Agency of Azerbaijan</p>