

PREPARING THE CAREC TRANSPORT AND TRADE FACILITATION PROJECT: Regional Improvement of Border Services

**CAREC National Joint Transport and
Trade Facilitation Committees (NJC) –
Project Preparation Workshop
Bangkok, 27 January 2011**

Objective

➤ Celebrate 10 years of CAREC

- Prepare first genuinely regional project
- Address regional matters jointly
- Refine mechanisms for sharing lessons learned

➤ Pursue CAREC 2020 for Regional Prosperity

- Reduce time of goods and passengers in transit
- Improve competitiveness with maritime transport
- Develop economic corridors

Status

1. Project Concept approved
2. Asian Development Fund sub-regional allocation (\$70 million) secured
3. Project Preparation Technical Assistance funded and approved
4. Request for Proposals issued

Timetable of Preparation

Milestones	Consultant Deliverables	Expected Completion Date
R-PPTA approval		13 January 2011
Loan fact-finding		January-June 2011
R-PPTA implementation	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Inception Report – 6 May 2. Interim Report – 3 June 3. Draft Final Report – 1 July 	March - August 2011
Management Review Meeting		1 August 2011
Loan Negotiations		12 August 2011
Board Circulation		15 September 2011
Board Consideration		7 October 2011
Signing of Loan Agreements		22 October 2011
Loan effectiveness		December 2011

Source: ADB Staff estimate

Project Preparation

Consultants will conduct a feasibility study for

- investment in basic infrastructure upgrades and modernization of key BCPs
- development of trade and transport logistics facilities at BCPs, and
- NSW development in selected countries and a CAREC regional platform for networking of NSWs

Investment Criteria

- strong country ownership
- accession to cross-border transit agreements
- readiness of project proposal and readiness for implementation
- technical and economic viability
- positive due diligence results and results of safeguard assessments
- effective functioning of national joint transport and trade facilitation committees (NJC)
- willingness of both sides to make complementary investments on a given BCP

NJC Roles and Responsibilities

- initiating necessary policy and regulatory reforms
- coordinating effectively with related government and non-government agencies
- ensuring proper governance practices at all stages of project implementation cycle
- coordinating effectively with neighboring countries and all CAREC member countries involved in the project

NJC Roles and Responsibilities

- appoint a coordinator to work with the consultant teams
- assign counterpart staff to facilitate the consultants' work
- provide suitable and furnished office accommodation, office equipment (e.g., printers and photocopiers), and communication facilities (e.g., telephone, fax machine) to the consultants
- provide transport (vehicles) and logistical assistance, especially for consultations with stakeholders
- provide consultants with the government reports, materials, data, and maps needed to implement the TA

NJC Roles and Responsibilities

- supervise TA activities
- solve any issues that may arise during implementation
- facilitate coordination among the consultants, relevant government agencies, and other stakeholders

Consultant Tasks

- Assess technical viability of each investment, including BCP infrastructure planning, equipment, facility, proposed NSW technology, and their compatibility with local conditions such as local capacity for operation and maintenance
- Assess economic and financial viability and sustainability both at the national level and most importantly at the regional level
- Evaluate the EAs' and IAs' financial management, procurement, anticorruption, policy and legal framework, capacity, and other institutional issues and mechanisms

Consultant Tasks

- Assess poverty reduction and social impacts such as HIV/AIDS and human trafficking as potential negative impacts of trade facilitation
- Set up the necessary project implementation arrangements including audit, financial, and procurement systems and procedures
- Prepare procurement plans covering the full period of project implementation

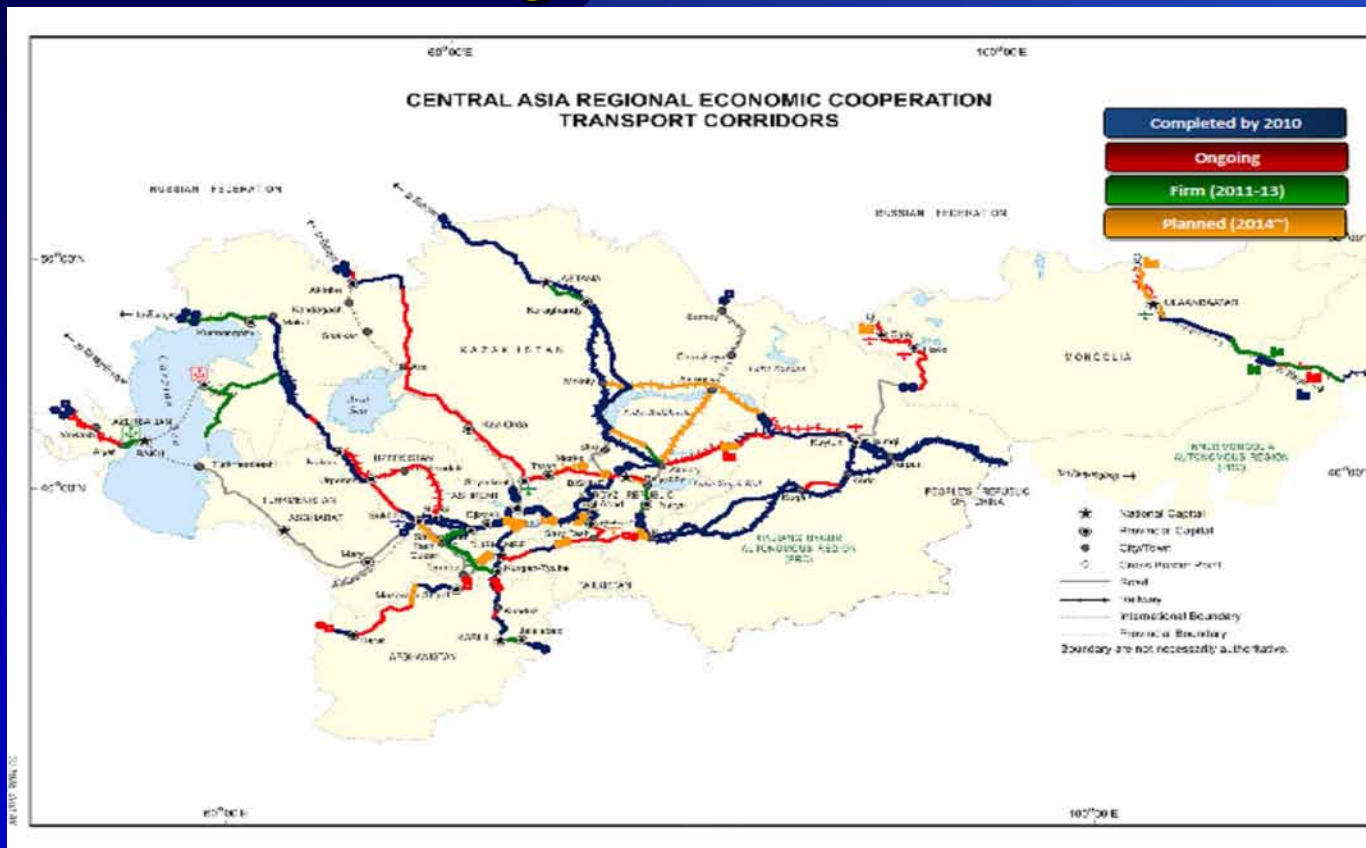
Consultant Tasks: Safeguards

- Prepare safeguard frameworks for all countries participating in the project. If necessary, consultants may also prepare:
 - (i) environmental management plan(s) and/or environmental assessments
 - (ii) resettlement plan(s)
 - (iii) Indigenous Peoples plan(s)
 - (iv) agreed environmental and social management system arrangement
 - (v) summary poverty reduction and social strategy
 - (vi) gender action plan, and/or other applicable instruments.

What the Consultants Will Need from Participating Countries

- Formal commitment to participate in the project – by 15 April
- Implementing Agents identified – by 15 April
- Single Window Technical Working Groups formed – by 15 April
- Priority border crossing points identified, and supporting documentation (any engineering design and/or economic analyses prepared previously) – by 15 April

Thank you / Спасибо



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