

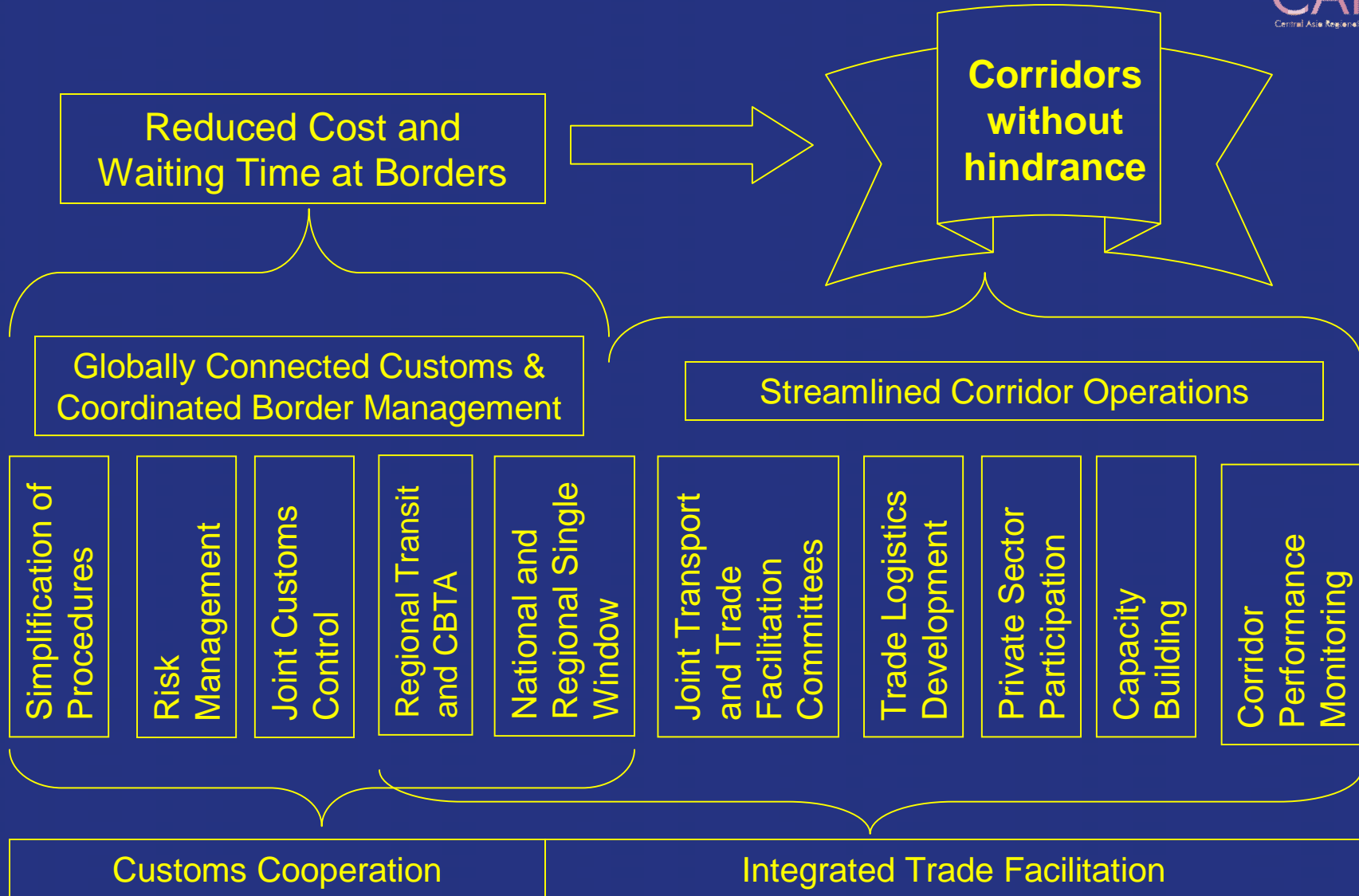
Progress Report on CAREC Customs Cooperation Activities 2008-2009

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Introduction

- CCC a regional forum to address issues of common interest
- CCC has created an environment of trust and has become a cohesive body within CAREC
- CCC Priority Areas
 - simplification and harmonization of customs procedures and documentation
 - ICT for customs modernization and data exchange
 - risk management and post-entry audit
 - joint customs control
 - regional transit development

Simplification and Harmonization of Customs Procedures

- **Azerbaijan** issued Presidential Decree No. 12 (in Nov 2008) adopting Single Window approach delegating functions of all border control agencies to AZE SCC
- **Kazakhstan CCC** submitted Draft Law Concept to allow preparation of delivery control documents in electronic form
- **Kyrgyz Republic** amended Customs Code (Mar 2009) to introduce new technology in customs control procedures
- In **Uzbekistan**, an inter-agency working group headed by SCC chairman was created (Jan 2009) to research on Single Window concept

ICT for Customs Modernization and Data Exchange



- ASYCUDA now implemented in 4 major transit routes in **Afghanistan** and declaration processing system now also operational in Herat and Jalalabad in addition to Kabul
- **Kazakhstan CCC** developed web portal to allow easier access to information and applications and developed gateway to allow users to download and submit forms via internet
- **Kyrgyz** to install UAIS and introduce a single administration document with ADB funding
- ADB/Korea project (2008-2010) on ICT modernization of Mongolia customs
- **Uzbekistan** improved Uniform Automated Information System (UAIS) to monitor trends in revenues and its impact on national budget

Risk Management and Post-Entry Audit

- Post-clearance audit now set-up in 8 **Afghanistan** regional customs houses
- **Kazakhstan** developing a Selective Control and Risk Management system to automate risk management procedures for import and export declarations
- **Kyrgyz SCC** developed prototype of Automated Risk Management System with EU assistance
- **Uzbekistan** approved concept and action plan to develop customs risk management system

Joint Customs Control

- 1st phase of pilot joint customs control (harmonized road loading list/Cargo Manifest) between **PRC and Kazakhstan** initiated in Dulata (PRC) and Kalzhat Dulaty (KAZ) in Dec 2007
- **Mongolia** adopted new Customs Law (July 2008) to allow Mutual Recognition Agreements for JCC
- **JCC seminar** for CAREC customs officials co-organized by ADB and PRC Customs held in Guangzhou (Feb 2009)
- **Urumqi** customs study tour to Kazakhstan on customs supervision and facilitation of activities related to energy trade (Aug 2009)
- 3rd PRC-Mongolia Expert Group Meeting (late 2009)

Regional Transit Development



- ADB provided technical assistance to KGZ SCC to pilot **safe packet system** at borders of KAZ and KGZ
 - \$25,000 to purchase 20,000 safe packet units
- Pilot implementation of safe packet scheme with KAZ at 3 KGZ BCPs commenced in July 2009
 - 2,208 safe packets have been used (as of mid-Aug)

Other Related Areas: Single Window

- **Afghanistan** developed SW clearance system for exports
- **Kyrgyz** approved concept of SW and issued Government resolution to prepare implementation plan
- **Mongolia** established working committee on SW
- Workshop on **CAREC Regional Single Window Development** was held on 14-17 July 2009 in Singapore.
Key agreements reached:
 - Countries to establish timelines to implement NSWs
 - ADB to help countries identify gaps and address impediments to NSW implementation through TA or investments
 - Preliminary work to establish a regional SW to be started through knowledge forums and situation analyses
 - CAREC to support initiatives to establish B2B and B2G data exchange portals linked to NSW

Other Related Areas: Capacity Building

- 7th CCC recommended that a study be undertaken to determine training needs of CAREC stakeholders in the areas of customs administration and trade facilitation
 - Consultation missions fielded in CAREC countries (late 2008 and early 2009)
 - Preliminary findings and recommendations of TNA presented at a Workshop in Guangzhou, PRC (Feb 2009)

Other Related Areas: Trade Logistics Development

- **Nine studies on Transport and Trade Logistics Development Strategies** completed
 - AFG, AZE, KAZ, KGZ, MON, Inner Mongolia and Xinjiang Uygur autonomous regions of PRC, TAJ and UZB
 - 6 of the country studies set for Book Launch in Ulaan Baatar, Mongolia (14 October)
- Country studies identified constraints to logistics development and provided recommendations to address constrains

Thank you



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