

# RIBS Project Preparation: Trade Facilitation and Single Window Task Team

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# OUTLINE

- Single Window (SW) Definition
- Why we need SW
- Basic models and key success factors
- Current status of SW development in CAREC countries
- ADB support to SW development
- Next steps in preparing SW component

# Definition of Single Window

*“A facility that allows parties involved in trade and transport to lodge standardised information and documents with a single entry point to fulfil all import, export and transit related regulatory requirements.*

*If information is electronic, then individual data elements should only be submitted once.’*

Source: UNECE



# Why we need Single Window

- Benefits for government
  - More effective deployment of resources
  - Correct and increased revenue
  - Improved trade compliance
  - Enhanced security
  - Increased transparency
- Benefits for trade community
  - Lower costs through less delays
  - Faster clearance and release
  - Increase predictability and transparency

# Basic Models of Single Window

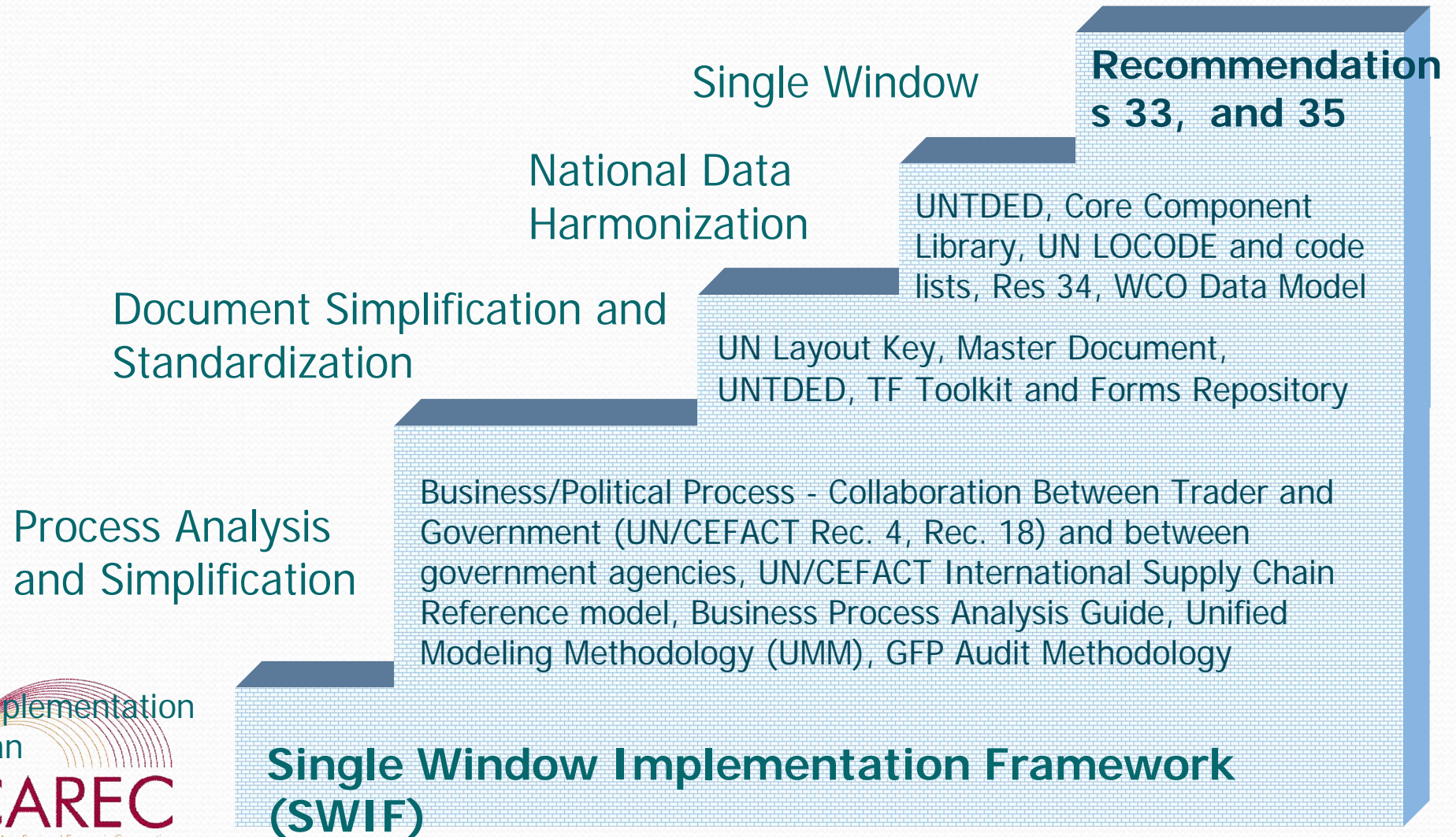
- Basic Models
  - Single Authority
  - Single Automated System
  - Automated Information Transaction System
- Financing
  - By state
  - By private sector
  - PPP
- Services (free of charge or paid on various payment schemes)
- No one-size-fits-all approach; depending on country situation and needs



# Key Success Factors for Single Window Development

- Strong political will on the part of both government and business
- Legally enabling environment
- Strong lead agency as SW project champion
- Government-trade partnership
- International standards and recommendations
- User friendliness and accessibility

# Step by Step Implementation Based on International Standards





# SW Development in CAREC

Country	Status of SW Development
Afghanistan	ASYCUDA adopted and in transition
Azerbaijan	NSW in operation since Jan 2009
Kazakhstan	Law # 238-IV "Amendments to Customs Legal Acts of the Republic of Kazakhstan" issued on 6 Jan 2010; CAIS being supported by WB, but with delays
Kyrgyz	Resolution No. 76 "Approval of Feasibility Study on Single Window Introduction" passed in Feb 2009; UAIS being piloted and to be fully operational in May 2011
Mongolia	CAIS fully operational since July 2010; Feasibility Study on SEW conducted; Implementation Master Plan to be adopted
Tajikistan	"SW Implementation Program for Export, Import and Transit Procedure" approved 3 May 2010; SAIS operational Dec 2010
Uzbekistan	"Cabinet Resolution on Establishment of an Interagency Working Group on SW Principles" passed on 20 Jan 2009; ICT components of UAIS be implemented



# ADB Support for SW in CAREC

Activities	Place/Year
CAREC Single Window Implementation Seminar: Azerbaijan Case Study	Baku 6-8 July 2010
CAREC Workshop on Single Electronic Window Development	Singapore 14-17 July 2009
Workshop on Single Window Development for CAREC Trade and Customs Officials	Singapore 8-10 July 2008
Seminar on Customs Automation	Beijing, PRC 23-25 May 2007
Seminar on WCO's Framework of Standards and Customs Data Model	Urumqi, PRC 12-14 July 2006
Seminar on Trade Facilitation and e-Governance	Daejeon and Seoul, S. Korea 5-8 December 2005

# Selection Criteria for SW Component

- Strong country ownership
- Enabling legal and policy environment (laws and resolutions for SW development)
- Readiness (ICT status and capacity, SW master plan and implementation action plan, etc)
- Technical and economic viability
- Positive due diligence results



# Next Steps

- Consultants (SW and ICT specialists) to be fielded by April 2011
- Identify SW investment and capacity building needs by July 2011
- Review and update national SW development plans
- Work toward regional interconnectivity and interoperability

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