

Update on 9th Ministerial Conference and Proposed Regional Improvement of Border Services

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Presentation Outline

- 9th MC Statement
- CAREC 10th year anniversary
- CAREC Trade Facilitation Initiatives
- Objectives of RIBS
- ADB Project Team and Government Counterparts
- Timeline for Project Preparation

Highlights 9th MC Statement

- **acknowledged significant progress made in implementing priority projects**
- **findings of CAREC Institute Performance Assessment and interim recommendations**
- **findings of CAREC Development Effectiveness Review and proposed actions to strengthen ongoing results-orientation of CAREC**

New CAREC Members

- **Pakistan and Turkmenistan**
- **formulate an action plan for phased integration of the two into the CAREC Program**
- **new members will not decrease volume of investment for existing CAREC members**

CAREC 10th Year Anniversary

- **Commemorative activities:**
 - **Launch of proposed 10-year commemorative study and accompanying seminar on CAREC 2020;**
 - **Convening of the CAREC Development Partners Meeting;**
 - **Production of CAREC Program video to be used for outreach activities; and**
 - **Signing ceremonies for CBTA between KGZ and TAJ, and loan agreements for the proposed regional investment project for Regional Improvement of Border Services**

Proposed Regional Improvement of Border Services Project

- Rationale:
 - Border crossing point (BCP) is the major bottleneck - more than three quarters of waiting time and two thirds of costs incurred at the BCPs
 - Complex procedures and repeated submission of same import/export information cost time and money
 - Modernizing BCPs and streamlining procedures at BCPs will have the most efficiency gains

Regional Public Goods

BCP Improvement	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Benefits of BCP improvement on one side of the border cannot be fully materialized if the other side does not have similar matching investment• Focus on 29 BCPs along CAREC Corridors
SW Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• National SWs can not achieve best results if traders and transporters have to repeatedly file declarations and manifests each time their cargo goes thru a border• A regional platform linking national SWs will be necessary for CAREC

Proposed Regional Improvement of Border Services

BCP Improvement	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• infrastructure upgrades and modernization of key BCPs• modern office and communication equipment, and installation of non-intrusive inspection equipment at BCPs• development of trade logistics facilities adjacent to BCPs
SW Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• support national SW (NSW) development in selected CAREC member countries• develop a regional platform for networking of single window schemes for the CAREC region<ul style="list-style-type: none">- PPP approach- Regional alliance of SW operators

Project Preparation TA

- **Conduct feasibility study for investment in**
 - **Basic infrastructure upgrades and modernization of key BCPs;**
 - **Development of trade and transport logistics facilities at BCPs; and**
 - **National single window (NSW) development in selected countries and a CAREC regional platform networking of NSWs**

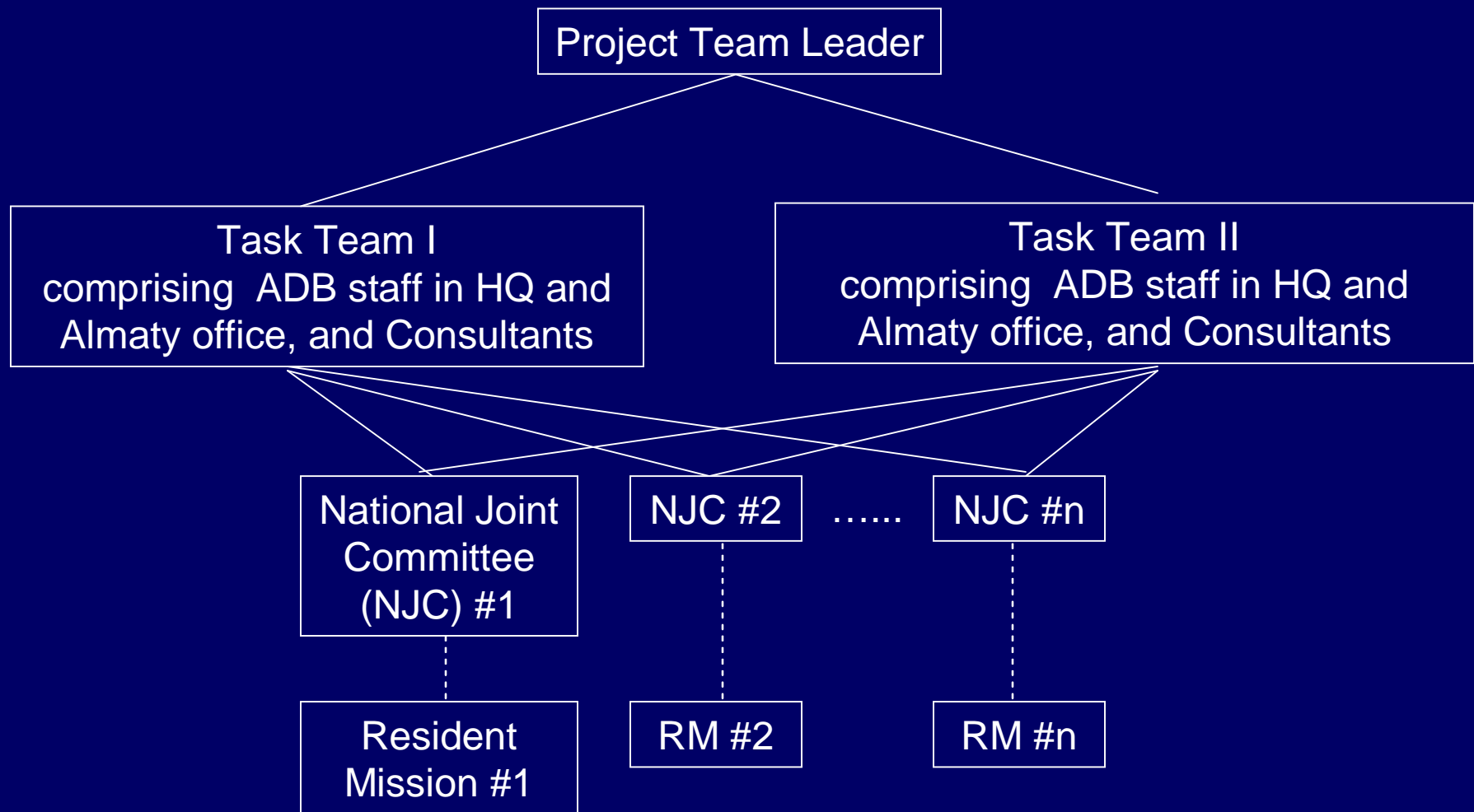
ADB Project Team

- **Project Team Leader – Ying Qian**
- **Task Team 1 – BCP Infrastructure Investment (S. Mitra – Team 1 Manager)**
- **Task Team 2 – SW Dev. and Trade Facilitation (Y. Zhang – Team 2 Manager)**
- **Coordination: Almaty Office (Wang Hong)**

Government Counterparts

- **National Joint Transport and Trade Facilitation Committees**
 - **Country Focal Point**
 - **Sector Focal Points**

Project Coordination



Project Timeline

Milestones	Expected Completion Date
R-PPTA approval	13 January 2011
Loan fact-finding	January-June 2011
R-PPTA implementation	March - August 2011
Management Review Meeting	June 2011
Negotiations	July-August 2011
Board Circulation	August/September 2011
Board Consideration	September/October 2011
Signing of Loan Agreements	October/November 2011
Loan effectiveness	November/December 2011

Source: ADB Staff estimate

Thank you



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