

Workshop of CAREC National Transport and Trade Facilitation Committees

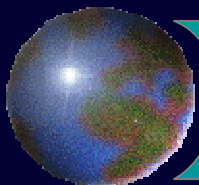
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Role of National Transport/Trade Facilitation Committees

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Structure

National Transport/Trade Facilitation Body

Office/Secretariat

Trade Sub-body

Specialist Working Groups

- Trade policy
- Trade agreements
- Trade documentation
- Trade information
- Operations of trade service providers
- ICT application

Joint meetings to consider overlapping issues

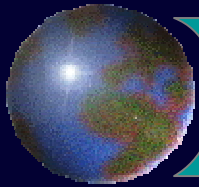
Corridor Clusters

Task Forces

Transport Sub-body

Specialist Working Groups

- Transport policy
- Transport agreements
- Transport documentation
- Transport information
- Border crossing formalities and procedures
- Operations of transport service providers
- ICT application



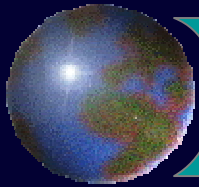
Potential Role (1)

- Monitor and assess the flows of trade & transport across national borders
- Identify bottlenecks in the entire process of int'l trade & transport
- Review and assess the adequacy of int'l trade & transport-related infrastructure, and propose investment projects, as necessary
- Study and propose measures for improving the operational performance of int'l trade & transport
- Coordinate to establish harmonized documentation and procedures for cross-border trade & transport
- Identify, propose and follow through changes to



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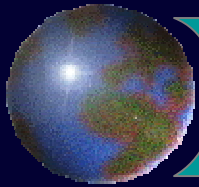
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Potential Role (2)

- Coordinate and cooperate for implementation of Single Window clearances and Single Stop Inspections at border crossings
- Promote the application of ICT to border control procedures and documentation and procedures in the management of int'l trade & transport operations
- Coordinate the national positions in negotiation of agreements on int'l trade/transport with multi-sectoral nature
- Identify, propose and follow through changes in trade/transport policies and in the bilateral or multilateral agreements through which these policies are enforced, when such changes are required to improve trade/transport





Potential Role (3)

- Review the int'l conventions relating to trade and transport facilitation and provide advice to national government on accession to the conventions
- Monitor and coordinate for the implementation of the acceded int'l conventions relating to trade & transport facilitation
- Monitor the dissemination of information to the trading & transport communities on changes or revisions to border control procedures and documentation
- Organize workshops and seminars on facilitation of int'l trade & transport

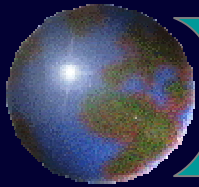


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Practical Application

- **General services**

- Liaise
- Organize
- Collect/disseminate docs & info

- **Coordination**

- Formulate/implement programmes/projects
- Negotiate/implement agreements
- Accede/implement conventions

- **Activities**

- Workshops, seminars
- Studies (flow of trade/transport, bottlenecks etc.)

- **Programmes/projects**

- One function; or
- Combination of functions

- Implementation: task forces with participation of all stakeholders



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Relevance of Project to Potential Role

- Possible relevance of CAREC Project for Regional Improvement of Border Services to potential role of National Joint Transport and Trade Facilitation Committees

One or several potential functions:

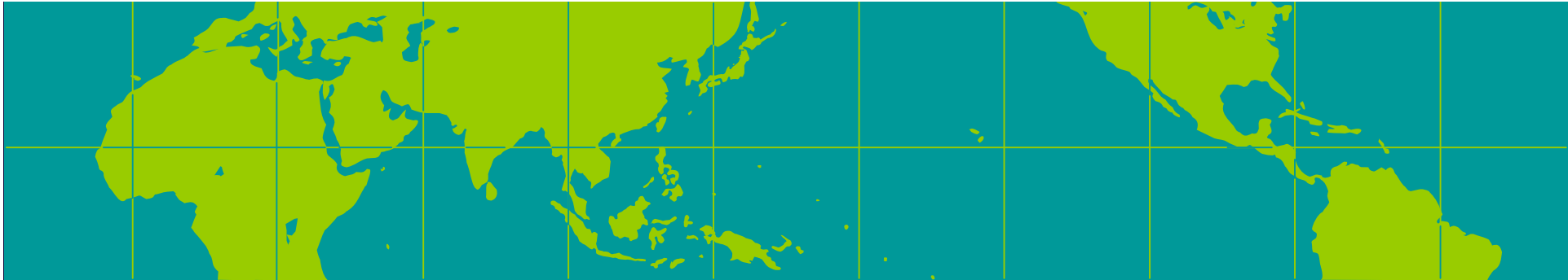
- Identify, propose and follow through changes to border control procedures and documentation needed to improve trade/transport efficiency and reduce costs
- Coordinate and cooperate for implementation of Single Window clearances and Single Stop Inspections at border crossings
- Promote the application of ICT to border control procedures and documentation and procedures in the management of int'l trade &



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