

Enhancing Cooperation in Digital Trade

21-30 SEPTEMBER 2021



20th Meeting of the CAREC Customs Cooperation Committee (CCC)

28 September 2021, Tuesday
1400-1630H (Manila time) via zoom
As of 22 September 2021

Objectives

The 20th CCC Meeting will discuss technical actions and specific programs undertaken to facilitate trade and ensure sustainable supply chain across borders. Members will also share adopted automation processes and innovative technologies during and post-pandemic and discuss national strategies for countries to move forward towards cross-border paperless trade. CCC will also revisit its terms of reference and work program aligned with the Rolling Strategic Action Plan (RSAP) 2021-2023.

Participation (by invitation only)

Focal points to the Regional Trade Group (RTG) and Customs Cooperation Committee (CCC), other relevant officials, experts, and development partners.

Chair: Azerbaijan State Customs Committee (SCC)

Co-Chair: Asian Development Bank (ADB)

1330 – 1400	Logging in the zoom meeting
1400 – 1415	<p>Opening Session</p> <p>Javad Gasimov, Deputy Chair, State Customs Committee (SCC), Azerbaijan Emma Fan, Director, Public Management, Financial Sector, and Regional Cooperation Division (EAPF), East Asia Department, ADB</p> <p><i>The Country Chair will introduce the agenda and acknowledge each country delegation and provide additional agenda item, if any, to the meeting.</i></p>
1415 – 1435	<p>Session 1: Bolstering Recovery, Renewal and Resilience for a Sustainable Supply Chain</p> <p><i>WCO will share recent initiatives particularly the COVID-19 Project to assist Customs administrations in dealing with unpredictable and disruptive events such as the pandemic, how WCO and other development partners and agencies such as the Universal Postal Union, facilitate information-sharing on the global postal supply chain, and offer lessons learned for CAREC countries both at the country and regional level.</i></p> <p>Moez Ahmed, Project Manager, WCO COVID-19 Project, Compliance and Facilitation Directorate, World Customs Organization (WCO)</p>

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1435 – 1545	<p>Session 2: Around the Table</p> <p>Moderator: Javad Gasimov, SCC, Azerbaijan</p> <p><i>Each CAREC country will be requested to delegate a speaker to provide brief updates (5 minutes) on latest initiatives undertaken since the last CCC meeting and suggestions on the CCC workplan for 2021-2023.</i></p>
1545 – 1615	<p>Session 3: Special Reports</p> <p>Moderator: Dorothea Lazaro, Regional Cooperation Specialist, ADB</p> <p>Progress in Trade Facilitation in CAREC Countries: A CPMM 10-Year Perspective</p> <p><i>ADB will present the highlights of the special report which marks the ten years of implementation of the CAREC Corridor Performance Measurement and Monitoring mechanism. It aims to identify significant trade facilitation initiatives, focusing on those that promote cross-border trade and regional in scope, with evidence from CPMM data, where applicable. It also highlights recommendations and forward-looking insights that address the impediments and gaps.</i></p> <p>Zulfia Karimova, Principal Regional Cooperation Specialist, ADB</p> <p>Assessing the Capacity and Readiness of CAREC Customs Agencies for Cross-Border E-Commerce Consignments</p> <p><i>The study reviews legislative framework, customs procedures and customs information systems in CAREC for managing and facilitating cross-border e-commerce. It suggests recommendations including reforms on de minimis threshold regime, pre-arrival processing, immediate release or expedited clearance, simplified declarations, digitizing postal labels and using non-intrusive inspection equipment.</i></p> <p>Jonathan Koh (ADB consultant)</p>
1615 – 1625	<p>Session 4: Development Partners Intervention</p>
1625 – 1630	<p>Wrap up and Closing Session</p> <p>Azerbaijan SCC ADB</p>