

# **Update on the Joint Transport and Trade Facilitation Strategy (TTFS) and its Implementation Action Plan (Trade Facilitation)**

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# Trade Facilitation Major Milestones

- **TF program contributing to TTFS and CAREC 2020 objectives**
- **Evolution from customs work to integrated trade facilitation**
- **Engagement of private sector into trade facilitation development efforts**
- **Collecting and analyzing critical information on time and cost to transport goods along the 6 CAREC corridors**

# Customs Cooperation

- **Substantial progress in aligning customs laws and regulations with international best practice**
- **All countries have streamlined and automated (in varying degrees) customs procedures; national single windows being developed**
- **Successful joint customs control pilots (e.g. harmonized cargo manifest); expansion to phase 2**
- **Piloting initiatives on regional transit**
- **Countries adopted risk management measures to minimize physical inspection**

# Integrated Trade Facilitation

- **Single window development and paperless trade**
- **National joint transport and trade facilitation committees (NJC)s**
- **Regional Improvement of Border Services (RIBS) project**
- **Sanitary and Phytosanitary cooperation**
- **Trade logistics development**
- **Private sector participation - CAREC Federation of Carrier and Forwarder Associations**

# Integrated Trade Facilitation (cont.)

- **CFCFA – a forum for private sector consultation**
  - 17 national associations
  - Platform for capacity building to professionalize industry
  - [www.cfcfa.net](http://www.cfcfa.net) to disseminate information (BCP operating hours, news/updates, capacity building)
- **Corridor Performance Measurement and Monitoring (CPMM)**
  - 14 partner associations from CFCFA
  - Building capacity to perform country level analysis
  - Quarterly and annual reports available online
- **CAREC Results Framework: Trade Facilitation Indicators (2010)**

Indicators	Averages
Time taken to clear a border crossing point	12.9 hours
Costs incurred at a border crossing clearance	\$277.7
Speed to travel 500 km on CAREC Corridor section for a 20 ton truck or a TEU container	w/o delay 376 kph w/ delay 16.6 kph
Cost incurred to travel corridor section	\$1247.7

# Regional Improvement of Border Services (RIBS) Project

- **2 components: BCP infrastructure improvements & national SWs and inter-operability**
- **R-PPTA approved January 2011**
- **NJC workshop in Bangkok, January 2011**
- **No-objection received from all 8 countries**
- **Project focal points appointed by 7 countries except KAZ**
- **Lists of BCPs covered under RIBS submitted by 7 countries, except KAZ**
- **Portions of SWs of KGZ, MON and TAJ to be covered**
- **Background information from PRC, TAJ**
- **Consultants fielded in mid-May 2011**

# Thank You

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