

# **Central and South Asia Transport and Trade Forum (CSATTF)**

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## **The CSATTF Initiative**



**Opening Transport Corridors in  
Central and South Asia**



## **Opportunities for economic growth in Central and South Asia**

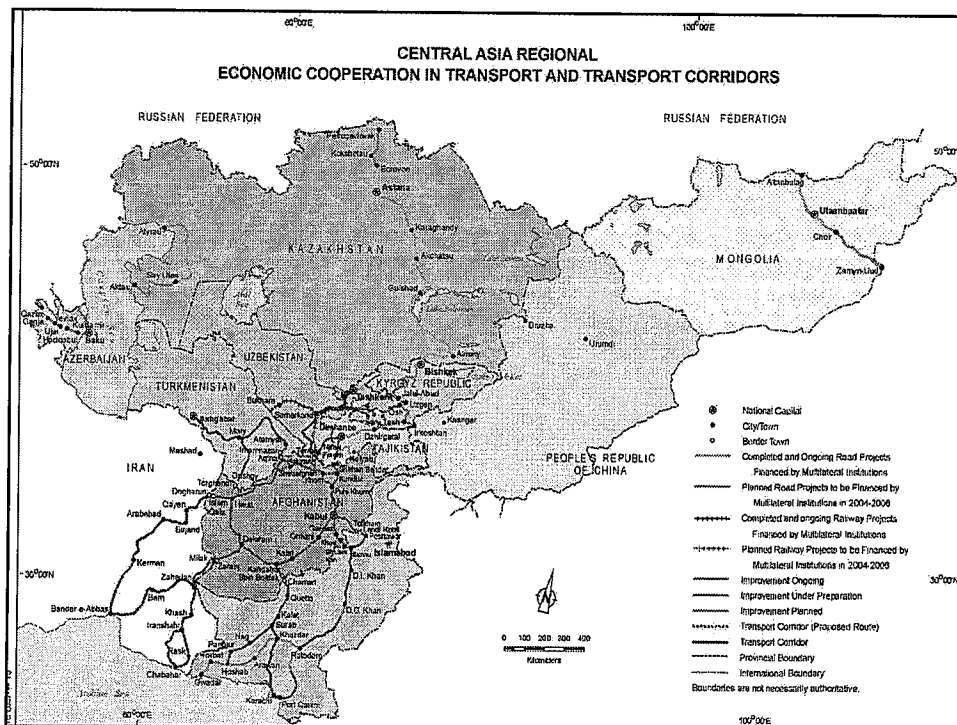
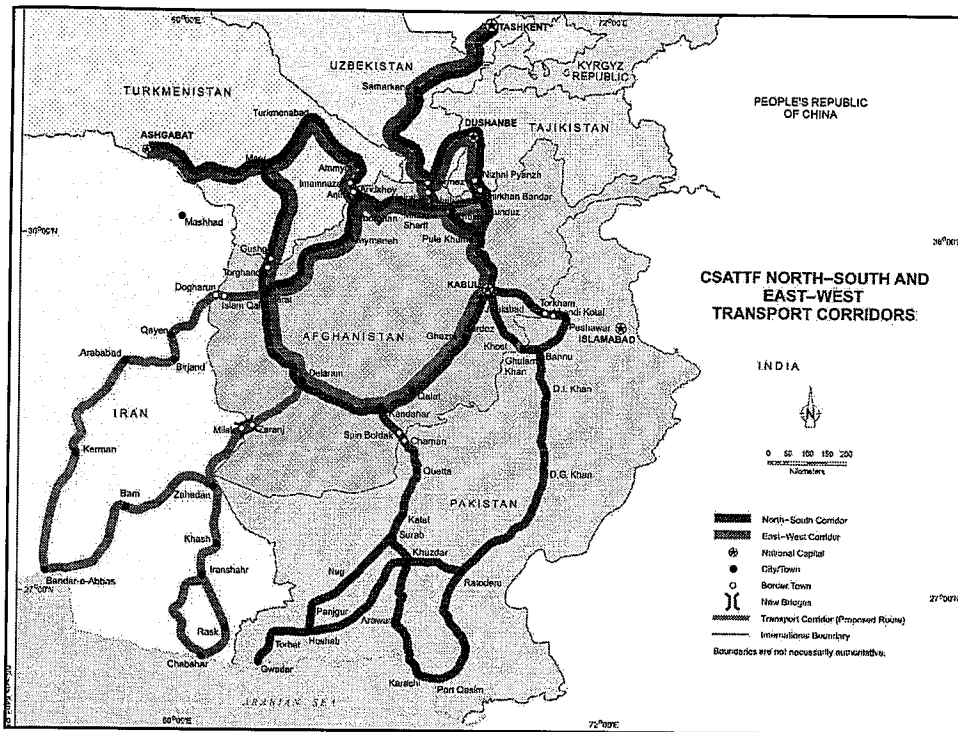
- ❑ Peace in Afghanistan and opening of its borders
- ❑ Massive international relief and rehabilitation assistance
- ❑ Afghanistan is working to integrate its economy with other countries



## **Developing Efficient Transport Corridors is the Key**

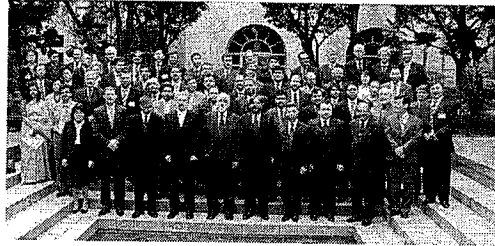
- Connect landlocked Central Asian republics to seaports in the Arabian Sea and the Persian Gulf via Afghanistan





## **Central and South Asia Transport and Trade Forum (CSATTF)**

- Established August 2003
- Promote regional transport and trade facilitation
- Work towards greater transport connectivity
- Supported by ADB and other development partners



## **Major Challenges**

- ❑ Poor or inadequate infrastructure facilities
- ❑ Limited coordination of infrastructure investments
- ❑ Restrictive trade policies
- ❑ Limited regulatory frameworks
- ❑ Different customs laws and procedures
- ❑ Underdeveloped logistics services
- ❑ Security concerns (drugs and human trafficking)



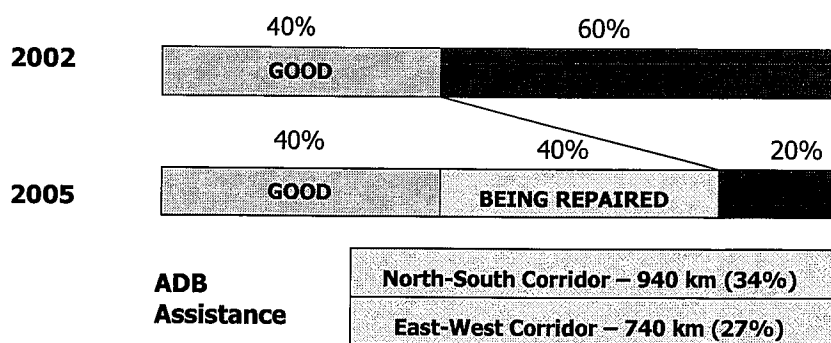
## CSATTF Corridor Development Plan (CDP)

### Main areas of cooperation

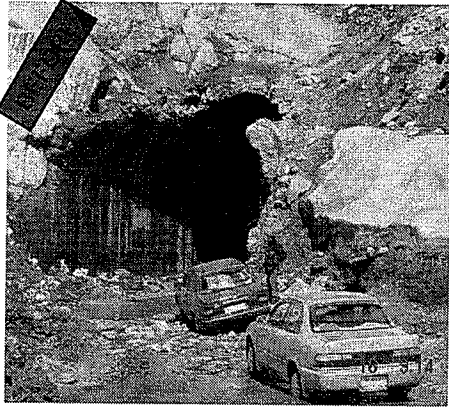
- Infrastructure improvement (roads and border points)
- Customs cooperation
- Corridor transit cooperation
- Anti-trafficking
- Consultations, knowledge sharing and capacity building



## CDP: Road Infrastructure



## Road Improvements in Afghanistan



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in March 2002

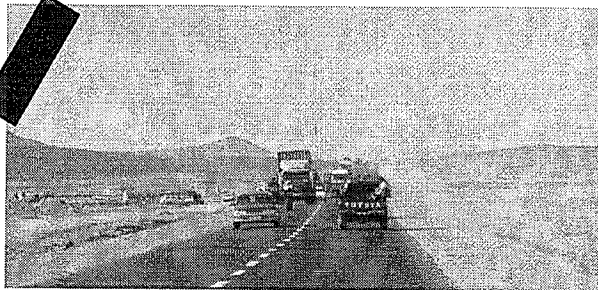


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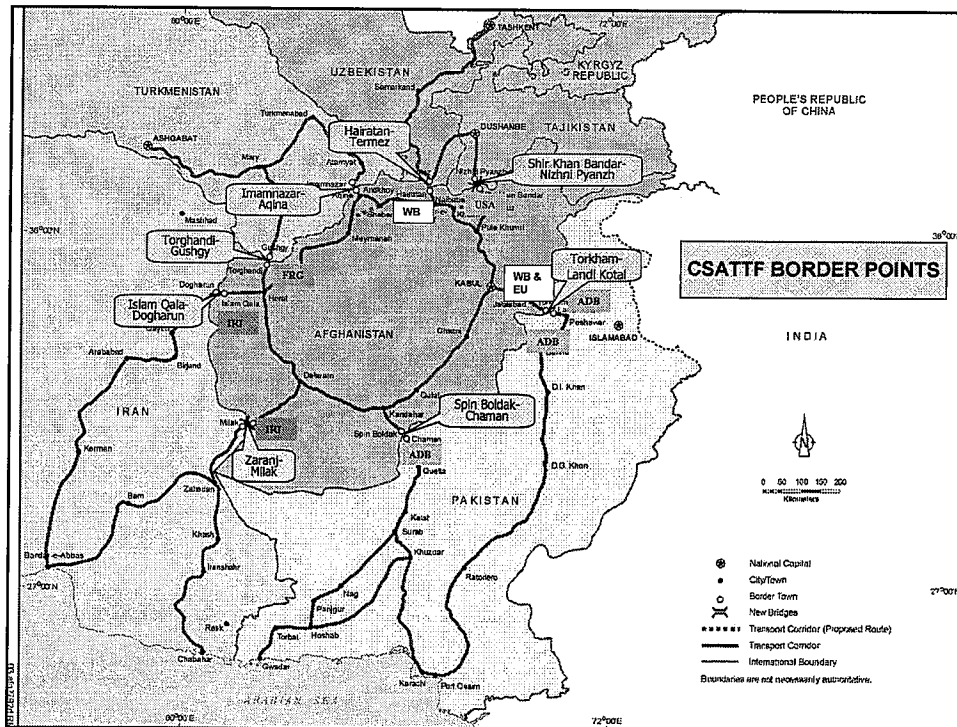
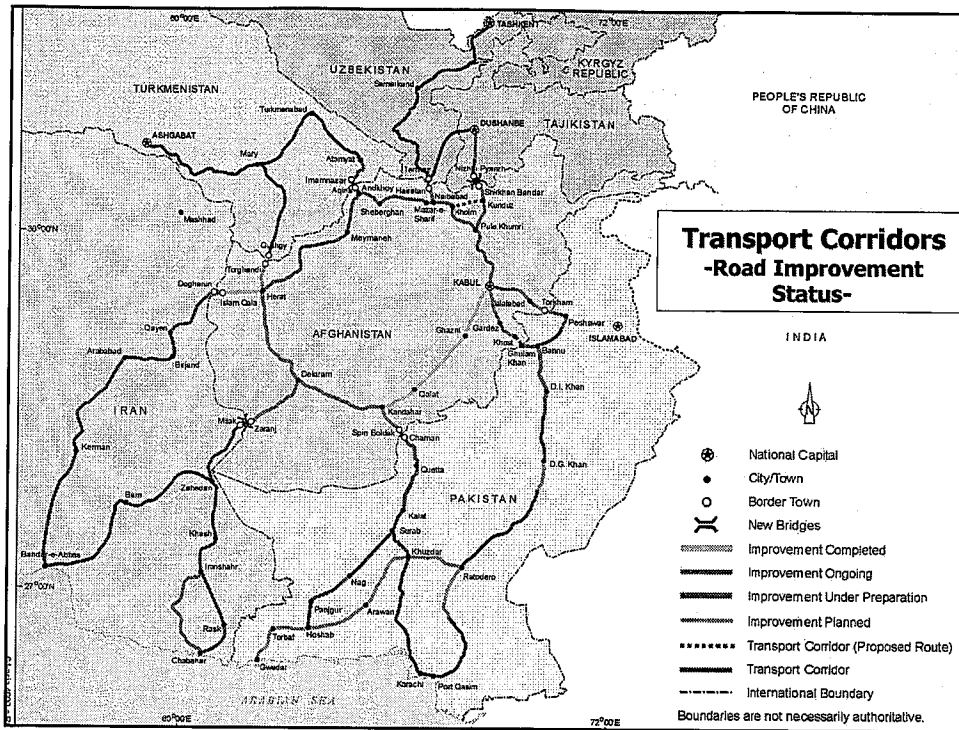


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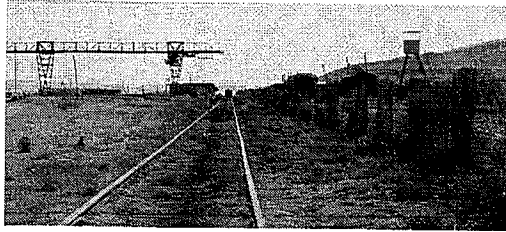


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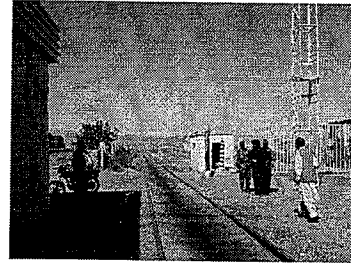
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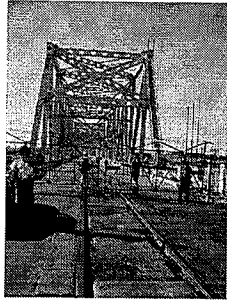
## Border Crossings (CARs-AFG)



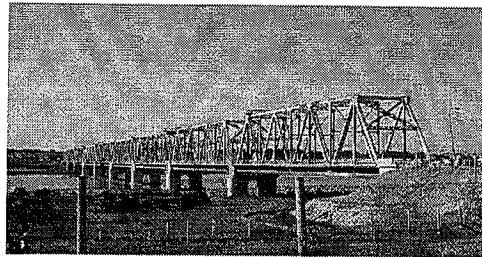
Facility at Torghandi



Torghandi Border Point



Bridge between Termez and Hairatan



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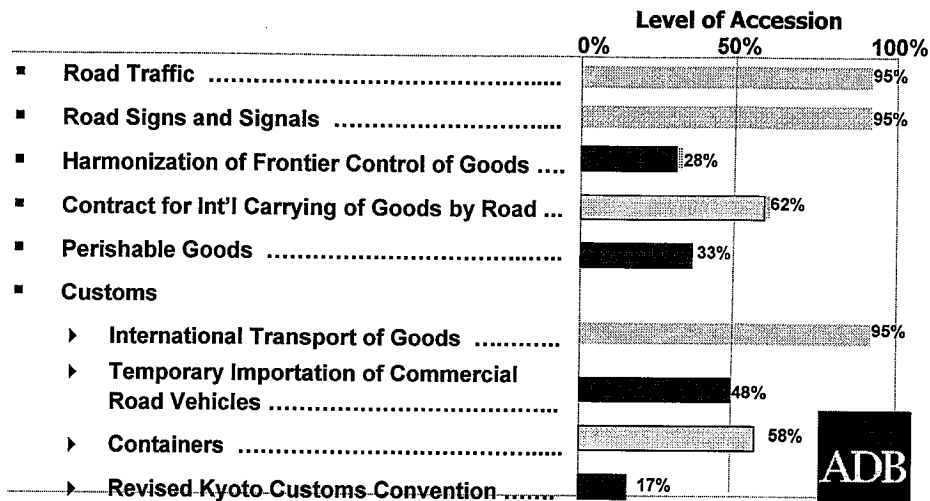
## Customs Cooperation

- 1 Effective customs transit system
- 2 Customs procedures harmonization
- 3 Border customs cooperation
- 4 IT-based customs data sharing
- 5 Modern customs techniques

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## Corridor Transport and Transit Arrangements



## CDP: Anti-Trafficking

- Background study has been prepared.
- United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and its first two protocols on human trafficking and smuggling of migrants.
- Close border cooperation to prevent drugs and human trafficking.



## **Consultations, Knowledge Sharing, Capacity Building**

- ❑ First Ministerial Conference on Transport and Trade in Central and South Asia in 2003
- ❑ Transport and Trade Working Group Meeting in 2004
- ❑ Trade and Customs Working Group Meeting in 2004
- ❑ Second Ministerial Conference Transport and Trade in Central and South Asia in 2005



## **ADB Assistance to CSATTF (2002-2004)**

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| \$716 million | Assistance to Afghanistan and Pakistan for road and cross border facilities construction and improvement |
| \$10 million  | Assistance to Tajikistan for customs modernization project   |
| \$600,000     | Subregional Economic Cooperation in South and Central Asia (regional technical assistance)               |
| \$550,000     | Technical assistance to Afghanistan for cross border trade and transport facilitation                    |
| \$600,000     | Technical assistance to Pakistan for cross border facility and transit facilitation                      |



## CSATTF Partners

### Development Partners

- ECO
- EU
- Islamic Development Bank
- UNCTAD
- UNDP
- UNODC
- World Bank

### Bilateral Partners

- Germany
- India
- Japan
- Kuwait
- Saudi Arabia
- United States



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