

# CAREC Integrated Trade Agenda 2030

## Rolling Strategic Action Plan (RSAP) 2018-2020

### Stakeholders Consultation Workshop

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## CAREC COUNTRIES ARE MORE INTEGRATED IN THE GLOBAL ECONOMY



Investment Projects

Knowledge Sharing & Capacity Building

Policy Dialogue & Cooperation

Research & Analytical Support

# Implementation approach

- **Pragmatic** – considering varying levels of capacities and progress among countries
- **Flexible** – allowing **2 or more countries** to initiate and implement regional projects (e.g., pilot projects)
- **Phased** and **incremental** – prioritizing targets and actions in the shorter-term
- Maintain **relevance** – updated annually

# Some principles for priority-setting

**C** **Continue and deepen** the existing areas of **core competence** within CAREC, international best practices and innovation;

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**A** **Adopt** and implement the latest **global agenda** relevant to trade including through dialogues and support for the development of enabling policies;

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**R** **Reach out** to related existing and emerging sectoral, cross-sectoral, and broader policy areas where trade plays **key roles** and where there is cross- and inter-subregional linkages;

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**E** **Evaluate** results objectively and consistently to strengthen program implementation while maintaining flexibility and adaptability;

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**C** **Crush institutional silos** for seamless exchange of information and **create synergy** and strengthen partnership with relevant stakeholders, specialized agencies and development partners

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- specific, **m**easurable, **a**chievable, **r**ealistic and **t**imely (SMART)
- A **monitoring framework** will be developed:
  - policy matrix to measure the progress in reforms
  - results-oriented approach with numerical targets/baselines used selectively in investment projects
  - progress reported regularly to Ministerial Conference through SOM and NFPs

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## TRADE EXPANSION FROM INCREASED MARKET ACCESS

Outputs/ Activities	Targets/Action Items	Indicators
Open trade policies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Support for WTO post-accession (AZE) and trade policy review of new members</li> <li>WTO accession – participation as observer (TKM, UZB), experience-sharing from WTO members, trade policy review process, legal support on international trade issues</li> <li>Alignment of SPS regulations with international standards</li> <li>Analysis on the benefits of phased trade liberalization (import substitution vis-à-vis industrial policy, FTAs)</li> </ul>	
Lower trade costs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement (Category A and mandatory provisions)</li> <li>Establish SPS regional and national working groups to implement CAREC Common Agenda for modernization of SPS measures for Trade</li> <li>Regional upgrade of SPS measures for trade (RUST project) (MON &amp; KGZ)</li> <li>Regional improvement of border services (RIBS project) (TKM &amp; UZB)</li> <li>New border crossing point (AZE &amp; GEO)</li> <li>Pilot of CAREC Advanced Transit System and Information Customs Exchange (AZE, GEO, KAZ)</li> <li>Feasibility of mutual/reciprocal recognition of standards</li> <li>Green channels for seasonal products</li> </ul>	

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## GREATER DIVERSIFICATION

Outputs/ Activities	Targets/Action Items	Indicators
Adequate Financing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Awareness on ADB's Trade Finance Program</li> <li>● Feasibility study on the establishment of a regional Trade Credit and Investment Guarantee Agency</li> <li>● SME finance research (CAREC Institute and ADBI)</li> <li>● Sharing of good practices in cross-border investment facilitation measures and special economic zone developments</li> <li>● Knowledge-sharing on effective financing models (public-private partnership)</li> </ul>	
Linkage with global and regional value chains	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Study on trade in services and/or movement of people</li> <li>● Establishment of labor market information</li> <li>● E-commerce promotion <b>or sharing of best practices</b></li> <li>● Study on potential regional value chain in CAREC or support development of strategies for economic diversification (<b>export potential to increase value-add</b>)</li> <li>● <b>Sectoral clusters development (UZB, KAZ, KGZ)</b></li> <li>● <b>Economic corridor sharing of lessons learned (KAZ, KGZ)</b></li> <li>● <b>Tourism</b></li> <li>● Investment forum</li> </ul>	

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## STRONGER INSTITUTIONS FOR TRADE

Outputs/ Activities	Targets/Action Items	Indicators
<b>Coordinated sectoral policies and priorities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Establishment &amp; strengthening of National Committee on Trade Facilitation (NCTF) or similar mechanisms</li> <li>● Information-sharing of national roadmaps or strategic planning</li> <li>● Sharing of best practices on regulatory governance</li> <li>● <b>Transparency and publication of regulations / IT centers for exporters</b></li> <li>● <b>Use of ICT or innovative means of sharing information or discussing issues</b></li> <li>● <b>Contact points establishment</b></li> </ul>	
<b>Informed policy- making and negotiations</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Training on data indicators and analysis</li> <li>● Training on policy analysis and negotiations</li> <li>● Regional dialogues and <b>private sector</b> consultations (CFCFA)</li> <li>● Cross-learning mechanism (e.g., experts database, research institute engagement i.e., CAREC Institute)</li> </ul>	



# Consultation questions

- Are the listed targets/action items in the RSAP 2018 – 2020 **consistent** and **relevant** to your country's regional cooperation & trade development plans?
- Are there targets/action items currently supported by **existing** or **planned interventions** in your respective countries?
- Taking into consideration CAREC's role, CAREC 2030 priorities, pipeline projects, and the SMART indicators, what specific or **additional targets** and **action items** needed to be included in RSAP 2018 – 2020?

# Important considerations

- **Realistic targets** and **action items** for the next three years
- **Ownership** and **commitment** – ensuring appropriate follow-up at country-level (e.g., with Ministry of Finance on country operational program, identification of pipeline projects)
- **Synergy** and **continuity** – avoiding duplication and deepening interventions

**Thank you.**

