

Summary of WG Meeting and Updates on Trade Facilitation

**CAREC Federation of Carrier and Forwarder Associations
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Summary of Previous Day Meeting

- Very informative session on FIATA –
 - objectives and mission; various programs ; and extent and scope of FIATA activities
 - FIATA standards and how the CFCFA can participate in FIATA programs
 - KFFA presentation on how they apply FIATA standardization in Kazakhstan
 - Kyrgyz AIA gave very useful information on importance of BCPs with neighboring countries

WG 1 – Standardization and International Best Practices (SIBP)

Leader: Mr. Davronbek Khamraev (ADBL)

Moderator: Mr. Max Ee

Output:

- **Agreed on mission statement**
- **Identified two focused projects**
 1. **Regional Training Standards**
 2. **Adoption of FIATA Standards**

WG 2 – Cross Border and Corridor Development

- **Leader: Mr. Nikolay Kutnetsov, AIRCUZ**
- **Moderator. Mr. Andy Sze**
- **Outputs:**
 - **Reviewed proposals submitted by member associations**
 - **agreed to merge Regional Transport and Logistics Information Portal and Development of the Electronic Road Atlas**
 - **Confirmed need for drivers' training**
 - **Registration certificates of companies can be issued**
 - **New Road Waybill needs further discussions**
 - **Need to consider issues on/effects of customs union**

WG 3 – Organization and Funding

- Leader: Capt. Lin Zhong (CIFA)
- Moderator: Mr. Jeff Procak
- Outputs:
 - Discussed organization issues and possible revenue generation activities
 - Proposed next steps/topics for further discussion to be undertaken by WG and CFCFA and by ADB

Customs Cooperation

- **9th CCC Meeting held in Tokyo, Japan in September 2010**
- Noted the substantial achievements in 5 priority areas
 - ✦ Customs codes amended to meet international standards;
 - ✦ Customs automated information systems ; risk management systems; national single windows (NSWs)
 - ✦ Joint Customs Control pilots
 - ✦ Regional transit systems (safe packets)

Customs Cooperation (cont.)

- **Time Release Study (TRS)**
 - TRS provides an opportunity to review customs' and other border control agencies' clearance procedures and identify corrective actions to enhance their clearance operational efficiency.
 - Workshop held in Tashkent, Uzbekistan on 29-31 March 2011 to train relevant customs officials;
 - First round of TRSs to be performed at key BCPs along CAREC corridors that will potentially participate in proposed RIBS project

Customs Cooperation (cont.)

- **Joint Customs Control (JCC)**
 - WG meeting on Customs Control bet. Mongolia and the PRC - May 2011.
 - Review successful experience of JCC pilot Zamyn Uud – Erenhot BCP (1st phase -harmonized roads loading list)
 - Plans to move to next phase
 - Replicate pilot in other BCPs.

Customs Cooperation (cont.)

- **Specialized training for customs officials**
 - In partnership with Shanghai Customs College and WCO –topics on customs modernization; risk management; customs intelligence
 - Expertise sharing in the specialized field of customs control for pipeline transported energy products - study tours and dialogues

Corridor Performance Measurement and Monitoring (CPMM)

- 2 years of implementation; 14 CFCFA partner associations
- Data collection, analytical framework, and report preparation streamlined
- Annual and quarterly reports regularly prepared
- Contributes trade facilitation indicators to the CAREC results framework
- Capacity building for national associations
- CPMM webpage allows data retrieval and interactive analysis for members

Integrated trade facilitation (cont.)

- **Capacity Building**

- 1st logistics training (modern supply chain management, trade logistics, multi-modal transport, and trade logistics international best practices) held in Tashkent, Uzbekistan 22-24 Dec. 2010
- plans to hold similar seminars in Kazakhstan, Mongolia and PRC and in the later part of 2011

Regional Improvement of Border Services (RIBS) Project

- Regional project preparatory technical assistance approved by ADB Board of Executive Directors January 2011
- ADB financing for the proposed project is approximately \$150 million.
- All countries except Kazakhstan have formally appointed project focal persons and identified BCPs to be included in the project
- consulting firm (PADECO) selected thru international tendering process
- Consultants fielded mid-May
- RIBS inception meeting 9 June 2011 Baku

What Do We Need?

- More and better border services
- Faster project implementation
- Private sector integrated into trade services
- Action-oriented joint activities for regional institutions
- Involvement of Pakistan and Turkmenistan
- CPMM and time-release study information utilized
- New areas explored: SPS; movement of people; logistics; economic corridors

How to do this?

Subregional workshops for MTPP priorities and selection criteria:

1. Reconfirm the TTFS and action plan: investments along the 6 CAREC Corridors
2. Strengthen regional and national TF institutions
3. Involve key stakeholders and maximize synergies
4. Demonstrate strong regional and country ownership

Work Plan (1)

- Prepare RIBS project
- Get ready for RIBS implementation with National Joint Committees
- Update trade facilitation action plan to reflect new MTPP

Work Plan (2)

- Work to be done:
 - CCC: Develop and review customs-related elements of the MTPP; monitor and evaluate ongoing projects
 - NJCs: Review the MTPP; make appropriate recommendations to the SOM/MC
 - CFCFA: Facilitate private sector participation in TF MTPP projects
 - TF institutions to work under the guidance of SOM and MC