



**Customs Cooperation Committee  
Conference on Customs Reforms and Modernization  
21-24 April 2004, Beijing, PRC**



**Program**

**Tuesday, 20 April**

Arrival of participants in Beijing  
Registration

**Wednesday, 21 April**

8:00-9:00 Registration-continued

9:00-10:00 **Introduction** Zhu Gaozhang, Director General, International  
Cooperation Department, PRC Customs

**Welcome Address** Gong Zheng, Vice Minister of PRC Customs

**Opening Remarks** Bruce Murray, Country Director, PRCM, ADB

10:00-10:30 **Photo Session/Coffee Break**

10:30-12:00 **Customs Modernization and Regional Cooperation: An Alternative  
Perspective**

Speaker: George Jereos, Deputy Commissioner, Philippine Bureau of  
Customs

Chairperson: Bruce Murray, Country Director, PRCM, ADB

12:00-14:00 Lunch

**Session I. Regional Customs Cooperation: Priorities and Work Plan**

14:00-15:00 **Statements by the Heads of Country Delegations**

Chairman: Wang Donghong, Director, General Administration of PRC Customs

Heads of the country delegations will give brief statements (less than 10 minutes) highlighting their countries' reforms and modernization initiatives, and suggesting concrete activities/initiatives for the Regional Customs Cooperation Program including (i) bilateral initiatives (such as data-sharing), (ii) country-specific initiatives (such as ICT assessments and development of a risk management system), and (iii) joint training knowledge-sharing activities (such as TIR, anti-smuggling, Revised Kyoto Convention, and CCC Forum on Customs Reforms and Modernization).

15:00-15:30 Coffee Break

15:30-16:30 **Statements by the Heads of Country Delegations (continuation)**

Chairman: Charygeldi Amanov, Deputy Chairman, State Customs Service  
of Turkmenistan

**19:00 Dinner to be hosted by PRC Customs**

**Thursday, 22 April**

**Session II. Customs Reforms and Modernization: Strategies and Experiences**

**9:00-10:30 Revision of Customs Codes: Key for Customs Modernization**

Country representatives will share their country experience, highlighting major changes in line with the Revised Kyoto Convention and WTO Agreements. The discussions will help understand the extent of harmonization of the legal frameworks among the CCC member countries and develop a regional perspective in this important dimension of customs modernization.

Speaker: Country representatives (KGZ, KAZ, TAJ)

Chairperson: Murat Amanbayev, Deputy Chairman, Kazakhstan Customs Control Agency

Facilitator: Steve Creskoff, Resource Person

10:30-10:45 Coffee Break

**10:45-12:15 Development of a Unified Automated Information System: Country Strategies and Lessons-Learned**

Information and communication technology provides a major pillar of customs infrastructure. It enables customs administrations to improve the quality of customs services, improve transparency and governance through reducing direct interfaces between customs officers and traders and their representatives, and strengthen regional cooperation through data-sharing and better transit arrangement. Country delegates will share their strategies and lessons-learned in the search and implementation of a UAIS according to their country circumstances and priorities in customs modernization.

Speaker: Country representatives (AZE, KAZ, MON, PRC, TKM, UZB)

Chairperson: Khayrulla Sattiev, Deputy Head of the Department of Foreign Relations, Uzbekistan

Facilitator: Michael Arblaster, ADB Consultant

12:15-14:00 Lunch

**14:00-15:00 Development of a Unified Automated Information System: Country Strategies and Lessons-Learned (continued)**

Chairperson: Zamirbek Malabekov, Chairman, Committee for Revenue under the Ministry of Finance of the Kyrgyz Republic

15:00-15:15 Coffee Break

**15:15-17:30 Development of a Framework for Country Assessment**

A key objective of regional customs cooperation under the CCC Framework is to promote concerted customs reforms and modernization so as to maximize the regional benefit of trade facilitation. Representative from KGZ and TAJ will share the outcomes of the recent need assessment on ICT and border infrastructure development supported by the CCC Secretariat. Country representatives will

discuss the approach and scope of the assessment adopted in the two countries, and examine the scope and financial and technical support from the CCC Secretariat in carrying out the assessment in other CCC Member countries.

Speakers: (KGZ, TAJ)

Chairperson: Damdinjav Amarsaikhan, Director, Statistics and Information Technology Division, Mongolia Customs

Facilitator: Michael Arblaster, Anthony Bayley, ADB Consultants

19:00 Dinner to be hosted by ADB

## **Friday, 23 April**

### **Session III. Regional Cooperation for Customs Modernization**

#### **9:00-10:30 Customs Data-Sharing: Bilateral Initiatives**

Country representatives from the Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic and the PRC will share their proposals and progress in bilateral data-sharing initiatives.

Speaker: Country representatives

Chairperson: Ibrohim Mirzoev, Deputy Head of Customs Department, Tajikistan

Facilitator: Nils Soren Lennartsson, Resource Person

10:30-11:00 Coffee Break

#### **11:00-12:00 Customs Data-sharing for Declaration and Transit Movement: Experiences in Europe**

A resource person will present European Union experiences and lessons-learned.

Speaker: Nils Soren Lennartsson, Resource Person

Chairperson: Arif Aliyev, Chief of Statistics and Information Technologies Department, State Customs Committee of Azerbaijan Republic

12:00-14:00 Lunch

#### **14:00-17:00 Closing Session**

- (i) Presentation of the CCC Work Plan
- (ii) Closing Remarks: Country Representatives  
ADB Staff

## **Saturday, 24 April**

8:30-12:00 **Field Visit to the Shibalidian Customs Office of Beijing Customs**