



# Session 4 – CAREC Integrated Trade Agenda 2030: Implementation Progress and Future Plans

CAREC Senior Officials' Meeting 27-28 June 2019; Tashkent, Uzbekistan

#### **CAREC Integrated Trade Agenda 2030**

#### CAREC COUNTRIES ARE MORE INTEGRATED IN THE GLOBAL ECONOMY



#### FREER TRADE

- Key tariff liberalized
- Non-tariff barriers eliminated
- Other trade distorting measures

#### LOWER TRADE COSTS

- Efficient procedures at the border and behind the border
- Improved logistics services
- Enhanced transit system

2

#### GREATER DIVERSIFICATION

#### ADEQUATE FINANCING

- Improved access to trade finance
- Consistent and open FDI policies
- Developed domestic financial markets LINKAGES WITH GLOBAL & REGIONAL VALUE CHAINS
- Skills supply & demand matched
- Adoptability to innovation measures
- Developed business development and support services

STRONGER INSTITUTIONS FOR TRADE

#### COORDINATED SECTORAL POLICIES AND PRIORITIES

- Collaborative policy formulation and implementation
- Aligned national and regional planning
- Regulatory convergence in the region EVIDENCE-BASED POLICY-MAKING & NEGOTIATIONS
- Improved data collection and cross-country analysis
- Enhanced policy analysis and negotiation skills
- Increased think tank and private sector participation

**INVESTMENT PROJECTS** 

POLICY DIALOGUE AND COOPERATION

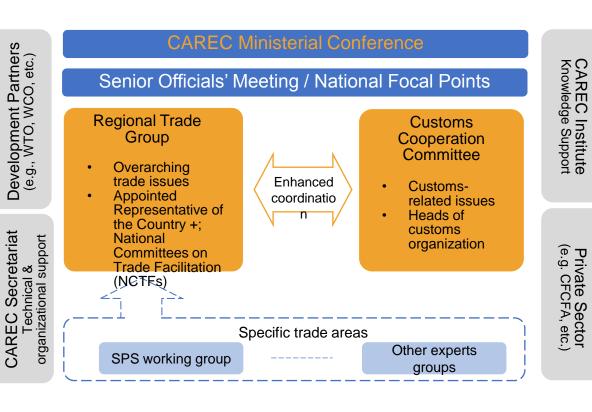
KNOWLEDGE PRODUCT
AND SERVICES



CASEC ADB

### Rolling Strategic Action Plan 2018-2020 and an open and inclusive platform

	Project/Activity	Description/Objectives	Type of Input	Status	Participating Countries	Implementation Period
Pillar 1: Trade Expansion from Increased Market Access						
1	Regional Improvement of Border Services (RIBS)	Project includes upgrade of facilities at key border crossing points (BCPs), customs automation system to reduce processing time and costs, and strengthen customs and project management capacity	Investment Project	Ongoing	KGZ-TAJ, MON, PAK	KGZ-TAJ: 2013-2019 MON: 2016-2022 PAK: 2015-2022
			Investment Project	Planned	UZB	2019–2022
2	National Single Window (NSW)	Project design for establishing NSW, which is part of WTO TFA commitments	Investment Project (Scoping)	Planned	PAK	2018–2020
3	Developing a new border crossing point (BCP) (AZE-GEO)	The proposed Abreshumis Gza-Ipek Yolu friendship BCP in AZE-GEO will include joint customs control component	Investment Project (Scoping)	Proposed	AZE, GEO	2019–2020
4	Regional Upgrades of Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) Measures for Trade Project (RUST)	Project covers measures and facilities to strengthen food safety, animal and plant health standards to help realize the country's potential for agri-food exports	Investment Project	Ongoing	MON	2015-2021
			Investment Project (Scoping)	Proposed	KGZ	2018–2020
		Needs assessment study at the borders including laboratory capacity and cold-chain facilities	Investment Project (Scoping)	Proposed	AFG, PAK	2019-2020





#### Regional Trade Group and SPS Working Group

2<sup>nd</sup> Regional Trade Group Meeting on 26 June







Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) Regional Working Group Inaugural Meeting on 24-25 June 2019



### **Customs Cooperation Committee (CCC) and CAREC Federation and Carrier and Forwarder Associations (CFCFA)**



5th Joint CCC-CFCFA Meeting on 21 June 2019

18<sup>th</sup> Customs Cooperation Committee meeting on 29 June 2019





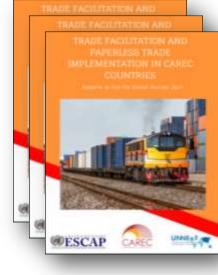
10<sup>th</sup> CAREC Federation of Carrier and Forwarder Associations Meeting on 19 June 2019





### Trade Expansion from Increased Market Access

- Regional Improvement of Border Services projects
- Common Agenda for Modernization of SPS Measures for Trade
- Regional Upgrades of SPS Measures for Trade (RUST)
- CAREC Advanced Transit System (CATS) and Information Common Exchange (ICE)
- Joint Customs Control
- Paperless trading / e-certification







### Trade Expansion from Increased Market Access (cont.)

 CAREC Corridors Performance Measurement and Monitoring (CPMM) mechanism – trade facilitation indicator trends 2010-2018









#### **Greater Economic Diversification**



Workshop on Special Economic Zones: Challenges and Perspectives for landlocked CAREC Countries: November 2018



People's Republic of China and Mongolia cross-border economic zone projects



#### **Greater Economic Diversification (cont.)**

#### Access to trade finance, supplychain finance, and guarantees

 SME Trade Finance in the CAREC Region: December 2018





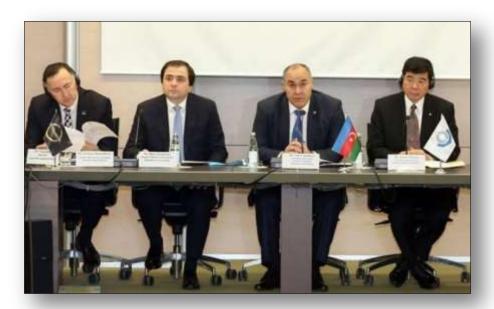
#### **E-commerce and innovation**

 Environmental Readiness for e-Commerce: December 2018





#### **Stronger Institutions for Trade**



#### **World Trade Organization Trade Facilitation Agreement**

 Three workshops (October 2018 and January 2019) to share knowledge and experience, and develop TFA implementation roadmaps



Knowledge products (paperless trade, CPMM, SPS)



Establishment of SPS National Working Groups





### Technical Assistance to Support CITA/RSAP Implementation

- ADB-financed Technical Assistance
  - Modernizing Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures to Facilitate
     Trade TA approved 2018
  - Implementing the Integrated Trade Agenda in the Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation Program – TA approved 2019
  - Better Customs for Better Client Services in Central Asia Regional
     Economic Cooperation Countries anticipated approval July 2019
  - Partnership with the Private Sector for Sustainable Trade
     Facilitation Results in the Central Asia Regional Economic
     Cooperation Program anticipated approval July 2019





#### RSAP 2019-2021

- WTO Accession and Post-accession Support
- WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement Implementation
- Carrying out Customs cooperation initiatives with private sector contribution
- Conducting CAREC-wide regional, subregional and country level SPS initiatives
- Formulating and implementing investment projects for improving border services and upgrading SPS measures
- Enhancing trade in services and investment facilitation
- e-Commerce and paperless trade
- Improving research capacity including better use of CPMM tools and data, and sharing of information



## Key Trade Sector Deliverables for the 18th CAREC Ministerial Conference

- For Guidance of the

**CAREC SOM** 

- CAREC Trade Sector Report 2018-2019
- SPS Working Group regional programs and networks
- Enhanced WTO TFA implementation
- Knowledge product and dissemination

- CITA 2030 Rolling Strategic Action Plan 2019-2021
- CITA 2030 results framework indicator targets
- CAREC Regional Food Safety Network
- CAREC Advanced Transit System and Information Common Exchange







#### Thank you!

#### **Ying Qian**

Director

Public Management, Financial Sector and Regional Cooperation Division East Asia Department, Asian Development Bank yqian@adb.org