

CITA 2030

# CAREC Integrated Trade Agenda 2030

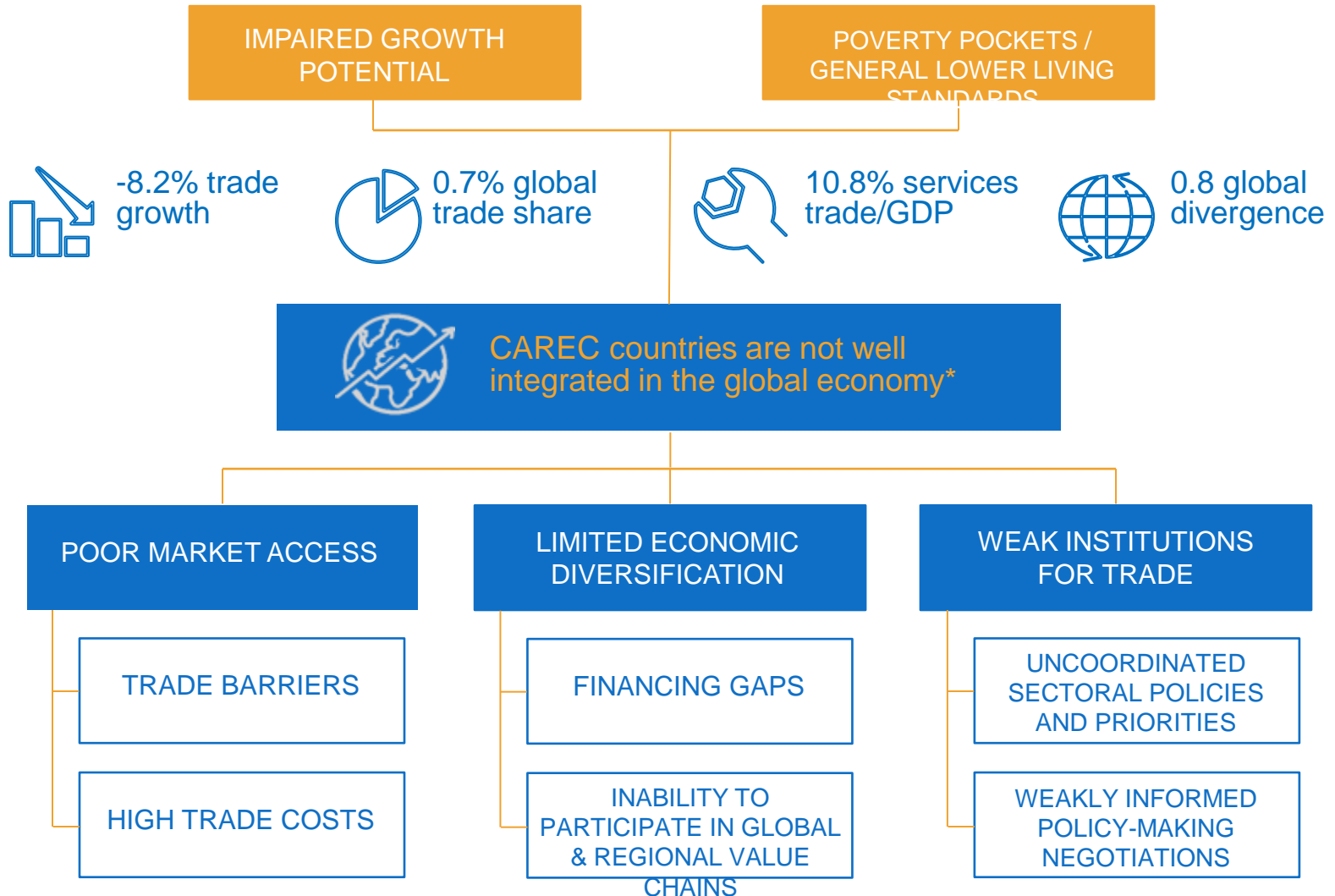
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# Regional Trade Group

CAREC Senior Officials' Meeting  
Bangkok, Thailand  
27-28 June 2018

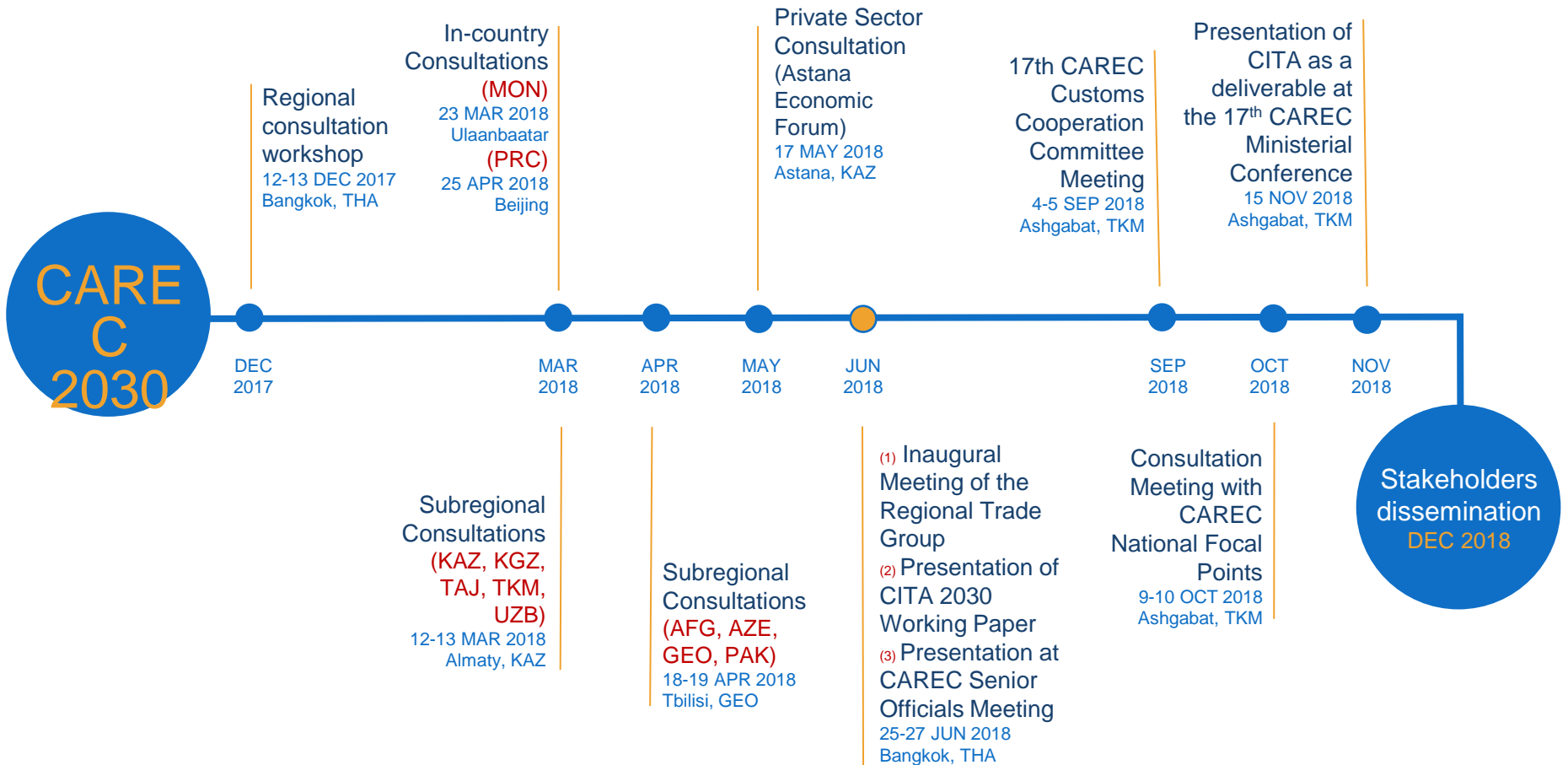


# Rationale



\* Data excludes PRC.

# Timeline of CITA 2030 development



# CITA Consultation Meetings

## CAREC Workshop on Trade and Trade Facilitation Reforms—WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement and Consolidated Trade Agenda

12-13 Dec 2017 | Bangkok, Thailand

- 25 officials from commerce, economy, finance, trade, agriculture, and foreign affairs of CAREC countries
- Panel experts from WTO, WCO, ADB, CAREC Institute, ESCAP, GIZ and Korea Customs Services



## Stakeholders Consultation Workshop for Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan

12-13 Mar 2018 | Almaty, Kazakhstan

- 21 representatives from government and national research institutions
- International trade experts and development partners (ESCAP, USAID and GIZ)



# CITA Consultation Meetings

## Stakeholders Consultation Workshop for Mongolia

26 Mar 2018 | Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia

- Representatives from 7 Mongolian agencies and 5 development partners (World Bank, UNDP) and civil society



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## Stakeholders Consultation Workshop for Azerbaijan, Georgia and Pakistan

18-19 Apr 2018 | Tbilisi, Georgia

- Representatives from government and national research institutions
- International trade experts and development partners (UNDP, USAID, World Bank and IFC)



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# CITA Consultation Meetings

## Stakeholders Consultation Workshop for PRC

25 Apr 2018 | Beijing, PRC

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- Representatives from Ministry of Commerce, Ministry of Finance, National Development and Reform Commission, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, General Administration of Customs
- CAREC Institute



## The New Central Asian Trade Agenda – Strengthening the Role of the Private Sector

17 May 2018 | Astana, Kazakhstan

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- A high-level session at the Global Challenges Summit 2018: Astana Economic Forum
- Panel includes ADB Vice-President Wencai Zhang, Vice-Minister Seric Zhumangarin of National Economy of Kazakhstan, renowned economists and private sector representatives from Georgia, Kazakhstan and Tajikistan.





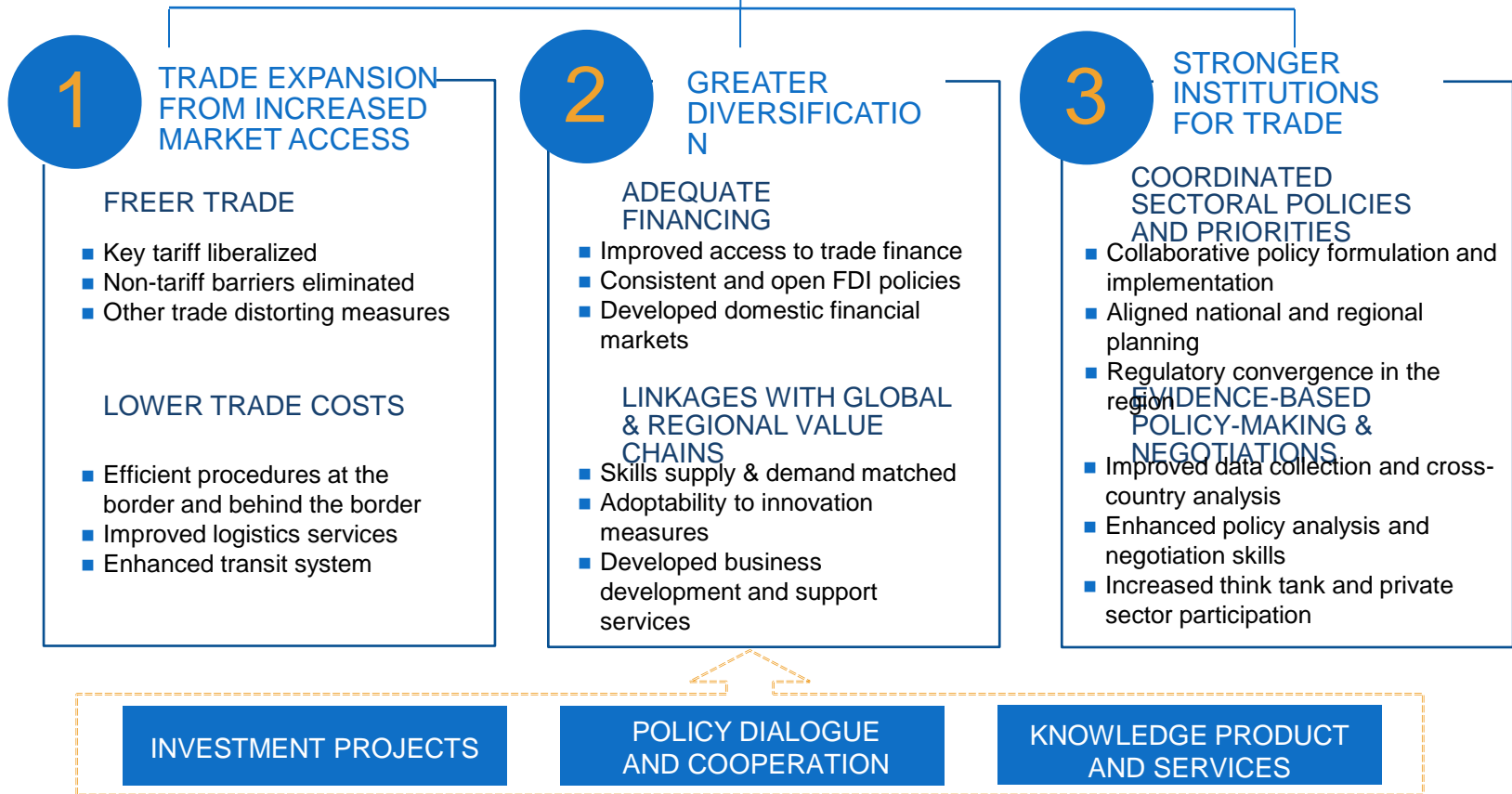
# Highlights of CITA Consultations

- General affirmation that CITA 2030 is relevant, responsive, comprehensive and aligned with national strategies of CAREC members
- Concrete project proposals and activities identified under Rolling Strategic Action Plan (RSAP) 2018-2020
- Broad scope of trade issues discussed
- Emphasis on regional cooperation and private sector engagement
- Strong cross-sectoral linkages



# CAREC Integrated Trade Agenda 2030

CAREC COUNTRIES ARE MORE INTEGRATED IN THE GLOBAL ECONOMY





# 1

## Trade expansion from increased market access

- WTO accession and post-accession support
- Implementation of WTO agreements on TFA, TBT and SPS with—
  - deepening CAREC initiatives in customs cooperation (CCC)
  - modernizing SPS systems (CAST)
  - promoting best practices in Quality Infrastructure
- streamlined documentary requirements and procedures
- analysis of impact of bilateral/regional FTAs
- addressing non-tariff barriers, uneven tax treatment and restrain from protectionist tendencies
- maintaining relevance with emerging WTO agenda

# 2

## Greater diversification

- SME access to finance and trade insurance
- Cross-border financial services and investment promotion and facilitation
- Effective financing model schemes
- Trade in services and movement of people
- Enabling e-commerce initiative and digital trade
- Industrial and business development

# 3 Stronger institutions for trade

- knowledge hub/online portal on trade
- establishment or strengthening of National Committee on Trade Facilitation (NCTF) or similar mechanisms
- capacity building for officials
- trade and development strategies or roadmaps
- high-level fora
- private sector dialogues and participation
- leverage on regional arrangements and coordination with development partner programs and inter-subregional sharing of experience
- cross-learning and strengthened role of CAREC Institute

# Rolling Strategic Action Plan

RSAP 2018-2020

## Investment Projects including Scoping Studies

## Policy Dialogue and Cooperation

## Knowledge-Product and Services

### 1. Increased Market Access

1. Regional improvement of border services (RIBS) projects in KGZ, MON, PAK & TAJ with components of national and/or cross-border Single Window systems
2. Pilot joint customs control (JCC) including e-manifests (PRC-MON) and customs data exchange (GEO-AZE, PRC-KAZ)
3. Regional upgrade of SPS for Trade (RUST) projects in MON; RUST scoping for KGZ; and border SPS needs assessment in PAK & AFG
4. CAREC Advanced Transit System (CATS) pilot implementation in AZE, GEO, KAZ

1. Potential mutual recognition of SPS certificates or accreditation
2. Facilitated visa arrangements or special permits for traders and truck drivers, labor migrants or temporary presence of people
3. Information-sharing on transit schemes (CATS, QTTA, NCTS)
4. Customs-private sector dialogue on standards developed by private sector transport and logistics operators (CFCFA)
5. Mapping and seminar to clarify technical regulations and accreditation (conformity assessment)

1. Short paper on promoting BCPs to develop regional border trade
2. Technical support for WTO accession and experience-sharing by new members, country/sector-specific impact study
3. Support for WTO TFA implementation including forum
4. Best practices seminar on paperless trading or e-certification
5. Case study on FTA engagements (e.g., ASEAN/EU model) and model/template FTA for CAREC countries
6. Research on developing trade in services (financial, health, education, transport and tourism) and movement of people
7. Continuing collection of results management tools such as CAREC Corridor Performance Measurement and Monitoring

# Rolling Strategic Action Plan

RSAP 2018-2020

## Investment Projects including Scoping Studies

## Policy Dialogue and Cooperation

## Knowledge-Product and Services

### 2. Greater Diversification

1. Feasibility studies on free trade zones (UZB, PAK) or cross-border economic zones in PRC (IMAR)-MON, KAZ-PRC(XUAR)-MON
2. Establishment of logistics centers in KAZ, MON and UZB
3. E-commerce incubation in PRC
4. Trade finance, guarantees and PPPs expansion

1. Investment forum on agriculture, tourism & technology
2. Information-sharing on strategic planning or roadmaps for implementation of CITA
3. Identification of possible sectoral clusters between CAREC countries

1. Experience-sharing through workshop or field visits on economic corridor development, cross-border cooperation centers
2. Seminar on regulatory framework / best practices on e-commerce and innovation (Industry 4.0)
3. Case study on benefits of industrial policy; value-chain development

### 3. Stronger Institutions for trade

1. ICT - establishment of one-stop shop/online trade policy, best practices and data portal for CAREC countries (subsite in CAREC website)

1. Establishment of SPS working groups to implement Common Agenda for Modernization of SPS Measures for Trade (CAST)
2. Relevant agenda for NCTFs through national-level consultations or country-specific needs assessment
3. Support for WTO accession of remaining CAREC members

1. Capacity building for NCTFs including through training or advisory support
2. Training of trainers on SPS regulations and international standards on plant/animal health and food safety
3. Trainings on data collection, policy analysis and negotiations
4. Drafting of model FTA template
5. Engagement of research institutions in collaboration with CAREC Institute

# Results Framework

- Two-tiered approach:
  - *strategic level* – measure and assess CITA progress using selected broad indicators to assist in formulating and prioritizing recommendations
  - *operational level* – sector-specific associated with RSAP which could include policy matrix (theory of change), numerical targets and baselines to manage development results
- Phased monitoring (2018-2020, initial period)
- CAREC Secretariat to work closely with RTG to develop cluster or sector-specific results framework

# Institutional Structure

- **Regional Trade Group (RTG)** as the lead and full operational authority for coordination and consultation in trade sector
- **Customs Cooperation Committee (CCC)** reporting to RTG, to continue on customs cooperation functions related to trade facilitation
- **Working/Experts Groups** in new technical areas (e.g., sanitary and phytosanitary measures, technical barriers to trade, services and investment)
- **CAREC Federation of Carrier and Forwarder Associations** as private sector representative to play its vital roles



# Regional Trade Group

## Terms of Reference

- **Policy dialogue and strategy formulation**
  - inclusive and constructive forum for consensus-building, cross-learning & cooperation in trade sector
  - Develop, refine and update the CITA 2030 and three-year RSAP
  - Provide updates & recommendations to MC, through SOM/NFP
- **Project pipeline dev't, implementation & monitoring**
  - Oversee implementation, communications and monitoring of CITA and RSAP, prioritizing work
  - Identify agreeable solutions & flexible arrangements (2+1 approach)
  - Advise and support to countries, including NCTF
  - Develop sector-specific monitoring framework and reporting mechanism
- **Institutional strengthening & stakeholders coordination**
  - Support establishment/strengthen NCTF or other mechanisms
  - Promote evidence-based policy making and negotiations
  - Enhance linkages and synergy with other CAREC sectoral bodies, private sector (Chamber of Commerce, CFCFA), CAREC Institute, global and regional mechanisms (WTO, WCO, BRI, etc)

# Regional Trade Group

## Membership

- Appointed Representative of Country (lead agency)
- contact points and agency lists for topical issues

## Meetings and Support

- Regular meetings
  - *annual meeting back-to-back with SOM*
  - *technical meetings on an as-needed basis*
- Agenda-driven and issues-based
  - *determine composition of country's delegation*
  - *promote ownership and cross-learning*
- Chairperson appointed by Host Country (rotation)
- ADB RTG Secretariat, CAREC Secretariat

# Deliberations on CITA/RSAP

- General support for CITA 2030 framework and implementation approach
- Further inter-sessional work/consultations, refinement and finalization of CITA 2030 Review Paper for 17<sup>th</sup> MC endorsement
- Inputs on RSAP 2018-2020 list of investments, policy dialogue and knowledge product and services
- Willingness to cooperation and share knowledge and experience



# Deliberations on RTG Organization

- General agreement on functions and tasks of the RTG
- Provision for Review of the RTG TOR (by 2024, 2030)
- Designation of Appointed Representative of the Country (ARC)
- Co-chairmanship from DP or other country lead
- Enhanced role of WTO and CAREC Institute
- Proposals for participation of CAREC chambers of commerce and CFCFA
- Plans and timing of next meeting



# Key Issues for SOM Guidance

## Inputs and Guidance on CITA 2030 & RSAP 2018-2020

- Unresolved issues raised at RTG meeting, if any
- Next steps and timelines for CITA 2030 finalization
- Ensuring support for RSAP projects/priorities (country-programming)

## Guidance on RTG and sub-groups

- Designation of lead agency or Appointed Representative of Country (ARC)
- CCC reporting structure/mechanism with RTG
- Establishment of SPS Regional Working Group as a subgroup of RTG generally supported

# Thank you!

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