

CAREC Workshop on Single Electronic Window Development



**National Roadmaps:
Illustrative Example for Mongolia,
Kyrgyz Republic, Uzbekistan
and Azerbaijan**



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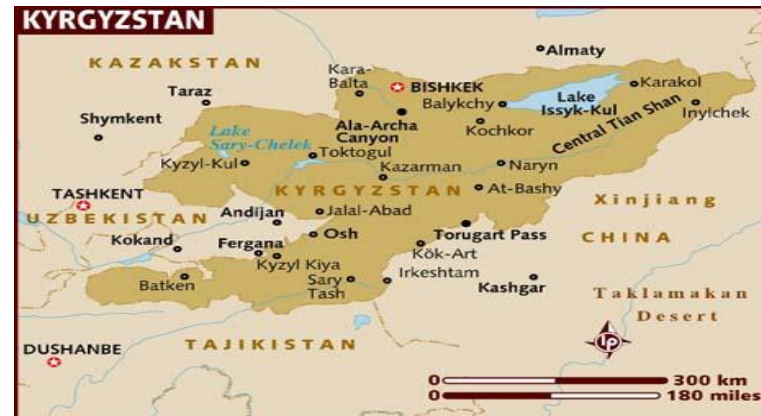
Let's Re-cap the Roadmap for National Single Window

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- High Level Decision and Political Will
 - Legitimate status
 - Alignment with National Strategies
 - Decision on Lead Agency
 - NTTFC or National Working Groups
 - Feasibility Study
 - Establish Sub-Committees
 - Establish Implementation Project Team
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Illustrative example of the Four Case Studies

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High Level Decision and Political Will Legitimate Status



Mongolia	Kyrgyzstan	Uzbekistan	Azerbaijan
YES	YES	YES	YES
<p>18 Oct 06 – Resolution No 251 on establishment of foreign trade SW</p> <p>23 May 07 - National Program to establish SEW for foreign trade facilitation</p>	<p>23 Oct 07 – Decree No. 464</p> <p>19 Jun 08 – Government’s Resolution No.315 Concept on SW Principle</p>	<p>20 Jan 09 - Cabinet Ministers Resolution passed to set up Inter-Agency WG to study SW concept</p>	<p>11 Nov 08 - President Decree on Integration of Functions at border crossing</p>

Alignment with National Strategies



Mongolia	Kyrgyzstan	Uzbekistan	Azerbaijan
YES	YES	YES	YES
Single Window and Transit Mongolia initiatives as national goals	Aligned with national goal of improving World Bank Doing Business Ranking	Aligned with the Regional Transport Corridor initiative	Part of the National Action Plan for 2007 to 2011

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- Annual survey conducted by World Bank and International Finance Corporation.
- A widely-used benchmark for governments to identify path for reform and by companies to determine if a country is worth investing in
- Indicators are:
 - number of documents required to export/import goods
 - time necessary to comply with all procedures required to export/import goods,
 - cost associated with all the procedures required to export/import goods

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What does trading across borders measure?

Documents necessary to import or export Bank documents

- Customs declaration documents
- Port and terminal handling documents
- Transport documents

Documents filed simultaneously are considered different documents but with the same time frame for completion.



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What does trading across borders measure?

Time required to import or export

- Obtaining all the documents
- Inland transport
- Customs clearance and inspections
- Port and terminal handling
- Does not include ocean transport time



Time is recorded in calendar days. The time calculation for a procedure starts from the moment it is initiated and runs until it is completed.

Procedures that can be completed in parallel are measured as simultaneous.

The waiting time between procedures—for example, during unloading of the cargo—is included in the measure.

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What does trading across borders measure?

Cost required to import or export

- Obtaining all the documents
- Inland transport
- Customs clearance and inspections
- Port and terminal handling
- Official costs only, no bribes

Cost measures the fees levied on a 20-foot container in U.S. dollars. All the fees associated with completing the procedures to export or import the goods are included.

The cost measure does not include tariffs or trade taxes.



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Economy	Trading Across Borders	
	2008	2009
China	43	48
Mongolia	149	156
Uzbekistan	171	171
Azerbaijan	176	174
Tajikistan	178	177
Afghanistan	177	179
Kazakhstan	181	180
Kyrgyz Republic	180	181

Decision on Lead Agency

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YES	YES	YES	YES
Mongolian Customs General Administration	State Customs Committee	State Customs Committee appointed as Implementation Agency by Ministry of Foreign Economic Relations, Trade and Investments	State Customs Committee appointed as Executive Agency

NTTFC or National Working Groups



Mongolia	Kyrgyzstan	Uzbekistan	Azerbaijan
YES	YES	YES	NO
Mongolian Customs General Administration and Mongolian Chamber of Commerce and Industry	Trade Agencies Private Sector International Organizations	Established in early 2009 Chaired by Ministry of Foreign Economic Relations, Trade and Investments	State Customs Committee as Executive Agency

Feasibility Study

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YES/NO	YES/NO	NO	NO
Done by USAID No formal Feasibility Study Report put up Recommended to proceed with implementation	SW Blueprint put up by ADB SW Technical and Economic Justification put up by GTZ	Conceptualization stage Recommended to conduct Feasibility Study by Working Group or external consultants (SEW experts)	Single Window (integrated functions) implemented at the borders on 1 Jan 09 following President's Decree in Nov 08

Establish Sub-Committees

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NO	NO	NO	NO
All tasks to be undertaken by Working Group Recommended to outsource some of the tasks to external consultants (SEW experts)	Recommended to establish Sub-Committees or outsource some tasks to external consultants (SEW experts)	Conceptualization stage only Recommended to form Sub-Committees to work on various tasks or outsource tasks to external consultants (SEW experts)	State Customs Committee as Executive Agency, hence no Sub-Committee

Establish Implementation Project Team

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NO	NO	NO	NO
Working Group working on data harmonization and other tasks Has not reached implementation stage yet	Finalizing charter for SEW operator Has not reached implementation stage yet	Conceptualization stage No ICT master plan yet	State Customs Committee put up a SEW ICT plan Has not reached implementation stage yet

Lessons Learnt

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- All countries have support of Government on SW initiative
 - Need to closely align with National Goals
 - Importance of IOs working in coordination
 - To maximize the potential of SEW platform by defining the scope as wide as possible and practical
 - Importance of a strong Lead Agency
 - Early involvement of OGAs and private sector
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Lessons Learnt

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- Private Sector must perceive benefits of SW implementation and translate to real cost-savings to the businesses
 - ICT support must keep pace with one-stop shop implementation as otherwise benefits cannot be fully realized
 - Differing stage of implementation among the countries – a concern for moving towards a CAREC SEW
 - Tap on experience and expertise of external consultants to expedite implementation
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