



Session I: Updates from the 17th CAREC Ministerial Conference Regarding Customs work under the CAREC Integrated Trade Agenda 2030

**18th Customs Cooperation Committee (CCC) Meeting
20 June 2019
Tashkent, Uzbekistan**





I. Outcomes of 17th Ministerial Conference

(October 2018: Ashgabat, Turkmenistan)

Topic / Agenda	MC Discussions/Outcomes	CCC is requested to:
CITA 2030 and RSAP 2018-2020	<u>Endorsed</u> CAREC Integrated Trade Agenda (CITA) 2030 and its Rolling Strategic Action Plan (RSAP) 2018-2020	Note. Provide updates, if any.
Regional Trade Group	<u>Welcomed</u> establishment of Regional Trade Group	Note.
Customs Cooperation Committee	<u>Commended</u> efforts of Customs Cooperation Committee (CCC) in facilitating customs initiatives and realigning CCC priorities	Note.



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CAREC Common Agenda for Modernization of Sanitary & Phytosanitary (SPS) Measures	<u>Pleased</u> with implementing CAREC Common Agenda for Modernization of Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) Measures for Trade, particularly establishment of national SPS working groups	Note.
WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement	<u>Welcomed</u> inter-subregional forum on implementation of WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement	Note. Provide updates, if any.
Private Sector Engagement	<u>Looks forward</u> to deepening engagement with private sector and <u>agreed</u> to look into the feasibility of establishing CAREC Chamber of Commerce	Note.



II. Review of CCC Terms of Reference

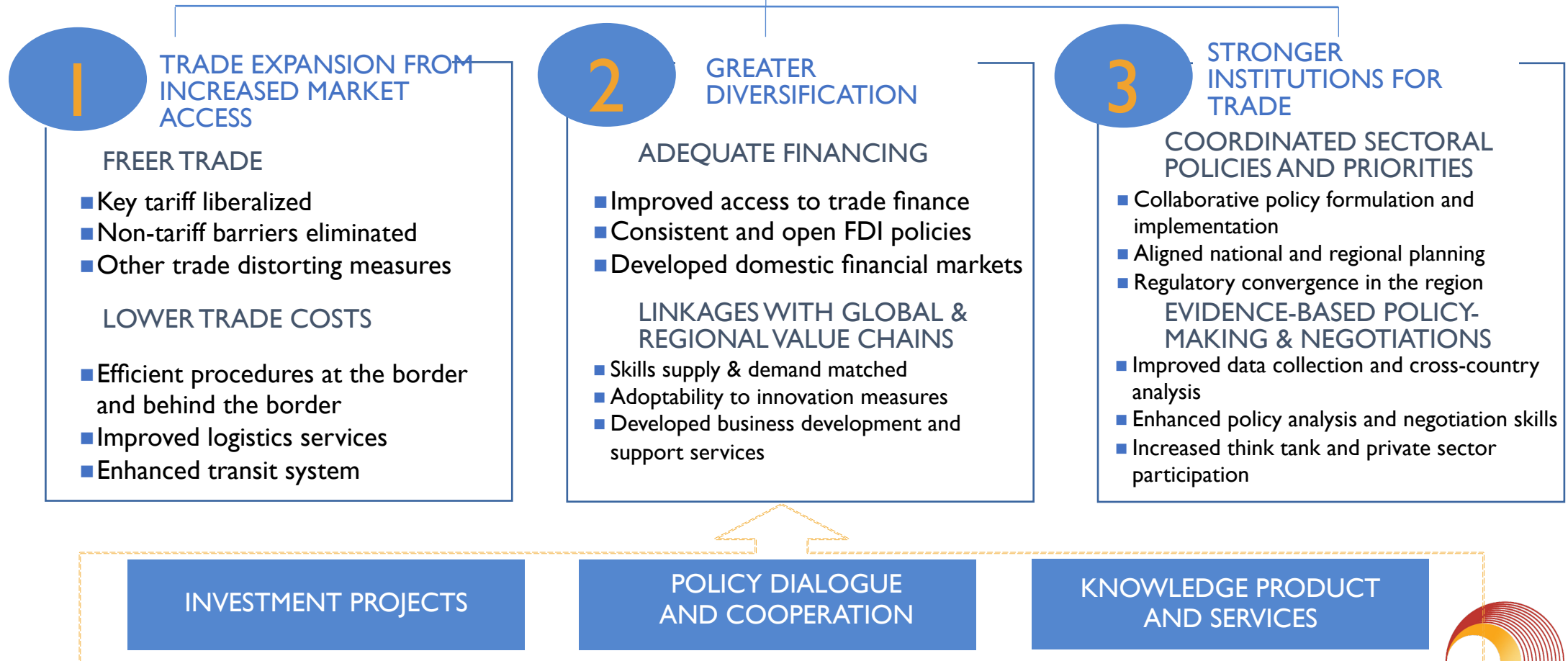
PRIORITY AREAS OF WORK





III. CAREC Integrated Agenda 2030

CAREC COUNTRIES ARE MORE INTEGRATED
IN THE GLOBAL ECONOMY





III. CCC- Related Activities under Rolling Strategic Action Plan (RSAP) 2018 – 2020

I. Increased Market Access	Project/Activity	Status (2018-2019)
	1. Regional improvement of border services (RIBS) projects with customs automation (KGZ-TAJ, MON, PAK)	On-going. Currently implemented under ADB financing in four CAREC countries.
	2. National Single Window (PAK)	No updates. PAK to confirm.
	3. Pilot joint customs control (JCC) including e-manifests (PRC-MON)	On-going. JCC Meeting held in October 2018 between MON and PRC.
	4. Establishment of new border crossing point (BCP) with JCC (AZE-GEO)	Proposed. PRC's Hohhot Customs is arranging a study visit State Customs Committee of Azerbaijan in 2019.
	5. CAREC Advanced Transit System (CATS) including information common exchange (ICE) pilot implementation (AZE-GEO-KAZ)	On-going. Draft Agreement agreed in principle by three participating countries.



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	6. Information-sharing on transit schemes (CATS, QTTA, NCTS) to promote implementation	No updates. Proposed for 2020.
	7. Best practices seminar on paperless trading or e-certification	In November 2018, ADB and UNESCAP prepared a joint publication on trade facilitation and paperless trade in the CAREC region.
II. Greater Diversification	8. Pilot initiative on new World Customs Organization framework of standards in cross-border e-commerce	In December 2018, ADB and CAREC Institute co-organized a workshop on e-commerce development.



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III. Stronger Institutions for Trade	Project/Activity	Status
	9. Support for establishment of WCO accredited training centers (PAK)	No updates. PAK to confirm.
	10. Enhanced implementation of WTO TFA (freedom of transit, AEOs , border management strategy and customs cooperation)	Three events were conducted related to WTO TFA: i) implementation roadmap workshop (Oct 2018), ii) inter-subregional forum (Oct 2018), and iii) subregional workshop (Jan 2019).
	12. Capacity building for NCTFs including through training or advisory support	No updates. Proposed in 2020.



Thank you.

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