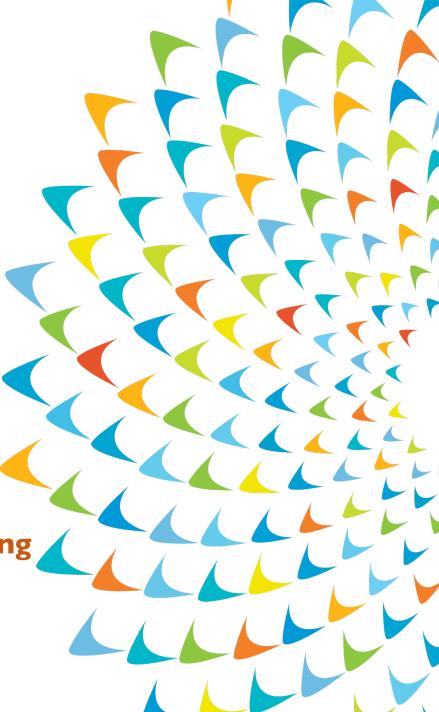


Session I: Updates from the 17th CAREC Ministerial Conference Regarding Customs work under the CAREC Integrated Trade Agenda 2030

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	Endorsed CAREC Integrated Trade Agenda (CITA) 2030 and its Rolling Strategic Action Plan (RSAP) 2018-2020	Note. Provide updates, if any.
Regional Trade Group	Welcomed establishment of Regional Trade Group	Note.
Customs Cooperation Committee	Commended efforts of Customs Cooperation Committee (CCC) in facilitating customs initiatives and realigning CCC priorities	Note.





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	Topic / Agenda	MC Discussions / Outcomes	CCC is requested to:
	CAREC Common Agenda for Modernization of Sanitary & Phytosanitary (SPS) Measures	Pleased 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	Welcomed inter-subregional forum on implementation of WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement	Note. Provide updates, if any.
3	Private Sector Engagement	Looks forward to deepening engagement with private sector and agreed to look into the feasibility of establishing CAREC Chamber of Commerce	Note.



II. Review of CCC Terms of Reference

PRIORITY AREAS OF WORK

- Customs development
- WTO TFA implementation
- Customs-business partnership
- Institutional and human resource capacity development

- Customs technology
- Information exchange (customs-to-customs, customs-to-business platforms, and customs-to other relevant authorities)
- Risk management and authorized economic operator programs
- Regional transit and cooperation

- **Customs** services
- Coordinated border management and crossborder cooperation,
- Single window
- Simplification and harmonization of customs procedures in accordance with developments in global trade





III. CAREC Integrated Agenda 2030

CAREC COUNTRIES ARE MORE INTEGRATED IN THE GLOBAL ECONOMY

TRADE EXPANSION FROM-INCREASED MARKET ACCESS

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

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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



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







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

I. Increased Market Access	Project/Activity	Status (2018-2019)
	 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. 6 CAREC



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

13	Project/Activity	Status
eased Market Access	6. Information-sharing on transit schemes (CATS, QTTA, NCTS) to promote implementation	No updates. Proposed for 2020.
I. Increase Ace	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 Diversifica- tion	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.



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

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



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