



Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation (CAREC) Program

CAREC-SASEC Intersubregional Knowledge-Sharing Forum:
Trade Facilitation and Customs Modernization
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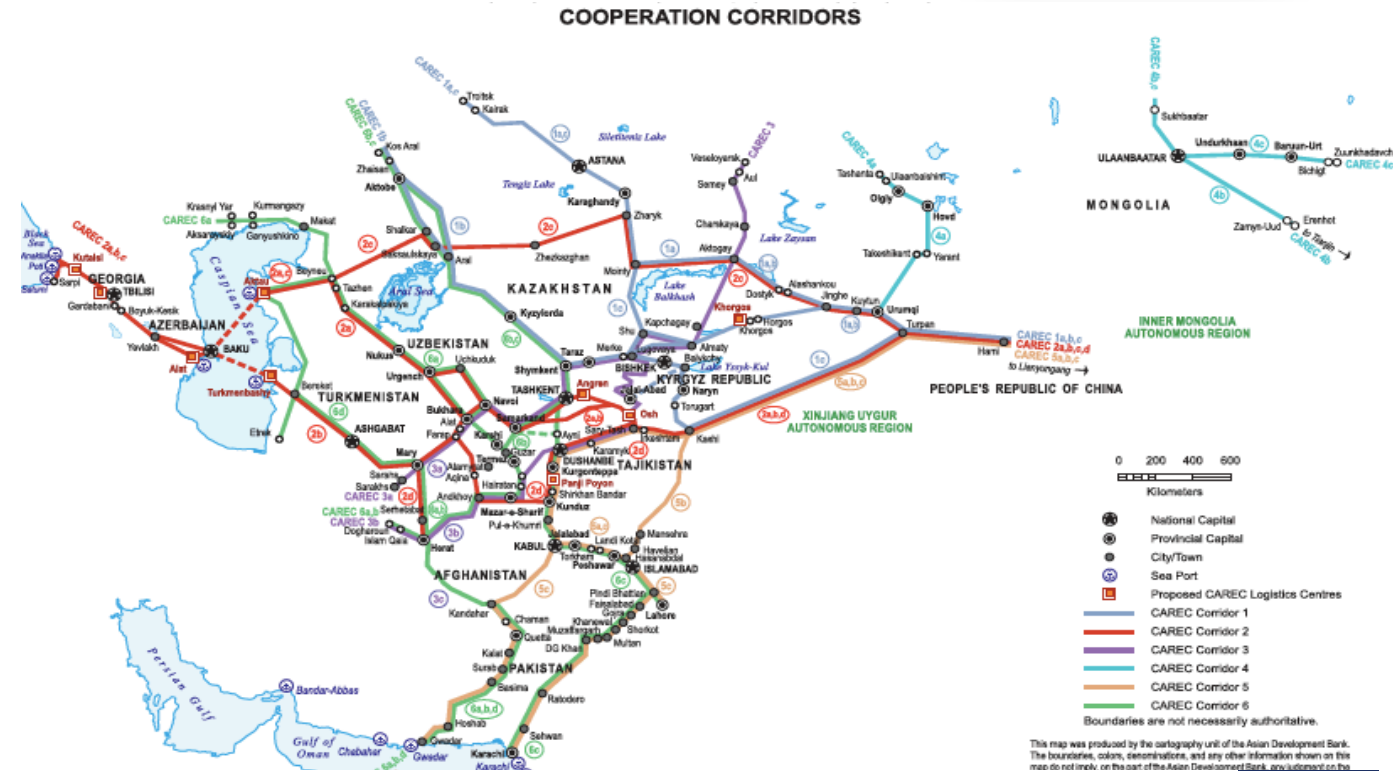
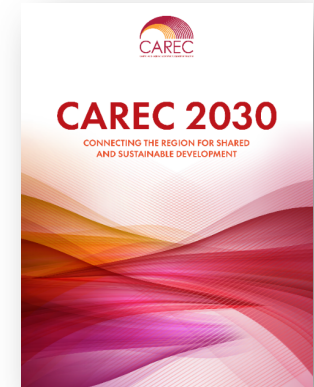
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CAREC Program and CAREC 2030

- An open and inclusive platform that connects people, policies, and projects for shared and sustainable development
- Mobilized more than **\$31.5 billion** in investments since 2001
- CARE 2030 has **5 operational clusters**: economic and financial stability; trade, tourism, and economic corridors; infrastructure and economic connectivity; agriculture and water; human development
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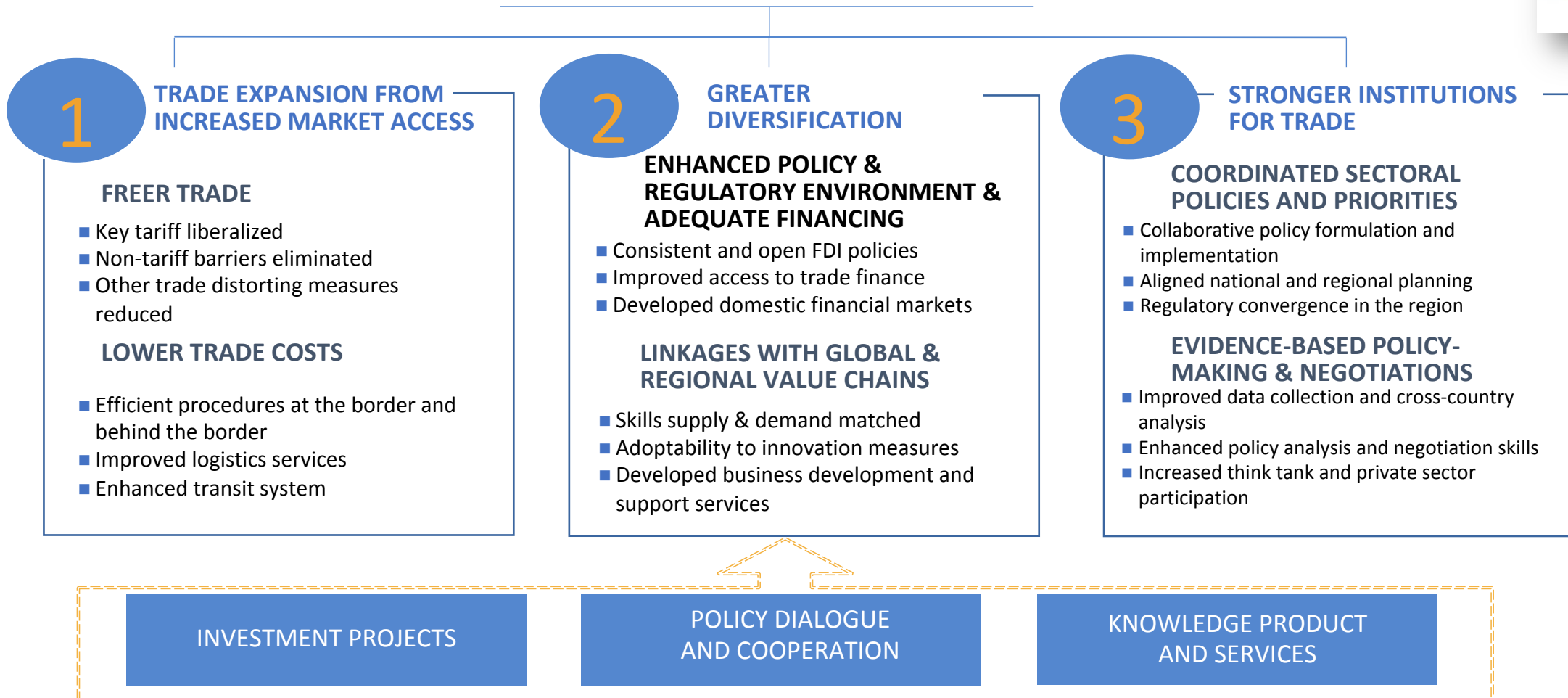




CAREC Integrated Trade Agenda 2030



CAREC COUNTRIES ARE MORE INTEGRATED IN THE GLOBAL ECONOMY





Rolling Strategic Action Plan 2018-2020

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	Project includes upgrade of facilities at key BCPs, customs automation system to reduce processing time and costs, and strengthen customs and project management capacity 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	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
			Investment project (scoping)	Proposed	AFG, PAK	2019–2020
		Needs assessment study at the borders including laboratory capacity and cold-chain facilities				

Investment projects:

- Since 2013, \$336 million for 5 investments (loans and grants) to address both hard and soft trade-related border infrastructure needs.

Regional technical assistance:

- Since 2014, \$9.85 million for 7 regional TA projects.



CITA 2030: Institutional Arrangements



Customs Cooperation Committee (CCC)

- CCC is the responsible body for all customs-related issues and priority areas of customs development, technology and services.

Regional Trade Group (RTG)

- RTG acts as coordinating and consultative body for trade sector in CAREC Program, specifically CAREC Integrated Trade Agenda (CITA) 2030 and its Rolling Strategic Action Plan (RSAP).



Customs Cooperation Committee (CCC)

- First CCC Meeting held in Urumqi, PRC in January 2002.
 - Heads and Deputy Heads of customs agencies of 11 CAREC member countries.
- Annual CCC meetings: 18th meeting held in Tashkent, Uzbekistan June 2019.
- Annual Joint CCC– CAREC Federation of Carrier and Forwarder Associations Meeting, since 2014.
- Coordination with WCO, WTO, **General Administration of China Customs**, Korea Customs Service, Japan Customs, GIZ, CAREC Institute, Regional Knowledge Sharing Initiative, and other development partners.



CCC Accomplishments 2004-2017

TRADE POLICY

- WTO accession commitments implemented, trade-tax regime liberalized
- Trade policy capacity built, trade and investment regimes strengthened
- Diagnostic trade integration study
- Aid for Trade and enhancing competitiveness
- Trade efficiency of SMEs at key border-crossing points

CUSTOMS COOPERATION

- **Customs reform and modernization**
- **Single window development**
- **Coordinated/Integrated Border Management, Joint Customs Control**
- **Regional transit trade facilitation**
- **Work with private sector: CAREC Federation of Carriers and Freight Forwarder Associations (CFCFA)**
- **Corridor Performance Monitoring and Measurement (CPMM)**

INTEGRATED TRADE FACILITATION

- Regional Improvement of Border Services (RIBS)
- Regional Upgrades of SPS Measures for Trade (RUST)
- Logistics development
- Trade corridor improvement
- Industrial park development



Capacity Building and Institution Strengthening

- WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement
- Revised Kyoto Convention
- SAFE Framework of Standards
- National Trade Facilitation Committees
- Time release studies and the CAREC CPMM
- TIR and Transit
- e-Commerce
- Risk management
- Automation – single window
- Customs inspection and intelligence...





CCC Objectives under CITA 2030

- Provide strategic guidance
 - CITA 2030 and RSAPs.
- Implement WTO TFA.
- Lead digital innovation.
- Monitor implementation of CITA 2030 and RSAPs.
- Strengthen partnership with private sector.
- Serve as regional forum to address common customs' issues and promote cooperation.





CCC Priority Areas under CITA 2030

- **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);
 - risk management and authorized economic operator (AEO) programs;
 - regional transit and cooperation.
- **Customs Services**
 - coordinated border management;
 - single window;
 - simplification and harmonization of customs procedures in accordance with developments in global trade.



Collaboration with Stakeholders

- Inter-agency collaboration – public sector.
- Public-private sector partnership.
- Coordination with key CAREC stakeholders and platforms
 - Regional Trade Group, Transport Sector Coordination Committee, CAREC Institute, CAREC Federation of Carriers and Forwarders Association, and others.
- Development partners and multilateral agencies.
- **Capacity building and institution strengthening.**





CCC Workplan Areas 2019-2021

- WTO TFA implementation.
- CAREC Advanced Transit System/Information Common Exchange Agreement.
- Digital trade and e-commerce.
- Scoping/feasibility studies for new RIBS projects.
- Customs technology trends and innovations.
- **Collaboration with private sector on AEO systems.**
- Integrated Information Exchange System.
- Risk Management – compliance programs.



Thank you!
Спасибо!

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