



# Session 1: CCC Priority Projects and Activities 2019-2020

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Intersessional Meeting of the CAREC Customs Cooperation Committee  
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# “Better Customs for Better Client Services in CAREC Countries”

- Approved Oct 2019
- \$1.45 million
  - UK Fund for Asia Regional Trade and Connectivity
  - Regional Cooperation and Integration Fund
  - People’s Republic of China Poverty Reduction and Regional Cooperation Fund
- **Impacts:** the trade and smooth flow of goods and people across the CAREC region increased; and trade from increased market access expanded.
- **Outcome:** CAREC customs agencies and the CCC providing better services to their clients.





# TA Outputs

## **Output 1: Scoping studies with actionable recommendations in customs infrastructure, facilities, use of technology, and logistics support prepared.**

- scoping studies at select border-crossing points to assess the adequacy of physical infrastructure (including laboratory, inspection, and cargo handling facilities); use of information and communications technology (including the single window); and logistics support capacities to meet international standards and client demand for quality border-crossing services; and to better inform necessary customs reforms.
- Assessment of completed and ongoing regional improvement of border services (RIBS) projects to ensure lessons learned are applied to new RIBS investments.

## **Output 2: Initiatives in modern customs technologies and best practice supported.**

- digital transformation of customs technologies by promoting development of e-customs systems, paperless trade, and technology innovations to eliminate trade-hindering paper-based procedures.
- use of modern risk management systems (AEO programs) and encourage preliminary mutual recognition processes across borders.
- CAREC Advanced Transit System (CATS) and Information Common Exchange (ICE) pilot phase and next steps implementation.



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## Output 3: Customs capacity improved.

- technical skills training and adoption of measures to reduce delay at border-crossing points, such as expanded joint customs border control pilots and regular customs–private sector dialogue.
- help develop business-to-customs and customs-to-customs electronic platforms and encourage study visits and inter-subregional learning opportunities to optimize lessons learned from other customs' and private sector experience.
- enhance customs' capacity to better cope with increasing volumes of trade (arising from e-commerce, blockchain application, and other technology innovations) and coordinate joint training on logistics management and coordinated border management with border agencies and the private sector.



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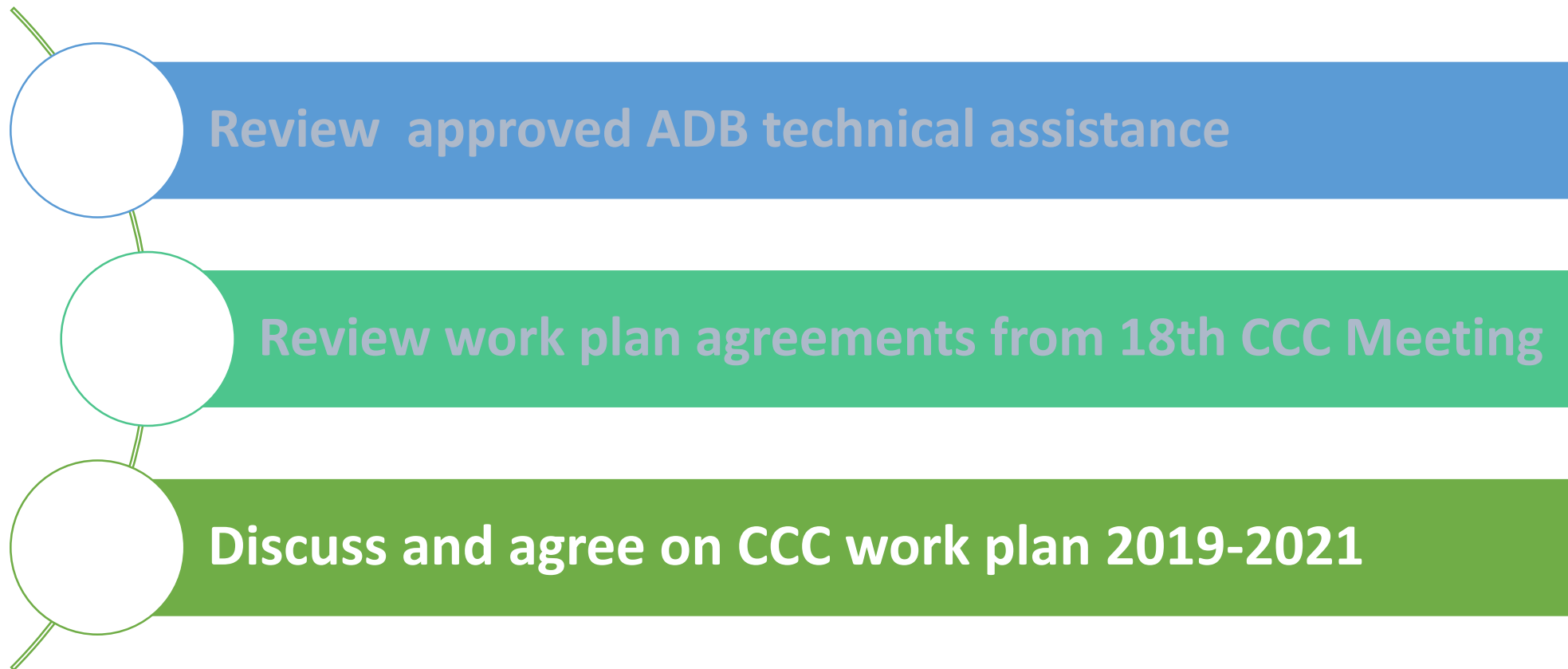
AGREEMENT	STATUS
1. Take forward processing of the proposed Asian Development Bank (ADB) technical assistance (TA)	- Approved Oct 2019
2. Continue to support CAREC customs to enhance national implementation of the World Trade Organization (WTO) Trade Facilitation Agreement (TFA)	- Inter-subregional Knowledge-Sharing Forum with SASEC (Nov 2019) - Draft WTO TFA implementation tracking mechanism
3. Proceed with the pilot phase of the CAREC Advanced Transit System (CATS) and Information Common Exchange (ICE) initiative	- Target signing of Agreement at sidelines of Ministerial Conference in Nov 2019 - CATS consultants working on SOP manuals for initial implementation phase
4. Intensify efforts to develop and implement effective authorized economic operator (AEO) systems	- Workshop on AEO planned in Q4 2020





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AGREEMENT	STATUS
5. Continue support to the ongoing Joint Customs Control (JCC) initiative	- Proposed AZE customs tour of Erlian – Zamin Uud JCC Pilot Project underway
6. Further consider proposal of State Customs Service of Uzbekistan to develop an Integrated Information Exchange System for CAREC region	- Sub-regional Workshop on Integrated Information Exchange System proposed for Q4 2020
7. Coordinate with ADB for better utilization of methodological approaches of the CAREC CPMM mechanism and the TRS model.	- Planned in 2020 - On-going collaboration between CFCFA and CCC
8. Support identification and preparation of trade facilitation investment projects	- Scoping studies in customs infra, facilities, use of technology, and logistics support to be prepared
9. Endorsed CCC 2019-2021 work plan	- Detailed CCC work plan for 2019-2020





# CCC Work Plan/Activities 2019-2021

CCC Priority Area	Event/Activity	Countries Involved	Proposed Target Date
<b>Customs Development</b>	1. Inter-subregional Knowledge-Sharing Forum CAREC-SASEC (with GEO Customs)	REG	31 Oct–2 Nov 2019
<b>Customs Technology (CT)</b>	2. CAREC Advanced Transit System/ Information Common Exchange	AZE, KAZ, GEO	
	a. Signing of Agreement		Nov 2019
	b. Presentation at 18th Ministerial Conference		14 Nov 2019
	c. Live pilot implementation phase		Dec 2019
<b>CT / Working with other stakeholders</b>	3. CCC-RTG Joint Workshop on Digital Trade and e-Commerce	REG	April 2020



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<b>Customs Services</b>	4. Scoping studies		
	a. Azerbaijan-Georgia Joint BCP	AZE, GEO	Planned
	b. Uzbekistan (or under ADB project?)	UZB	Planned
<b>Customs Development</b>	5. CCC-Related Meetings		
	a. 19th Annual Meeting	REG	May 2020
	b. Joint Meeting with CFCFA	REG	May 2020
	c. Joint Meeting with TSCC (QTTA)		
	d. Joint Customs-SPS trade agencies		
<b>Customs Technology</b>	6. Customs Technology Trends and Innovations (with AZE customs)	REG	Q3 2020



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<b>Customs Technology</b>	7. Workshop on Integrated Information Exchange System (with UZB customs)	Sub-REG	Q4 2020
<b>Customs Technology/ Customs Services</b>	8. Workshop on Risk Management (AEO Program)	Sub-REG (?)	Q4 2020
<b>Customs Development</b>	9. Inter-subregional Knowledge Sharing Forum CAREC-SASEC (TBD)	REG	2020 / 2021



# For discussion and agreement

- Take forward ADB approved TA for CAREC CCC
- Final components of CCC work plan 2019-2021



# Thank you!

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