



CCC Progress and Workplan 2023-2024

**22nd Meeting of the
Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation (CAREC)
Customs Cooperation Committee**

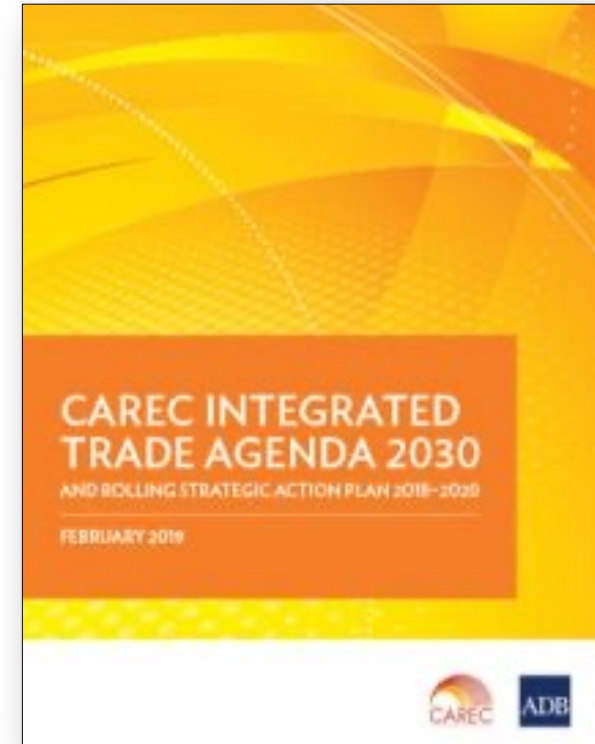
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CAREC Integrated Trade Agenda 2030 (CITA)

Trade expansion from increased market access
Greater economic diversification
Stronger institutions for trade

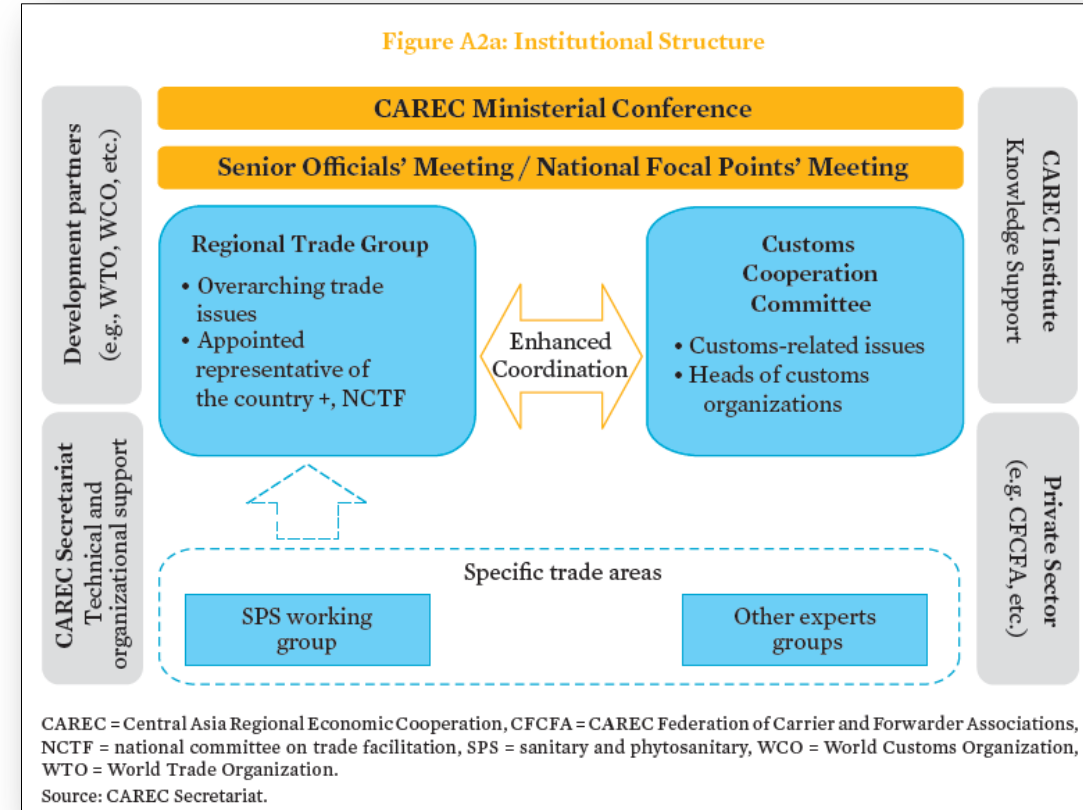
Rolling Strategic Action Plan 2023-2025 (RSAP)

- ❖ Investment projects
- ❖ Policy dialogue and cooperation
- ❖ Knowledge products and services



CCC under the CAREC Integrated Trade Agenda (CITA) 2030

- Established in 2002, CAREC Customs Cooperation Committee (CCC) is responsible for all customs-related matters under CITA 2030 and its 3-year Rolling Strategic Action Plan
- Priority areas of work: customs development, technology, and services
- Technical work is supported by ADB technical assistance through three main outputs



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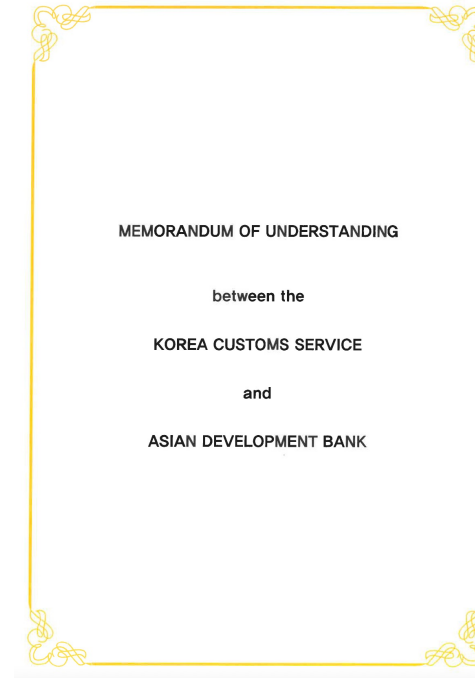
- 20th anniversary of the CCC celebrated in October 2022
- Webinar on Digital Technologies and Green Customs conducted in October 2022
- In-country consultations on CAREC Advanced Transit System (CATS) organized for Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan in October – December 2022
- Advocated CATS in a high-level meeting Middle Corridor event hosted in Baku in March 2023
- ADB-KCS Memorandum of Understanding and Joint Action Plan for 2024-2026 signed in March 2023
- Assessment study being completed for Azerbaijan single window; feasibility study on transit facilitation and authorized economic operators are ongoing



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ADB Partnership with Korea Customs Service

- Virtual signing of memorandum of understanding between ADB and KCS held in March 2023
- Joint Action Plan 2024-2026 include knowledge–sharing and technical advisory support on modernization of customs administration and procedures, electronic single window, and authorized economic operators



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Project/Activity	Status/Plans
Regional Improvement of Border Services (RIBS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Scoping study for integrated border management and/or joint customs control for TAJ-UZB or KAZ-UZB in Q4 2023;• Case study on lessons learned and manual on best practices in RIBS and integrated border management proposed in Q1 2024• Border Efficiency for Sustainable Trade (BEST) investment project is being processed for Mongolia
CAREC Advanced Transit System (CATS) and Information Common Exchange (ICE)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Memorandum of Understanding for signing of AZE, GEO, TKM and UZB• Subregional assessment study on cross-border transit trade facilitation for AZE, KAZ, and UZB ongoing
Joint Customs Control	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Knowledge-sharing on Joint Customs Control experience of CAREC countries proposed in Q4 2023/Q1 2024

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Authorized Economic Operators (AEO)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• AEO regional mapping commenced in Q1 2023; In-country and regional workshops on risk management focused on AEO Program planned in Q1 2024 (in partnership with Korea Customs Service)
National Single Window	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Assessment to enhance AZE's single window and its integration with other agencies' systems being finalized• Regional mapping and gap analysis on information exchange platforms and single window systems to be conducted
Accelerating Digital Trade	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Scoping studies on innovative solutions for customs processes proposed for at least two CAREC countries in Q4 2023

Thank you!

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