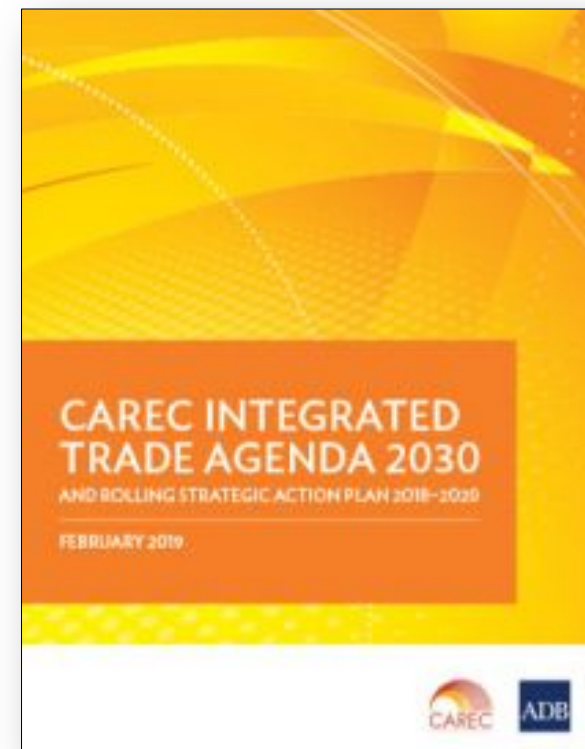


Session 7: CCC Workplan 2019-2021 and ADB Technical Assistance

18th CAREC Customs Cooperation Committee Meeting
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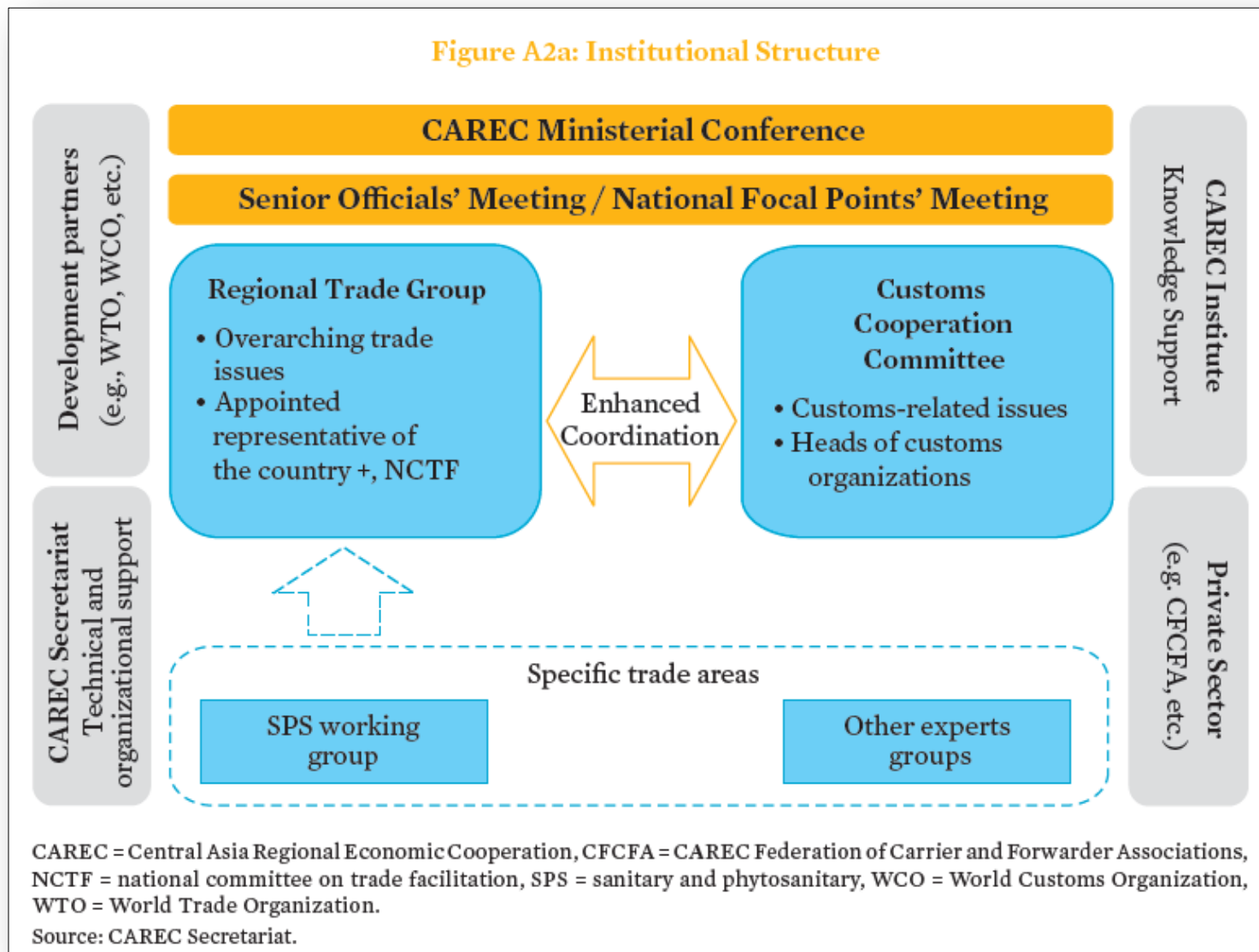
CAREC Integrated Trade Agenda 2030 (CITA) and Rolling Strategic Action Plan (RSAP) 2018-2020

- Integration with global economy
- Enhancing growth potential
- Improving living standards
 - ❖ trade expansion from increased market access
 - ❖ greater economic diversification
 - ❖ stronger institutions for trade
- Rolling Strategic Action Plan 2018-2020 (RSAP)



CITA 2030 and the CAREC CCC

Figure A2a: Institutional Structure



CITA 2030 Workplan (RSAP) 2018-2020 and the CCC

Regional Improvement of Border Services

Project includes upgrade of facilities at key border-crossing points (BCPs), customs automation systems to reduce processing time and costs, and strengthening customs and project management capacity.

National Single Window (NSW)

Project design for establishing NSW, a critical component of WTO TFA commitments.

Developing a new BCP (AZE-GEO)

The proposed Ipek Yolu-Abreshumis Gza friendship BCP in AZE-GEO will include joint customs control component.

CAREC Advanced Transit System (CATS) pilot project

A new transit mechanism that offers risk-based and comprehensive guarantees to reduce time and cost of transit trade.

Information Common Exchange (ICE)

Pilot customs data exchange among participating CAREC countries, which could be linked to the CAREC Advanced Transit System pilot.

CITA 2030 Workplan (RSAP) 2018-2020 and the CCC

Membership and implementation of transit schemes	Participation in and effective implementation of regional transit schemes and arrangements, such as CATS and the Quadrilateral Traffic-in-Transit Agreement.
Joint customs control pilot project	Phase 1 of implementation is document harmonization through the unified cargo manifest, aimed at electronic exchange. Phase 2 will involve mutual recognition of inspection results.
Paperless trading or e-certification of trade documents	Capacity building to promote best practices in paperless trade, which is linked to NSW, with potential interconnectivity and interoperability via electronic data interchange or regional single window.
Best practices on free trade agreements (FTAs)	Seminar on priority FTA topics such as rules of origin and role of customs agencies.

CITA 2030 Workplan (RSAP) 2018-2020 and the CCC

Promotion of e-commerce and innovation (Industry 4.0)

Pilot initiative on new World Customs Organization framework of standards in cross-border e-commerce, and potential partnership with existing programs initiated by the private sector or international entities.

WTO TFA enhanced implementation among CAREC members

Seminars and inter-subregional forum on WTO TFA, especially mandatory provisions of high significance to CAREC (e.g., freedom of transit, authorized economic operators, customs valuation, and border agency and customs cooperation).

National-level consultations or country-specific needs assessment for national committee on trade facilitation (NCTF).

Establish World Customs Organization-accredited training institute.

Proposed ADB Technical Assistance Support to CCC

*“Better Customs for Better Client Services in Central Asia
Regional Economic Cooperation Countries”*

- Help enable CAREC customs agencies and the CCC better respond to the evolving trade environment and increasing client demand for better services by increasing customs’ capacity to undertake reforms that promote efficient, transparent, and modern customs management and procedures.
 - ❖ Prepare scoping studies with actionable recommendations in customs infrastructure, facilities, use of ICT (single window), and logistics support.
 - ❖ Support pilot initiatives in modern customs technologies and best practice.
 - ❖ Strengthen customs’ capacity.

Outcome: CAREC customs agencies and the CCC providing better services to its clients.

CAREC customs agencies and the CCC providing better services to its clients

a. Customs component of Logistics Performance Index improves by at least 3% (average CAREC country score)

b. Three additional CAREC countries sign Regional Framework Agreement on Facilitation of Cross-border Paperless Trade in Asia-Pacific

Output 1: Scoping studies with actionable recommendations in customs infrastructure, facilities, use of ICT (single window), and logistics support prepared.

1. Scoping studies with actionable recommendations in customs infrastructure, facilities, use of ICT (single window), and logistics support prepared

1.1. Three scoping studies completed for at least 3 selected BCPs to identify gaps in physical infrastructure, facilities for cargo handling, use of ICT (single window) and logistics support facilities.

Output 2: Pilot initiatives in modern customs technologies and best practice supported.

2. Pilot initiatives in modern customs technologies and best practice supported

2.1. Paperless trade implemented at a minimum of 3 BCPs.

2.2. AEO program initiated in 3 additional CAREC countries.

2.3. CAREC regional transit scheme and Information Common Exchange piloted in 3 countries.



Output 3: Customs capacity improved.

3. Customs capacity improved

3.1. Interagency cooperation formalized in 4 border-crossing points and cross-border customs cooperation initiated in at least 2 pairs of countries.

3.2. At least 2 business-to-customs platform models developed.

3.3. At least 300 customs personnel, other border agency personnel, and trade-related representatives of the private sector (of whom at least 35% are women) report enhanced technical skills in e-commerce, blockchain and other areas.

3.4. Periodic time release studies supported in 3 countries.

TA Processing Schedule

Milestones	Expected Completion Date
1. Concept Paper approved	April 2019
2. Fact finding completed	June 2019
3. Aide-mémoire/Agreement of stakeholders confirmed	June 2019
4. Technical assistance approved	July 2019



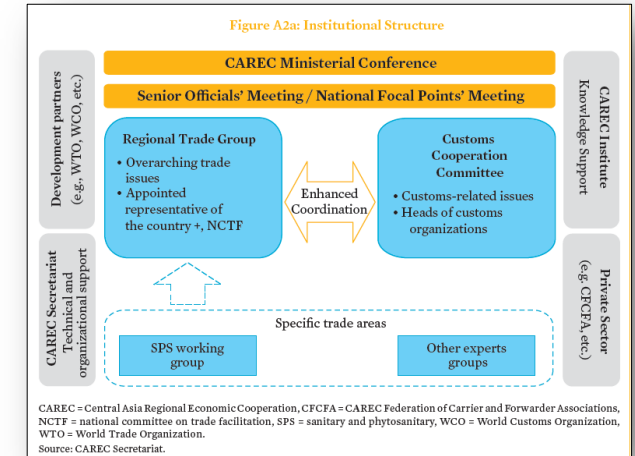
Proposed CCC RSAP Workplan 2019-2021

CAREC Advanced Transit System (CATS) pilot project	Pilot a CAREC regional transit scheme based on comprehensive and risk-based guarantees and a customs information common exchange; support accession to Convention on Common Transit Procedure and use of New Computerized Transit System, to facilitate trade with European markets.
Paperless trading or e-certification of trade documents	<p>Support digital transformation by enhancing e-customs systems and new developments in information communication technology to facilitate trade such as paperless trade, cross border e-commerce, blockchain technology, etc.</p> <p>Support accession to Regional Framework Agreement on Facilitation of Cross-border Paperless Trade in Asia-Pacific.</p>
WTO TFA enhanced implementation among CAREC members	<p>Assist countries adopt modern risk management systems and approaches, develop national AEO programs, and preliminary mutual recognition processes for AEOs across borders.</p> <p>Facilitate dialogue and knowledge transfer for time release studies to better assess bottlenecks at the border and develop informed interventions to address client's needs.</p>

CCC Coordination with CAREC Regional Trade Group

“The RTG and CCC will closely coordinate and cooperate with each other, report progress, and make recommendations to the CAREC Ministerial Conference through the SOM Meeting and NFP Meeting.” – CITA 2030

- ❖ CCC and RTG to introduce mutual representation in annual meetings.
- ❖ CCC-RTG joint seminar on e-commerce and innovation for various trade-related government agencies in early 2020.



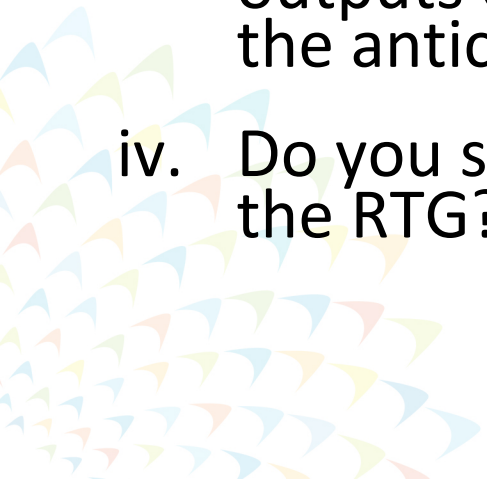
For Guidance of the CCC –

(i) ADB Proposed TA

(ii) CCC RSAP 2019-2021



- i. Do you agree with the proposed TA outcome and outputs? Do you have comments or suggestions for consideration and/or inclusion in the proposed TA?
- ii. Do you agree that the proposed TA outputs be included in the CCC workplan 2019-2021?
- iii. Are you willing to work with ADB to achieve the proposed outputs of the TA and the CCC RSAP workplan 2019-2021, within the anticipated timelines?
- iv. Do you support the proposed coordination between the CCC and the RTG?





Thank you!

Спасибо!

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