

# **Update on Trade Facilitation November 2011 to June 2012**

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# Presentation Outline

## ■ Customs Cooperation

- Joint Customs Control
- Time Release Studies
- Capacity Building

## ■ Integrated Trade Facilitation

- CFCFA Working Groups Meeting
- Business Networking Forum
- CPMM Results
- Capacity Building

## ■ Regional Improvement of Border Services

- Border Crossing Points
- Single Window

## ■ New Initiative: Sanitary and Phyto- Sanitary Measures

## ■ Conference on Regional Cooperation and Integration

# Customs Cooperation Committee (CCC)

## ■ Joint Customs Control

- MON-PRC JCC Pilot expanded to Gashunsukhait (MON) and Gangqimodao (PRC) BCPs
- Review of JCC experience planned for 3rd quarter 2012

## ■ Time Release Study

- Local training on TRS for Afghanistan and Pakistan planned for 3rd quarter 2012
- UZB and MON TRS

# Customs Capacity Building

- Continue specialized courses for customs officials at Shanghai Customs College, PRC
  - Customs Modernization Training
  - Customs Inspection and Risk Management Techniques
  
- Schedule for 2012
  - CAREC Customs Officials 21-31 May 2012
  - Mongolia Customs Officials 6-17 June 2012
  - KAZ Customs: 24 June – 3 July 2012

# Integrated Trade Facilitation

- CAREC Federation of Carrier and Forwarder Associations (CFCFA)

- PAK application submitted; TKM expected to apply
- CFCFA registration in progress

- 2nd Business Networking Forum

- Hohhot 4 June 2012
- 200 participants expected (logistics companies, freight forwarders, road carriers, & traders)

- Working Groups Meeting

- Prioritization of projects
- Funding source

# CFCFA website (<http://cfcfa.net/>)

**CFCFA**  
CAREC Federation of Carrier  
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**INNER MONGOLIA  
AUTONOMOUS REGION  
LOGISTICS ASSOCIATION  
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## CFCFA 2011 Annual meeting: Issy-Kul, Kyrgyz Republic | 9-10 August 2011

The CAREC Federation of Carrier and Forwarder Associations (CFCFA) held its Second Annual Meeting on 9-10 August 2011 at the Ak Maral Hotel in Issyk-Kul, Kyrgyz Republic. The meeting was attended by about 50 participants representing more than 20 trade logistics associations from all ten CAREC member countries.

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## CAREC FEDERATION OF CARRIER AND FORWARDER ASSOCIATIONS (CFCFA)

In 2009 at the initiative of national carrier, freight forwarder and logistics associations and with the CAREC support, a non-government and non-profit organization – CAREC Federation of Carrier and Forwarder Associations (CFCFA) – was established.

### CFCFA is:

- an instrument of public private partnership expansion for developing transport and logistics in the region;
- a cooperation mechanism for CAREC region's national associations to solve topical issues;
- a possibility of active participation in implementing and initiating new projects for CAREC financing

### LANGUAGES

English

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

Asia-Pacific Trade Facilitation Forum 2011  
October 04-05, 2011

CFCFA Annual meeting  
August 9-10, 2011

### NEW EVENT MATERIALS AVAILABLE

**CFCFA 2011 Annual meeting: Issy-Kul,  
Kyrgyz Republic**

Added on August 21, 2011

**CAREC Federation of Carrier and  
Forwarder Associations Transport and  
Logistics Training For Mongolian Freight  
Forwarders and Road Carriers**

# Corridors Performance Measurement and Monitoring (CPMM)

## Trade Facilitation Indicators

		2010		2011	
		Mean	Median	Mean	Median
TF1	Time taken to clear a border crossing point (hour)	8.7	4.1	7.9	4.1
TF2	Costs incurred at border crossing clearance (US\$)	186.4	114.0	156.2	90.0
TF3	Cost incurred to travel a corridor section (US\$)	711.8	404.7	959.4	636.9
TF4	Speed to travel on CAREC corridors (kph), SWD	23.5	22.6	21.9	20.2
	Speed to travel on CAREC corridors (kph), SWOD	35.2	37.5	38.0	39.9

# CPMM 2011 Findings

## BCPs are major bottlenecks

### Major delays at BCPs due to:

- waiting time in queue (for road average 5.6 hrs and for rail 29.6 hrs)
- loading and unloading of goods and cargo (average 4.0 hrs)
- customs clearance (average 1.8 hrs)
- for rail, change of railway gauge (average 34.9 hrs)

### Major contributors to total cost in clearing BCPs:

- custom clearance (average of \$124)
- repair/tire replacement (average of \$104)
- loading and unloading fees (average of \$79)



# Capacity Building for Integrated Trade Facilitation

Trade Logistics training held in Urumqi, PRC November 2011; planned for MON and KAZ June

Short Seminar on Long Distance Training Tools in Hohhot June 2012

## Single Window Development

- Workshop with Pan Asia e-commerce Alliance 23 April 2012, Seoul, Korea
- Legal Framework for Single Window (with UNESCAP) 24-26 April 2012, Seoul Korea

# Proposed Regional Improvement of Border Services (RIBS) Project

- RIBS initially to cover KGZ, MON, and TAJ
- Two major components
  - National Single Window for KGZ, MON and TAJ
  - BCP improvement in KGZ, MON and TAJ
- Next round of RIBS to cover more BCPs and SWs, and more interested CAREC countries

# New Initiative: Sanitary Phyto-Sanitary Measures

- Consultant visited 5 CAREC countries to assess SPS practices and capacities
- Final report now being reviewed
- Seminar to present final report and draw information on 5 other countries - July 2012
- Organizational meeting for a CAREC SPS working group - October 2012

# Conference on Regional Cooperation and Integration – Experiences in Asia and Pacific

180 participants from 30 developing member countries attended

Aside from CAREC, Greater Mekong Subregion (GMS) and South Asia Subregional Economic Cooperation (SASEC) presented achievements, issues and future plans to strengthen RCI.

Trade facilitation session elicited wide interest among participants.

# Regional Cooperation in Trade Facilitation, Trade and Investment and Regional Financial Integration

## KEY MESSAGES

1. Regional integration in trade and finance is a long-term undertaking, and requires deeper efforts at various levels and considerable national-level readiness
2. Trade facilitation is multi-sectoral and multi-dimensional. Some progress made on this front, but a lot more efforts needed to improve trade through border and behind-the-border measures, to keep pace with physical investments.
3. Trade facilitation and trade & investment liberalization measures should be pursued in parallel in a well-coordinated manner within sub-regional groupings and across the region

## Looking Forward

1. Begin with RC and sequence policy and regulatory reforms for RI. (i) adopt measures that help mobility of goods and services in a mutually beneficial manner; (ii) innovative financing solutions to help private sector (e.g. leasing; logistics); (iii) integration of capital markets can begin with national reforms, followed by harmonization
2. Continuously promote trade cooperation. (i) Address incentive issues affecting different stakeholders, and enhance their commitment; (ii) adopt integrated trade facilitation measures, and set realistic and sequenced TF deliverables, with clear performance indicators and accountability; (iii) coordinate with private sector, and adopt new technology solutions that reduce human interface
3. Promote trade facilitation in an integrated manner with investment liberalization and promotion. (i) FTA negotiations and sub-regional and WTO efforts could be platforms for promoting trade and FDI; (ii) address supply chain constraints through coordinated investments along with trade promotion; (iii) promote regional hubs or economic clusters.

# Next Steps

- 11th CCC September 2012 back-to-back with 3rd Annual Meeting of CFCFA (tentatively in Chengdu, PRC)

- Processing RIBS I and preparing RIBS II (2014)

- Enhancing CPMM use – training for national coordinators to perform own analysis; increasing volume of rail data

- Regional coordinating mechanism for SPS

# Easing the flow of goods and people across borders...



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# Thank you

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