



# Session 6: INSTITUTIONAL STRUCTURE

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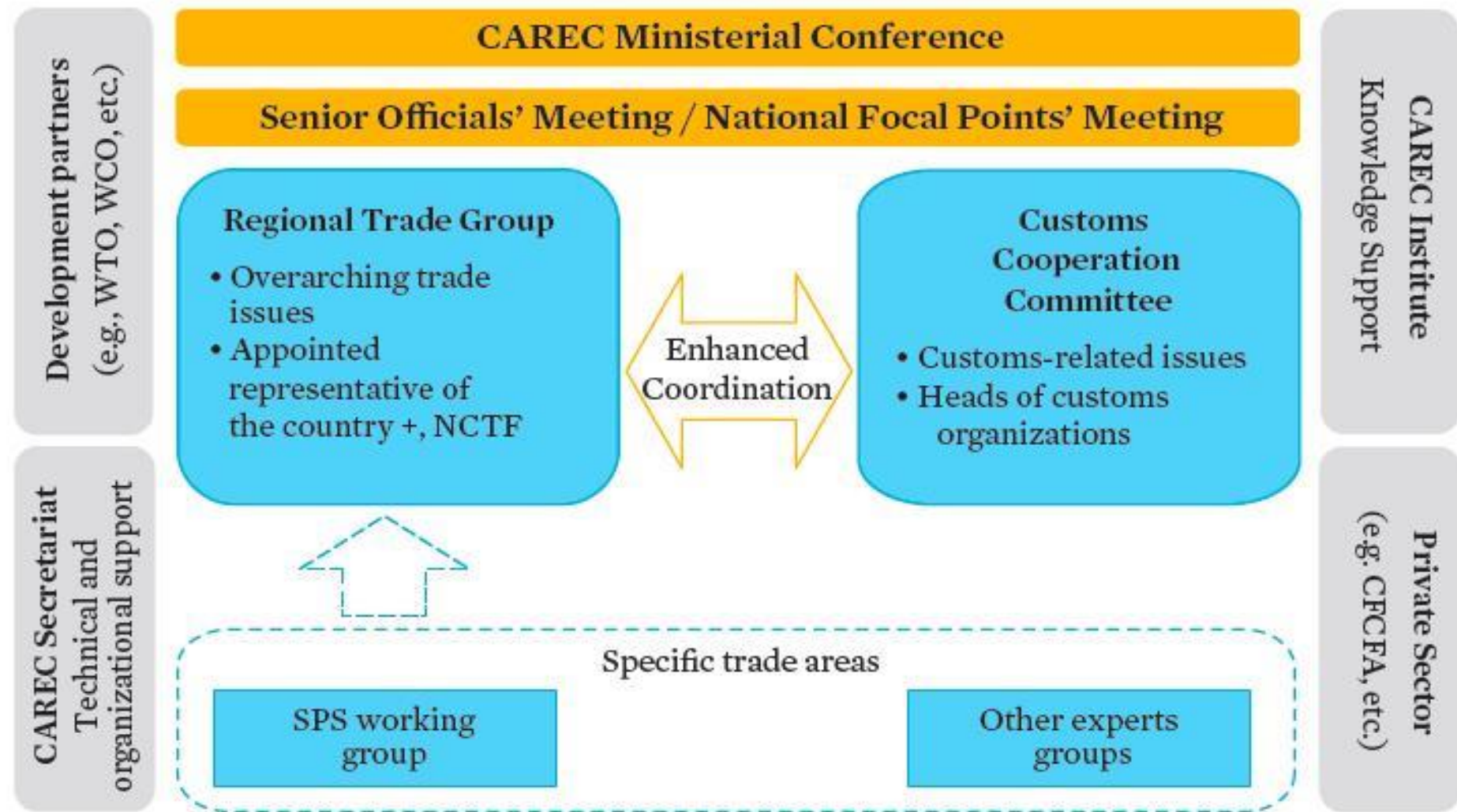
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Models of regional integration:

| Economic Cooperation      | Free Trade Area / Partnership    | Single Market                    |
|---------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Ministerial Conference    | Ministerial Council              | Council and Board/<br>Parliament |
| Senior Officials Meetings | Senior Officials Joint Committee | Commission                       |
| Working Groups            | Technical Committees             | Departments/Directorates         |
| <b>CAREC; APEC</b>        | <b>AfCFTA; RCEP</b>              | <b>EAEU; EU</b>                  |

# CAREC Institutional Mechanism



CAREC = Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation, CFCFA = CAREC Federation of Carrier and Forwarder Associations, NCTF = national committee on trade facilitation, SPS = sanitary and phytosanitary, WCO = World Customs Organization, WTO = World Trade Organization.

## The Assembly

- The highest decision-making organ of the AU

## The Council of Ministers

- Comprises Ministers for Trade
- Meets twice a year in an ordinary session
- Takes decisions on all matters under the AfCFTA Agreement
- Reports to the Assembly through the Executive Council of the AU.
- Decisions taken by the Council of Ministers are binding

## The Committee of Senior Trade Officials

- Comprises Permanent or Principal Secretaries or other officials
- Responsible for the development of programmes and action plans
- The committee monitors and reviews the AfCFTA
- Meets at least twice a year

## Technical Committees & Sub-committees

- Established according to AfCFTA protocols
- Responsible to assist with the implementation
- Examples: TiG Committee; TiS Committee; Sub-committee on RoO;

## Secretariat

- “Functionally autonomous” institution within the AU system, with legal personality
- Provides administrative support for the implementation
- Serves as a depository of notifications

## Dispute Settlement Mechanism

- Dispute settlement body
- Adjudicating panels
- Appellate body

# RCEP

## RCEP Ministerial Meeting

- Comprises Ministers designated by the parties
- Meets once a year in an ordinary session
- Takes decisions on all matters under the RCEP
- Decisions are taken by consensus

## The RCEP Joint Committee

- Comprises senior officials designated by each party
- Considers matters relating to implementation and operation
- Considers proposals to amend the agreement
- discusses differences in interpretation or application
- Supervises and coordinates work of subsidiary bodies and secretariat
- Meets at least twice a year, takes decisions by consensus and is co-chaired

## Technical Committees

- Established by the agreement and RCEP Joint Committee
- Responsible to assist with the implementation
- Committees: TiG, TiS & Investment, Sustainable Growth, Business Environm

## Secretariat

- Not established yet

## Dispute Settlement Body

- Choice of forum
- Consultations
- GO, Conciliation, Mediation
- Panel
- Compliance Review Panel

# Proposed Institutional Mechanism for CARTIF

## The Council of Ministers

- Comprises Ministers for Trade
- Meets once a year in an ordinary session
- Takes decisions on all matters under the CARTIF
- Decisions taken by the Council of Ministers are binding

## The Committee of Senior Trade Officials

- Comprises Permanent or Principal Secretaries or other officials
- Responsible for the development of programmes and action plans
- The committee monitors and reviews the CARTIF
- Meets at least once a year

## Technical Committees & Sub-committees

- Established according to CARTIF protocols
- Responsible to assist with the implementation
- Examples: TiG Committee; TiS Committee;

## Secretariat

- CAREC Secretariat
- Provides administrative support for the implementation
- Serves as a depository of notifications

## Dispute Settlement Mechanism

- Choice of forum
- Consultations
- GO, Conciliation, Mediation
- Panel
- Compliance Review Panel

Thank You! Questions?