



Terms of Reference

CAREC Regional Training of Trainers Course on Free Trade Agreements

TA-6558 REG: Strengthening Knowledge and Capacities for the Design and Implementation of Free Trade Agreements Involving Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation Countries

Name and type of the course:

Train-the-Trainers Upskilling Exercise

Objectives of the course, expected results:

This activity is a regional training program intended to train a limited number of experienced representatives from governments from each CAREC country, thereby further empowering them with technical training expertise and experience that they can integrate with their own local knowledge and experience so as to be able to disseminate it more effectively in their own domestic policy and institutional settings. International consultants, together with experts from the CAREC Institute and the ADB will deliver the training outputs in two phases, with the first being delivered online with pre-recorded videos lectures and the second phase being delivered in real time in the form of in-person workshops, covering major subjects identified as priority areas in the Capacity Needs Assessment of CAREC countries.

The result will be a team of newly empowered experts in each of the CAREC beneficiary countries able to support the broader capacity building efforts of the program and serve as resource persons as their governments prepare for future FTA negotiations, including with one another.

Expected number of participants:

2-3 participants per country. 20 to 30 participants in total.

Who should participate (possible agencies, level of participants):

Mid- and senior-level government officials responsible for trade negotiations, from CAREC countries. The nominated country participants are required to complete and attend all training sessions in both the online and in-person phases of the activity.

Certificates of completion:

After each online session, participants will have to pass a quiz. Participation at the in-person workshop will be made contingent on completion of all quizzes. The in-person workshop will conclude with a certificate ceremony where all participants will receive a certificate of completion.

Coverage of the course

Regional

Duration of the course

Total of 12 online sessions of approximately 60 minutes each followed by a short online quiz for each session. Those who take the online training modules and successfully complete each quiz are invited to attend a two and a half-day in-person workshop that features 5 interactive sessions on various aspects of the materials covered in the online training.

Agenda

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26-28 January 2023
Radisson Blu Iveria Hotel, Tbilisi

In-Person Interactive Workshop (3 interactive exercises)

Attendance at the in-person workshop will be open to the same participants who were invited to participate in the online activities and who have successfully completed these online training modules and passed each of the 12 accompanying quizzes.

The in-person workshop revolves around three distinct interactive activities which will allow participants to apply the knowledge they have acquired in the first (online) phase of the Training of Trainers activity. To complete the interactive workshop activities, participants will work in teams, allocated on the basis of their home countries, and will have to work both together and with other teams in order to complete each activity. Trainers will be present to support each team and provide feedback, which is itself a valuable part of the learning exercise.

The workshop will take place over two and a half days.

Team of the experts

The following experts will lead and support the face-to-face workshop activities.

- Simon Lacey – PMCG, University of Adelaide
- Mikheil Janelidze - PMCG
- Alexey Kravchenko – UNESCAP
- Pramila Crivelli – ADB
- Ghulam Samad - CAREC Institute
- Rovshan Mahmudov - CAREC Institute

26 January 2023

Day 1: 09:00 - 16:15

Session 1 | Exercises and Simulations on Trade in Goods

Time	Subject
09:00-09:05	Welcome Remarks • Ms. Zulfia Karimova , Principal Regional Cooperation Specialist, Public Management, Financial Sector and Regional Cooperation Division (EAPF), East Asia Department (EARD), ADB
09:05-09:10	Introduction: Overview of learning outcomes and course objectives
09:10-10:30	Simulation Exercise 1: Trade in Goods Tariffs, RoO, TBT and SPS
10:30-10:35	GROUP PHOTO
10:35-10:45	Coffee-break
10:45-12:15	Continuation of Simulation Exercise 1: Trade in Goods Tariffs, RoO, TBT and SPS
12:15-13:30	Lunch
13:30-15:15	Continuation of Simulation Exercise 1: Trade in Goods Tariffs, RoO, TBT and SPS
15:15-15:30	Coffee-break
15:30-16:10	Feedback from Workshop Coordinator (Mr. Simon Lacey) + Team
16:10 – until late	Continuation of Simulation Exercise 1: Trade in Goods Tariffs, RoO, TBT and SPS

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Day 2, 09:00 – 16:15

Session 2 | Exercises and Simulations on Trade in Services

Time	Subject
09:00-09:10	Introduction: Overview of the day's learning outcomes and objectives
09:10-10:30	Exercise 2: Trade in Services
10:30-10:45	Coffee-break
10:45-12:15	Continuation of Exercise 2: Trade in Services
12:15-13:30	Lunch
13:30-15:15	Continuation of Exercise 2: Sectoral Focus on Investment, Professional Mobility, Financial Services and Telecommunications Services
15:15-15:30	Coffee-break
15:30-16:10	Feedback from Workshop Coordinator (Mr. Simon Lacey) + Team
16:10-until late	Continuation of Exercise 2: Sectoral Focus on Investment, Professional Mobility, Financial Services and Telecommunications Services

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Day 3, 09:00 - 13:00

Session 3 | Exercises and Simulations on Trade-Related Aspects of Electronic Commerce

Time	Subject
09:00-09:10	Introduction: Overview of the day's learning outcomes and objectives
09:10-11:15	Exercise 3: Electronic Commerce
11:15-11:30	Coffee-break
11:30-12:15	Feedback from Workshop Coordinator (Mr. Simon Lacey) + Team
12:15-12:30	End of Workshop Wrap-Up and Briefing on Next Steps under the Capacity Building Program
12:30–13:00	Certificate Ceremony