





**Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation Program
Side Event at the 10th Asia-Pacific Trade Facilitation Forum:
Transit Facilitation for CAREC Regional Economic Integration
1 September 2022, Singapore
14:30 – 16:30, (Orchard Room)**

| SPEAKERS | | | | |
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|  | <i>Last Name</i> | Karimova | <i>First Name</i> | Zulia |
| | <i>Institution</i> | Asian Development Bank | | |
| | <i>Position</i> | Principal Regional Cooperation Specialist, Public Management, Financial Sector, and Regional Cooperation Division, East Asia Department | | |
| | <i>Short Bio</i> | <p>International development professional with diverse work experience, having worked with multilateral organizations like ADB, IMF, World Bank, UN; private sector and international NGOs, think tank/academia. Ms. Karimova has extensive experience in managing policy dialogue with senior government officials and complex programs in [sub]regional cooperation and integration (RCI), corporate finance and social sectors, as well as in strategic coordination and implementation of ADB-wide strategies and policies.</p> <p>Ms. Karimova led and coordinated multi-stakeholder and cross-sectoral efforts in the conceptualization and design of innovative development initiatives for ADB operations. She coordinates diverse range of RCI, trade and investment, capacity development, and co-financing. She manages RCI projects in the People's Republic of China, Mongolia, and subregional trade initiatives in the Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation (CAREC) Program and Greater Mekong Subregion (GMS).</p> | | |
|  | <i>Last Name</i> | Ee | <i>First Name</i> | Max |
| | <i>Institution</i> | Asian Development Bank | | |
| | <i>Position</i> | CPMM Consultant | | |
| | <i>Short Bio</i> | <p>Max Ee is a transport and logistics consultant based in Singapore. He has 23 years of experience in the domain of supply chain management, international trade facilitation and cross-border logistics. Max holds a Master of Science in Logistics, Graduate Diploma in Systems Analysis and a Bachelor of Business Administration</p> | | |

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| | | (B.B.A.) 2nd Upper Honours, awarded from National University of Singapore and Nanyang Technological University, both ranked 11th and 13th in QS World University Rankings 2021. His clientele included World Bank, U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), Asian Development Bank and International Trade Center. | | |
|  | <i>Last Name</i> | Apostolov | <i>First Name</i> | Mario |
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| | <i>Position</i> | Regional Adviser | | |
| | <i>Short Bio</i> | Mr. Apostolov provides advisory support for the Trade and Economic Cooperation and Integration sub-programmes of the UN Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE), concentrating on support to the transition economies in trade facilitation and the United Nations Special Programme for the Economies of Central Asia (SPECA). He has been servicing intergovernmental bodies of experts and policy makers in these areas for over 20 years. He has also provided UNECE's support to other regional cooperation networks: in Southeast Europe and the Eurasian Economic Union. He has expertise in national trade facilitation bodies, the Single Window for export, import, and transit clearance, regional trade integration, trade facilitation reforms and the WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement, as well as digitalization of multimodal transport data and document exchange. Mr Apostolov holds a Ph.D. from the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies at the University of Geneva. He teaches a course on the Dynamics of Regional Cooperation and Diplomacy at the International University in Geneva. His publications cover such diverse areas as trade facilitation, regional integration, and the geopolitics of Christian-Muslim relations. | | |
|  | <i>Last Name</i> | Moore | <i>First Name</i> | Nigel |
| | <i>Institution</i> | Asian Development Bank | | |
| | <i>Position</i> | Customs Transit Specialist (ADB Consultant) | | |
| | <i>Short Bio</i> | Nigel Moore is a senior consultant with over 20 years practical experience working on international trade facilitation and tax administration capacity building projects in over 30 countries in Central and South East Asia, Africa and the Caribbean, Eastern Europe, the | | |

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| | | <p>European Union (EU) and the Middle East, funded by the Asian Development Bank, U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), World Bank, the European Commission, UK Department for International Development (DFID), Inter-American Development Bank and individual governments. He has extensive experience of trade facilitation issues and assisting the development and modernisation of Customs laws, organisational structures, systems and procedures. This includes transit systems and processes, including guarantee mechanisms and electronic inter-agency exchange of data.</p> |
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