

Update on Trade Facilitation Activities of CAREC

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Presentation Outline

- **9th CAREC Ministerial Conference**
 - Participation of CFCFA
 - CAREC new members
 - CAREC 10th year anniversary
- **CAREC Trade Facilitation Initiatives**
 - Customs cooperation
 - CFCFA
 - CPMM
 - Capacity Building
- **Regional Improvement of Border Services (RIBS) Project**

9th Ministerial Conference

- **CFCFA Chairman and Vice-Chairman participated; presentation on CFCFA made**
- **First CPMM annual report presented to MC**
- **New members Pakistan and Turkmenistan – need to identify local associations for CFCFA**

CAREC 10th Year Anniversary

- **Commemorative activities:**
 - **Launch of proposed 10-year commemorative study and accompanying seminar on CAREC 2020;**
 - **Convening of the CAREC Development Partners Meeting;**
 - **Production of CAREC Program video to be used for outreach activities; and**
 - **Signing ceremonies for CBTA between KGZ and TAJ, and loan agreements for the proposed regional investment project for Regional Improvement of Border Services**

Trade Facilitation Accomplishments

- **Customs cooperation continues to be a major focus;**
- **Time Release Studies to complement CPMM**
- **CFCFA established, Constitution approved; officers elected; registration being worked out**
 - CFCFA brochure
 - CFCFA website
- **CPMM first annual report**

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CFCFA

CAREC Federation of Carrier and Forwarder Associations



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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

LANGUAGES

 English

CENTRAL ASIA REGIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION PROGRAM (CAREC)



Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation Program (CAREC) is a partnership of eight countries and six multilateral institutions working to promote

development leading to accelerated economic growth and poverty reduction.

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TF Accomplishments (cont.)

CPMM Quarterly and Annual reports

Time taken to clear a border crossing point	Median 8.7 hours Average 21.3 hours
Costs incurred at a border crossing clearance	Median US \$196.9 Average US \$398.6
Speed to travel 500 km on CAREC Corridor section for a 20 ton truck or a TEU container	w/o delay 30 kph w/ delay 16 kph
Cost incurred to travel corridor section	US \$1,166

Capacity Building

- **First Logistics Training Tashkent 24-25 December 2010**
- **Multi-Modal Transport Training and FIATA Standardization of Documents 23 February 2011**
- **Plans for 2011**
 - **2nd Logistics Training in KAZ**
 - **3rd Logistics Training in PRC**

Proposed Regional Improvement of Border Services (RIBS) Project

- **Rationale:**

- Border crossing point (BCP) is the major bottleneck - more than three quarters of waiting time and two thirds of costs incurred at the BCPs
- Complex procedures and repeated submission of same import/export information cost time and money
- Modernizing BCPs and streamlining procedures at BCPs will have the most efficiency gains

Regional Public Goods

BCP Improvement	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Benefits of BCP improvement on one side of the border cannot be fully materialized if the other side does not have similar matching investment• Focus on 29 BCPs along CAREC Corridors
SW Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• National SWs can not achieve best results if traders and transporters have to repeatedly file declarations and manifests each time their cargo goes thru a border• A regional platform linking national SWs will be necessary for CAREC

RIBS Components

BCP Improvement	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• infrastructure upgrades and modernization of key BCPs• modern office and communication equipment, and installation of non-intrusive inspection equipment at BCPs• development of trade logistics facilities adjacent to BCPs
SW Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• support national SW (NSW) development in selected CAREC member countries• develop a regional platform for networking of single window schemes for the CAREC region<ul style="list-style-type: none">- PPP approach- Regional alliance of SW operators

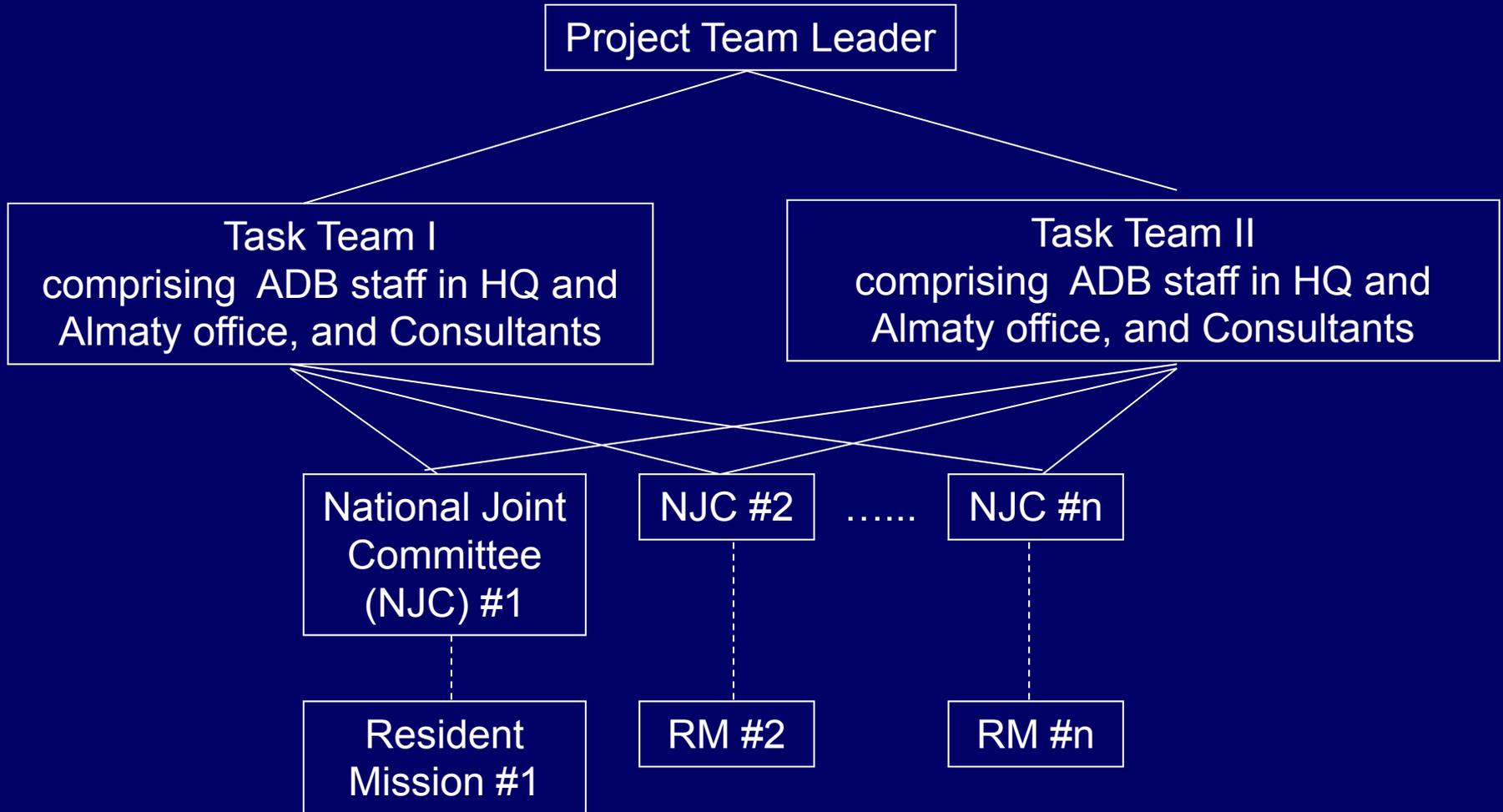
Project Preparation TA

- **Conduct feasibility study for investment in**
 - **Basic infrastructure upgrades and modernization of key BCPs;**
 - **Development of trade and transport logistics facilities at BCPs; and**
 - **National single window (NSW) development in selected countries and a CAREC regional platform networking of NSWs**

ADB Project Team

- **Project Team Leader – Ying Qian**
- **Task Team 1 – BCP Infrastructure Investment (S. Mitra – Team 1 Manager)**
- **Task Team 2 – SW Dev. and Trade Facilitation (Y. Zhang – Team 2 Manager)**
- **Coordination: Almaty Office (Wang Hong)**

Project Coordination



Project Timeline

Milestones	Expected Completion Date
R-PPTA approval	13 January 2011
Loan fact-finding	January-June 2011
R-PPTA implementation	March - August 2011
Management Review Meeting	June 2011
Negotiations	July-August 2011
Board Circulation	August/September 2011
Board Consideration	September/October 2011
Signing of Loan Agreements	October/November 2011
Loan effectiveness	November/December 2011

Source: ADB Staff estimate

Thank you



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