

# **Update on Trade Facilitation Activities of CAREC**

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# Presentation Outline

- **9<sup>th</sup> 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**

# 9<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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

<b>Time taken to clear a border crossing point</b>	Median 8.7 hours Average 21.3 hours
<b>Costs incurred at a border crossing clearance</b>	Median US \$196.9 Average US \$398.6
<b>Speed to travel 500 km on CAREC Corridor section for a 20 ton truck or a TEU container</b>	w/o delay 30 kph w/ delay 16 kph
<b>Cost incurred to travel corridor section</b>	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**
  - **2<sup>nd</sup> Logistics Training in KAZ**
  - **3<sup>rd</sup> 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

<b>BCP Improvement</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Benefits of BCP improvement on one side of the border cannot be fully materialized if the other side does not have similar matching investment</li><li>• Focus on 29 BCPs along CAREC Corridors</li></ul>
<b>SW Development</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 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</li><li>• A regional platform linking national SWs will be necessary for CAREC</li></ul>

# RIBS Components

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

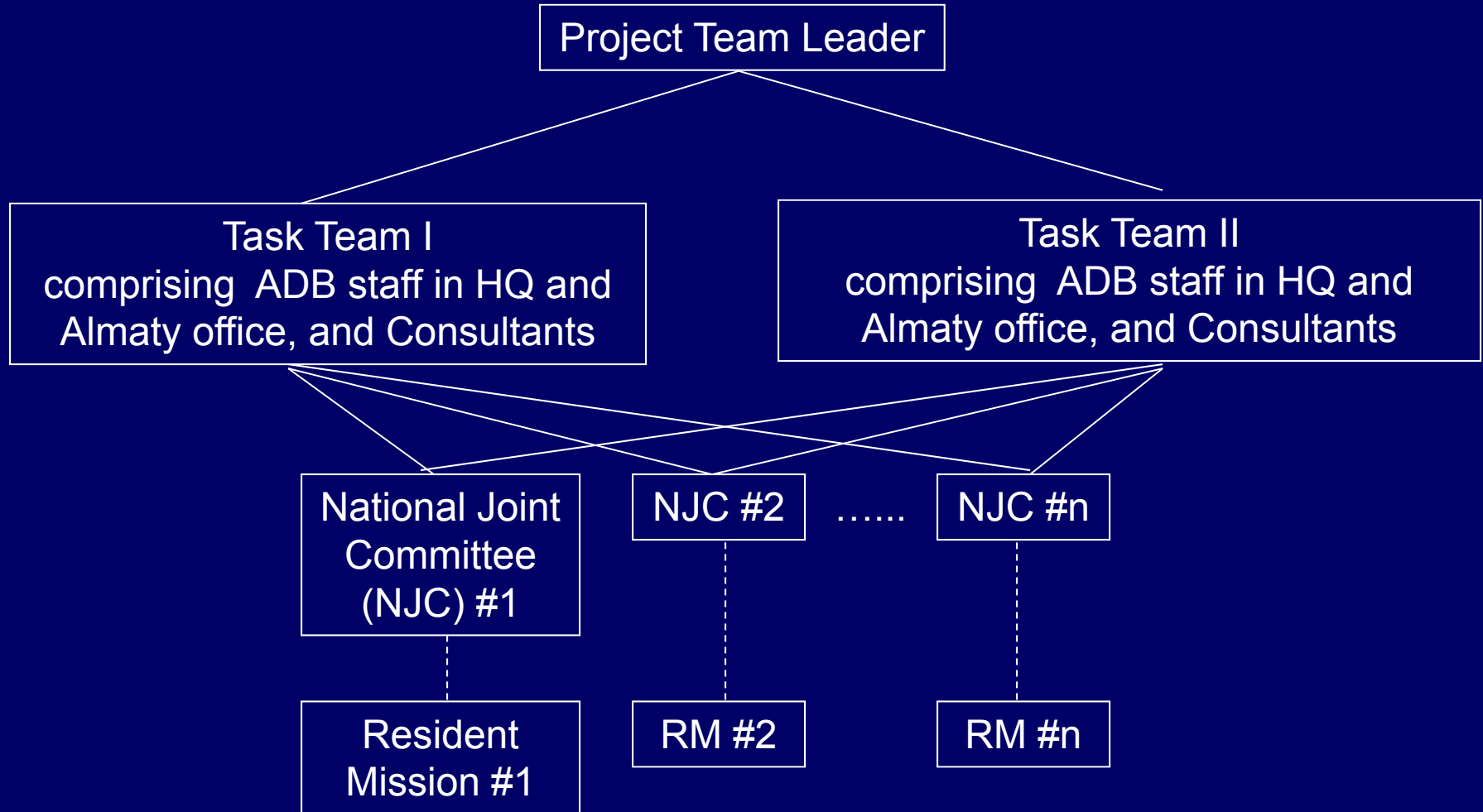
# Project Preparation TA

- 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/December2011

Source: ADB Staff estimate

# Thank you



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