



25th Meeting of the CAREC Customs Cooperation Committee

5 June 2026, Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia



25th Meeting of the CAREC Customs Cooperation Committee (CCC) Meeting Statement

1. The 25th Meeting of the CAREC Customs Cooperation Committee (CCC) was held on 5 June 2026 in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia, and was attended by customs officials and representatives from Azerbaijan, the People's Republic of China (PRC), Georgia, Kazakhstan, the Kyrgyz Republic, Mongolia, Pakistan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan.
2. The CCC reaffirms its commitment to advancing the CAREC Integrated Trade Agenda (CITA) 2030 and implementing the CCC Work Plan 2026–2027. Members emphasize customs modernization, digital trade, integrated risk management, green customs, and regional interoperability as key drivers of trade facilitation, connectivity, and sustainable growth. The Committee recognizes the importance of practical, scalable solutions to enhance border efficiency, transparency, and competitiveness.
3. The CCC recognizes the value of performance monitoring through the Corridor Performance Measurement and Monitoring Report 2024 and innovative approaches to trade facilitation, including the Logistics Passport concept, in improving corridor efficiency and supporting policy reforms. Members emphasize the importance of reliable performance indicators and note challenges related to regulatory alignment, digital readiness, interoperability, and private-sector engagement.
4. The Committee recognizes the potential of the *Borders Upgrades for Integration, Logistics and Development (BUILD) Facility* to support border modernization and trade facilitation investments. Members note opportunities to advance border infrastructure, digital trade, and logistics connectivity through flexible and demand-driven support.
5. The Committee notes significant progress in the CAREC Advanced Transit System (CATS) and Information Common Exchange (CATS/ICE) pilot and its advances in system development, testing, and implementation. The CCC recognizes the pilot's expansion following participation of additional countries in the initiative. Members recognize its benefits in streamlining transit procedures and enabling secure customs data exchange, while emphasizing interoperability, harmonized standards, and strengthened legal frameworks.
6. The Committee commends customs modernization initiatives across member countries, including digitalization, national single window implementation, risk management, e-commerce facilitation, trusted trader programs, and interoperability efforts. Members note continued progress in digital transformation and paperless trade while recognizing ongoing implementation challenges.
7. The Committee supports the regional mapping of digital trade and customs modernization in CAREC. Members agree to support completion of the interim report by providing comments and sharing priorities and project concepts that can inform future regional cooperation activities.

8. The CCC adopts the 25th CCC Meeting Statement and endorses its submission to the CAREC Senior Officials' Meeting. The Committee expresses appreciation to the Mongolian Customs General Administration for hosting the 25th Meeting and for its active leadership in advancing regional customs cooperation.

