



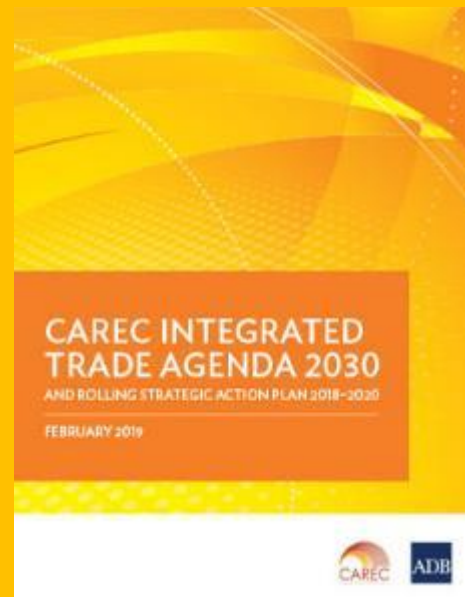
Session 1: **Ongoing Activities under the ADB Technical Assistance**

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**25th Meeting of the
Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation (CAREC)
Customs Cooperation Committee**

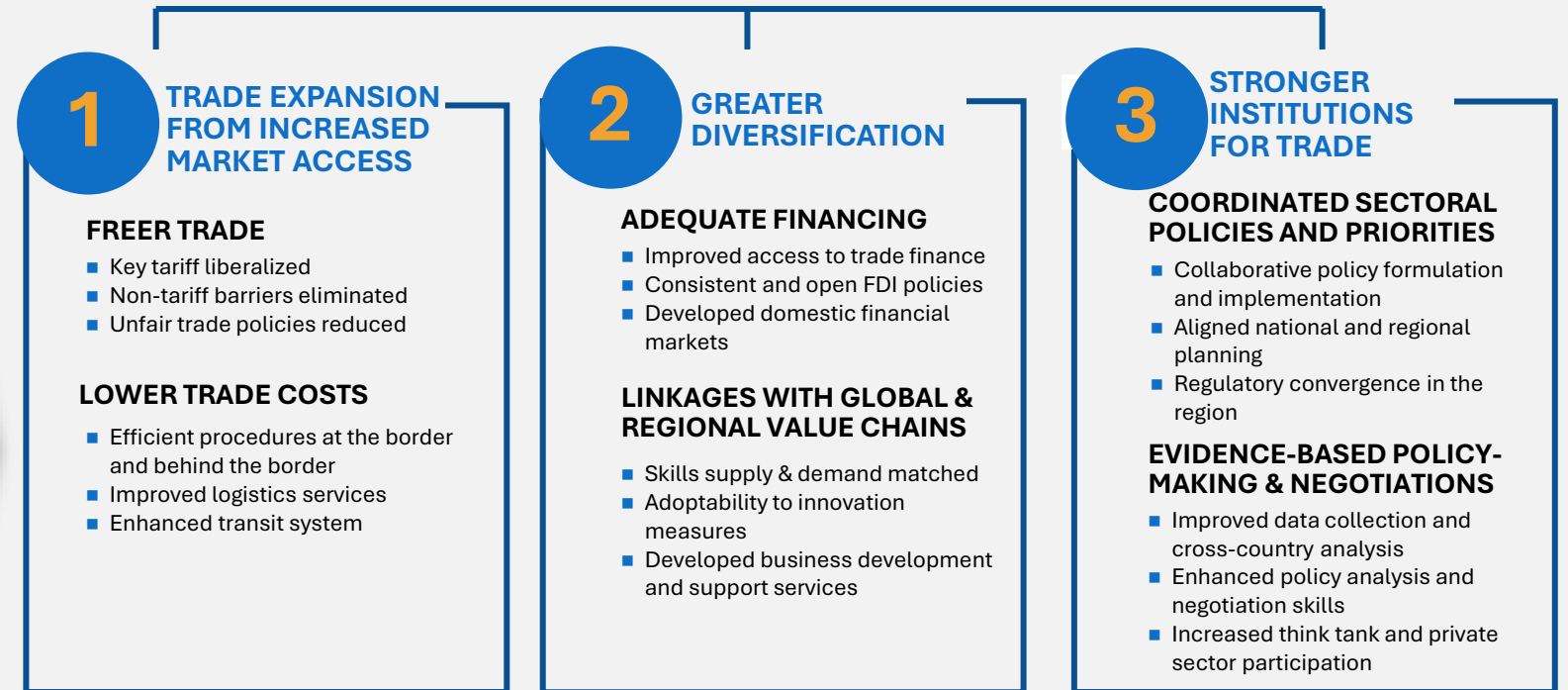
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CITA 2030 and RSAP



RSAP

CAREC COUNTRIES ARE MORE INTEGRATED INTO THE GLOBAL ECONOMY



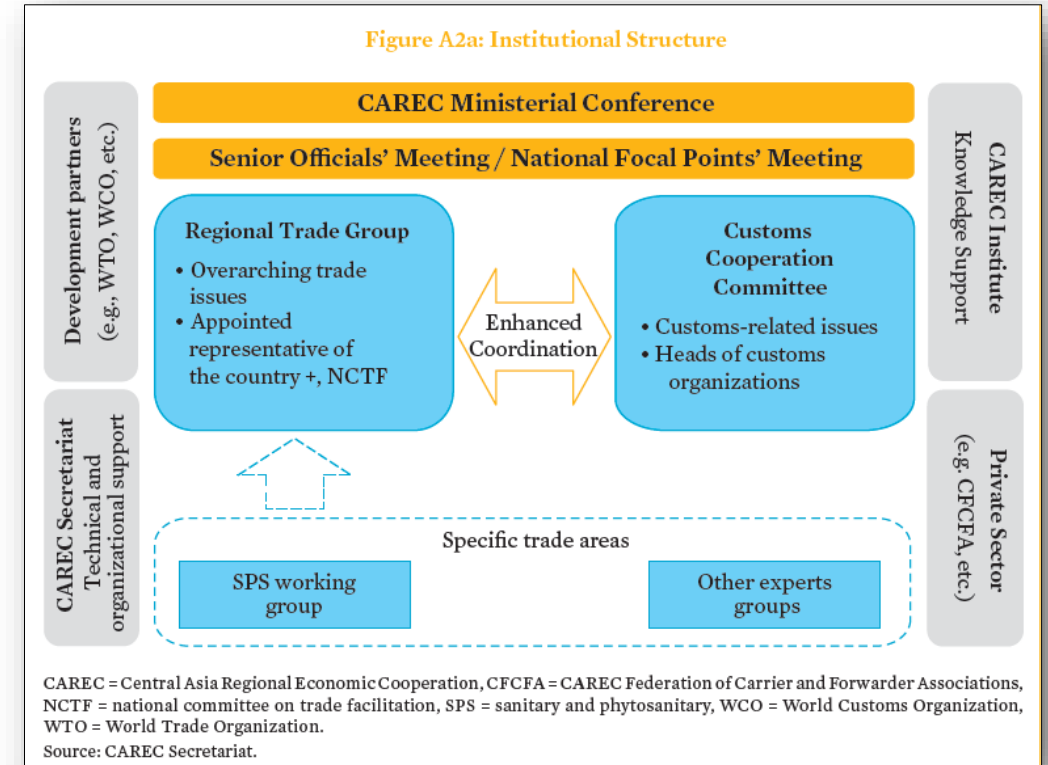
INVESTMENT PROJECTS

POLICY DIALOGUE & COOPERATION

KNOWLEDGE PRODUCT AND SERVICES

CCC under the CITA 2030

- Established in 2002, CAREC Customs Cooperation Committee (CCC) is responsible for all customs-related matters under CITA 2030 and its 3-year Rolling Strategic Action Plan
- Priority areas of work: customs development, technology, and services
- Technical work is supported by ADB technical assistance through three main outputs



CCC Key Activities (2025-2026)

Customs Development

- Continuous implementation of the **Regional Improvement of Border Services (RIBS) and Border Efficiency for Sustainable Trade** projects for Mongolia to upgrade BCP facilities, support Customs Automated Information System, and establish the national single window
- Corridor Performance Measurement and Monitoring; 2024 Annual Report with CI

Customs Technology

- Significant progress in the pilot implementation of the CAREC Advanced Transit System/Information Common Exchange (CATS/ICE).
- **6th Technical Working Group Meeting**; 8-9 September 2025, Tashkent, UZB
- **7th Technical Working Group Meeting**; 19-20 May 2026, Tbilisi, GEO
- **MOU Signing**; 20 November 2026, Bishkek, KGZ
- Series of online working group meetings from November 2025-February 2026
- Progress in the domestic review of the Multicountry Framework Agreement; target for signing by Sep 2026
- Consultations with economic operators, insurers, and guarantors

Customs Services

- **Workshop on Advancing Digital and Green Trade Facilitation in CAREC Countries**; 25-27 November 2025, Seoul, ROK
- Study to undertake regional mapping, assess legal and technological readiness, and recommend scalable, innovative customs solutions tailored to country needs (Session 5).

CCC Workplan 2026-2027

Project/Activity	Status/Plans
CAREC Advanced Transit System (CATS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Domestic reviews and ratification of the multicountry CATS/ICE Agreement (Q3 2026); potential signing by Sep 2026• Stakeholder Consultation: Customs, insurers, freight forwarders (Q3 2026)• Training of additional countries (Q3-Q4 2026)
Information Common Exchange (ICE)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• CATS/ICE Technology: Enhancement of Prototype system software (V4 by Q2 2027)
Accelerating Digital Trade	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Study to undertake regional mapping, assess legal and technological readiness, and recommend scalable, innovative customs solutions tailored to country needs (<i>Session 5; for inputs, comments, and data validation by CCC</i>)
Other focus areas?	

