

25th Meeting of the CAREC Customs Cooperation Committee

5 June 2026, Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia



The 25th Meeting of the CAREC Customs Cooperation Committee (CCC) provides a platform for member countries to assess progress in implementing the CCC Work Plan 2025–2026 and to align ongoing and future initiatives with the broader goals of the CAREC Integrated Trade Agenda (CITA) 2030.

Objectives

- (1) To review the implementation progress of subregional and national projects under the CCC Work Plan 2025–2026;
- (2) To discuss ongoing trade facilitation initiatives under the CCC priority areas and the CAREC Integrated Trade Agenda 2030, including its Rolling Strategic Action Plan, and to seek feedback from CCC members;
- (3) To develop plans and activities to support key customs cooperation areas, such as integrated risk management, regional transit facilitation, green customs, digitalization, and paperless trade;
- (4) To agree on the CCC Work Plan 2026–2027 and identify future activities for inclusion in a new ADB technical assistance project aimed at enhancing the capacity of customs administrations in the region; and
- (5) To adopt the 25th CCC Summary of Proceedings and CCC Report to the CAREC Senior Officials' Meeting.

Participants

Focal points to the Customs Cooperation Committee (CCC), Asian Development Bank, resource persons, and development partners.

Chair: **Mr. Enkhtaivan Gelegjams**, Deputy Director General, Mongolian Customs General Administration (MCGA), CAREC CCC Chair

Co-Chair: **Ms. Tsendsuren Davaa**, Head of the Integrity Sub-Committee, MCGA

Agenda

5 June 2026, Friday	
08:30-09:00 (30 mins) Ulaanbaatar Time	Registration
09:00-09:30 (30 mins)	Opening Remarks Mr. Enkhtaivan Gelegjams , Deputy Director General, Mongolian Customs General Administration (MCGA), CAREC CCC Chair
09:30-09:50 - (20 mins)	Session 1: Ongoing Activities under the ADB Technical Assistance <i>The session will discuss implementation progress of ongoing activities under the ADB Technical Assistance, highlighting key achievements across trade facilitation and customs-related initiatives. It will cover advancements in transit systems, green customs, digital customs, paperless trade, and the strengthening of integrated risk management frameworks to enhance efficiency and compliance. The discussion aims to place these developments within a broader regional context</i>

	<p><i>by identifying early achievements, implementation challenges, and opportunities for improved coordination.</i></p> <p>Presenter: Ms. Zulfia Karimova, Principal Regional Cooperation Specialist, ADB (10 minutes)</p> <p>Open Discussion (10 minutes)</p>
09:50-10:40 (50 mins)	<p>Session 2: Ongoing CAREC Trade Facilitation Initiatives on Customs Development: Studies about CAREC Border Crossing Points and Corridor Performance Measurement and Monitoring (CPMM)</p> <p><i>The session will focus on ongoing CAREC trade facilitation initiatives that support customs development, particularly through evidence-based policy making and performance monitoring.</i></p> <p>Presenters:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> CAREC Corridor Performance Measurement and Monitoring Report 2024 (10 minutes) Mr. Ghulam Samad, Chief of Research Division, CAREC Institute and Mr. Max Ee, CPMM consultant Unlocking Seamless Trade: The Logistics Passport Concept (10 minutes) Mr. Max Ee, Consultant Border Upgrades in Logistics and Development (BUILD) Facility (10 minutes) Mr. Ari Kalliokoski, Principal Transport Specialist, Transport Sector, Office, Sectors Department 1 <p>Moderator: Ms. Zulfia Karimova, Principal Regional Cooperation Specialist, ADB</p> <p>Open Discussion (20 minutes)</p>
10:40-11:00 (20 mins)	Group photo and coffee break
11:00-11:45 (45 mins)	<p>Session 3: Ongoing CAREC Trade Facilitation Initiatives on Customs Technology: CAREC Advanced Transit System Pilot Phase Implementation</p> <p><i>During this session, participating countries will share updates on their pilot activities, including system testing, national-level implementation progress, and key policy or regulatory adjustments undertaken to support cross-border transit facilitation. The session will also highlight practical lessons learned from the pilot phase, challenges encountered and proposed next steps toward full-scale bilateral or multilateral deployment.</i></p> <p>Presenters/Speakers:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Updates on the CAREC Advanced Transit System and Information Common Exchange's (CATS/ICE) Pilot Phase Implementation, Future Plans and Activities (10 minutes) Mr. Aivaras Pigaga, Transit Facilitation Specialist, ADB Consultant (virtual) Interventions from CATS/ICE Participating Countries – Azerbaijan, Georgia, Kyrgyz Republic, Mongolia, Pakistan, and Uzbekistan (2-3 minutes each) <p>Moderator: Ms. Zulfia Karimova, Principal Regional Cooperation Specialist, ADB</p> <p>Open Discussion (15 minutes)</p>
11:45-12:45 (60 mins)	Lunch



12:45-14:00 (75 mins)	<p>Session 4: Around the Table</p> <p><i>This segment allows each delegation to present key developments, achievements, and lessons learned in ongoing or recently completed national projects, as well as any planned activities moving forward. The updates will also help identify common challenges, highlight good practices, and explore potential areas for regional collaboration or support. Delegations are requested to limit their presentations to 6-7 minutes to ensure sufficient time for all participants.</i></p> <p><i>The outcomes of this session will contribute to better coordination and alignment of customs initiatives across the CAREC region, as well as informing the CCC's workplan implementation and strategic planning.</i></p> <p>Country Presenters</p> <p>Moderator: Ms. Tsendsuren Davaa, Head of the Integrity Sub-Committee, MCGA</p> <p>Open Discussion (15 minutes)</p>
14:00-14:15 (15 mins)	<p>Coffee Break</p>
14:15-15:15 (60 mins)	<p>Session 5: Building the Foundations of Digital Trade for CAREC Customs Modernization</p> <p><i>This panel brings together regional and international experts to translate the foundational elements of digital trade, regional mapping, integrated risk management, and e-logistics, into actionable pathways for customs modernization across Central Asia. It will highlight how data-driven systems, interoperable platforms, and risk-based approaches can collectively enable secure, efficient, and paperless cross-border trade.</i></p> <p>Presenters/Speakers:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Foundations for Digital Trade: Regional Mapping and System Design (15 minutes) Mr. Dennis Pantastico, ADB consultant Advancing E-Logistics for Cross-Border Trade Efficiency (10 minutes) Official from Kazakhstan Customs (TBC) <p>Moderator: Ms. Zulfia Karimova, Principal Regional Cooperation Specialist, ADB</p> <p>Open Discussion (20 minutes)</p>
15:15-16:00 (45 mins)	<p>Session 6: Emerging Technologies as Enablers of Digital Trade Transformation</p> <p><i>To explore how emerging technologies such as artificial intelligence, blockchain, and cloud computing can transform customs and cross-border trade, while emphasizing the need to embed these technologies within a broader ecosystem of policy alignment, data governance, and integrated risk management to deliver scalable and meaningful impact.</i></p> <p>Presenters/Speakers:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Disruptive Technologies for Customs Risk Management (10 minutes) Official from MCGA (TBC) E-Commerce Ecosystem Enablement (10 minutes) Official from Azerbaijan Customs (TBC) Trusted Trade & Authorized Economic Operator (AEO) Programs (10 minutes) Official from Uzbekistan Customs (TBC) <p>Moderator: Mr. Dennis Pantastico, ADB consultant</p> <p>Open Discussion (20 minutes)</p>



16:00-16:30 (30 mins)	Session 7: Adoption of the 25th CCC Statement and the CCC Report to the CAREC Senior Officials' Meeting <i>The session will deliberate and adopt the 25th CCC Statement and agree on the CCC Report to the CAREC Senior Officials' Meeting.</i> Ms. Tsendsuren Davaa , Head of the Integrity Sub-Committee, MCGA Ms. Zulfia Karimova , ADB
16:30-17:00 (30 mins)	Wrap-up and Closing Remarks Mr. Enktaivan Gelegjamts , CAREC CCC Chair

