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Subprojects

Subproject 1: Trade Policy

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**Subproject 4: Services Trade for
Diversification**

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Outputs

Output 1: Knowledge to expand, digitalize, and promote the greening of trade provided.

Output 2: Projects that expand, digitalize, and promote the greening of trade supported.

Output 3: Capacities of trade institutions for policy formulation, coordination, and implementation reinforced.

1: Trade Policy

Output 1: Knowledge on open trade policy provided.

- WTO accession of AZE, TKM, UZB
- Alignment with international agreements and conventions
- CAREC Trade and Investment Facilitation Partnership (CARTIF)

Output 2: Projects to expand trade supported.

- Investments conceptualized from pilot trade initiatives or PBLs designed with trade policy reforms

Output 3: Capacities of trade institutions for policy formulation, coordination, and implementation solidified.

- Annual meetings of RTG, including joint meetings with CCC, SPS RWG, Tourism WG
- Coordination with TSCC, DSCC, CCWG, CPMM Partners and other sectors
- Collaboration with WTO, WCO, UNESCAP, CAREC Institute, etc

2: Trade Facilitation

Output 1: Knowledge to expand, digitalize, and promote the greening of trade provided.

- Feasibility studies on green customs initiatives, smart BCPs, authorized economic operator (AEO) schemes, joint customs control, CPMM, SPS risk management
- Roll out expanded CPMM methodology, capturing BCP data on infrastructure and procedures

Output 2: Projects that expand, digitalize, and promote greening of trade supported

- Implement CATS/ICE and pilot expansion to remaining member countries
- Regional mapping of CAREC BCPs to assess applicability of green and smart border facilities [BEST and RIBS]

Output 3: Capacities of trade institutions for policy formulation, coordination, and implementation fortified

- Support to CAREC trade bodies, including Customs Cooperation Committee (CCC)
- Organize joint dialogues with the private sector [CPMM partners]

3: Digital Connectivity for Trade

Output 1: Knowledge to strengthen digital connectivity for trade provided.

- Policy and technical briefs
- Seminars or activities on international conventions and model laws for e-transaction, enablers of digital infrastructure, cross-border payment, digital solutions for climate

Output 2: Projects to strengthen digital connectivity for trade developed

- In partnership with the Korea Trade Network (KTNET), the official Korean paperless trade infrastructure provider.
- To develop a prototype for the electronic exchange of conformity certificates for at least four pilot CAREC countries.

Output 3: Capacities of trade institutions for policy formulation, coordination, and implementation fortified

- CAREC Digital Trade Forum to feature digital solutions for supply chain connectivity and trade expansion.
- Establishment of digital standards for compatibility or mainstreaming and aligning with global solutions (e.g., ePhyto)

4: Services Trade for Diversification

Output 1: Knowledge to expand, digitalize, and promote the greening of trade provided.

- Regulatory impact assessment selected services (telecommunications, finance, tourism, business services) in CAREC and identify areas for regional cooperation in services and investment.

Output 2: Projects that expand, digitalize, and promote the greening of trade supported

- Regional tourism visa facilitation, minimum quality standards for tourism facilities, a common methodology for tourism statistics
- Regional network of internationally accredited quality-testing laboratories and certification services

Output 3: Capacities of trade institutions for policy formulation, coordination, and implementation reinforced

- Strengthen country systems for compiling, processing, and reporting statistics through training courses for the responsible agencies.

5: Climate Actions in Trade

Output 1: Knowledge to expand, digitalize, and promote the greening of trade provided.

- CAREC COP29 Declaration on Partnership for Trade, Climate and Innovation
- NDCs
- Opportunities in critical minerals
- CBAM

Output 2: Projects that expand, digitalize, and promote the greening of trade supported

- Digitalizing trade processes will increase traceability while promoting green trade and resilient supply chains.
- Developing green corridors

Output 3: Capacities of trade institutions for policy formulation, coordination, and implementation reinforced

- Sharing best practices and experiences on and identifying priority sectors for climate change adaptation and mitigation, mobilizing climate finance