



# ADB BCP Scoping Study Recommendations

- **Fotehobod (Tajikistan) – Oybek (Uzbekistan)** Road border-crossing point (BCP) is one of the most important bilateral road BCPs in CAREC region.
- Located along the CAREC Corridor 2, it is also an integral part of the Shymkent–Tashkent–Khujand Economic Corridor (STKEC)
- ADB scoping study presented recommendations for creating a bilateral project and developing a modern synchronized joint road BCP (for trucks only).
- To significantly reduce the cost of border crossing, STKEC countries need to modernize not only BCP infrastructure and equipment but also **border crossing procedures**.
- Other recommendations include:
  - Expansion of control lanes on both sides
  - Increased asphalted land space and BCP facilities
  - Establishing a one-stop system with customs and border police
  - Re-engineering of control of cars and buses in line with international best practices
  - Integrated approach in establishing new equipment, infrastructure, and procedures

# Integrated Border Management (IBM)

Reconstruction of Road BCPs should be holistic and incorporate improvements across all seven IBM components:

1. Institutional
2. Legal
3. Procedures / Operations - One-Stop System, future No-Stop System – ABC
4. Human Resources / Skills Training
5. Information Exchange & Communications - Single Window
6. Equipment – Automated Number Plate Recognition (ANPR)
7. Infrastructure – High-rise truck control cabins + physical site analysis

IDENTIFIED ISSUES	PROPOSED SOLUTIONS
Tight space and insufficient number of lanes	Expand on both sides to match the number of lanes
All traffic crammed into one lane	Designate or organize the lanes (from the Main Administrative Building) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lanes 1 and 2 = Passenger cars/vehicles</li> <li>• Lane 3 = TIR and empty trucks</li> <li>• Lane 4 = Trucks</li> </ul> Propose adding Lane 5 for dangerous goods or special-size vehicles
Too many stops	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Remove redundant barriers</li> <li>2. Install One-Stop joint Control Cabin, staffed by Customs and Border Police</li> <li>3. Windows/stops for trucks be at a sufficient height (<i>see next slide</i>)</li> </ol>



# Digitalization at BCP

- Customs Declaration and supporting documents (including documents of the driver and the truck) should be:
  1. Available in advance in electronic form simultaneously to both UZB and TAJ Customs 2 hours before the truck arrives
  2. Single Window accessible at BCP and real-time exchange and messages between TAJ and UZB
- Abolish use of physical paper and use electronic documents:
  - ✓ e-TIR (TJ to join, UNECE funding available)
  - ✓ e-CMR
  - ✓ e-Phyto Certificate
- Join the UNCITRAL MLETR Convention –Model Law on Electronic Trade Records



# Session 7: CCC Progress and Workplan 2024-2025 and ADB Regional Technical Assistance

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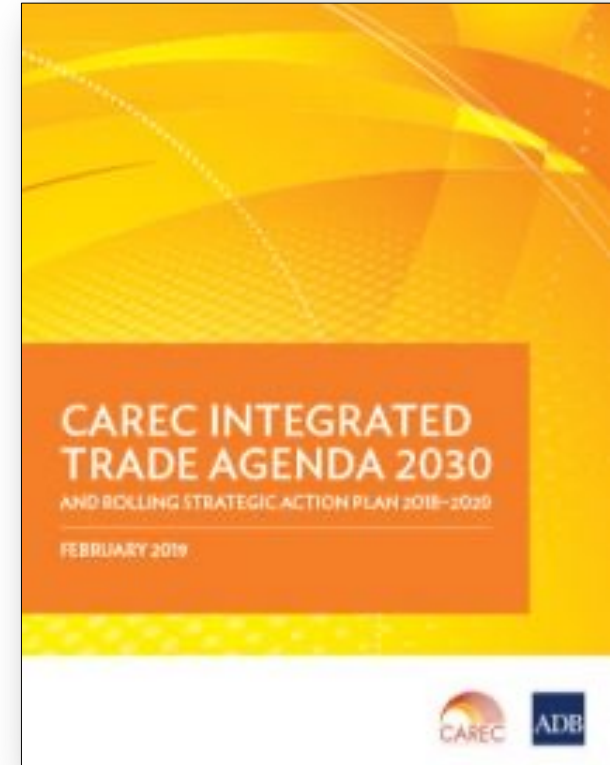
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# CAREC Integrated Trade Agenda 2030 (CITA)

Trade expansion from increased market access  
Greater economic diversification  
Stronger institutions for trade

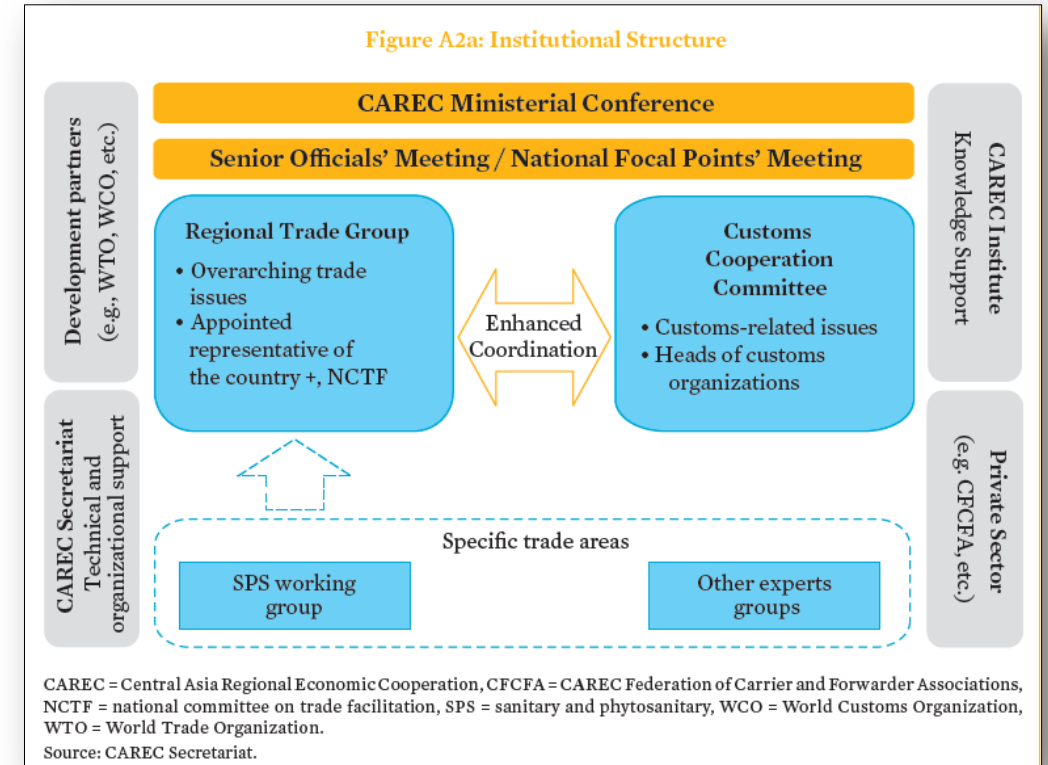
Rolling Strategic Action Plan 2023-2025 (RSAP)

- ❖ Investment projects
- ❖ Policy dialogue and cooperation
- ❖ Knowledge products and services



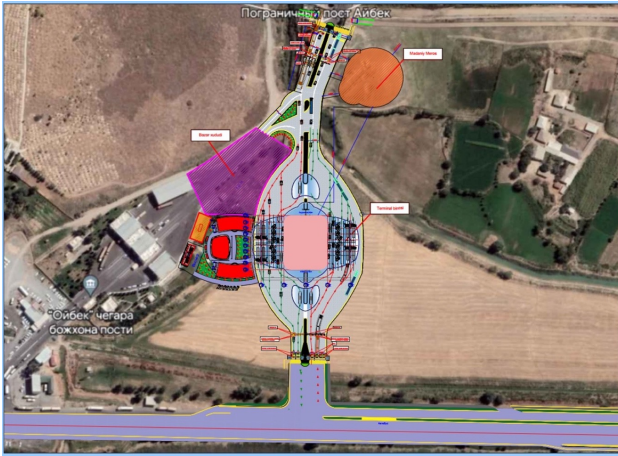
# CCC under the CAREC Integrated Trade Agenda (CITA) 2030

- 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 (2023-2024)



## *Customs Development*

- **Trade and transit study** for Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, and Uzbekistan completed
- Scoping study for **Fotehobod (TAJ) – Oybek (UZB)** joint border crossing point report finalized
- Border Efficiency for Sustainable Trade (BEST) investment project implemented in Mongolia
- Feasibility study on **joint BCP between Azerbaijan and Georgia** underway

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# CCC Key Activities (2023-2024)



## *Customs Technology*

- Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between 3 countries to pilot test the **CAREC Advanced Transit System/ Information Common Exchange (CATS/ICE)** signed
- 4 technical working group meetings on CATS/ICE prototype development, reporting requirements, and transit scenarios convened



## *Customs Services*

- 3 regional and 1 national workshop on enhancing and accelerating implementation of **authorized economic operators' programs** organized
- CAREC session on CAREC Corridor Performance Measurement and Monitoring (CPMM) methodology review held during 11<sup>th</sup> Asia Pacific Trade Facilitation Forum

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# CCC Workplan 2024-2025

Project/Activity	Status/Plans
<b>Regional Improvement of Border Services (RIBS)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Case study on lessons learned and manual on best practices in RIBS and integrated border management (Q4 2024)</li><li>• Technical Studies on smart border crossing points (Q2 2025)</li></ul>
<b>CAREC Advanced Transit System (CATS)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Parallel testing of CATS/ICE prototype (Q3 2024)</li><li>• Finalized CATS/ICE progress report (Q4 2024)</li><li>• Expansion to other CAREC member countries (Q1 – Q4 2025)</li></ul>
<b>Information Common Exchange (ICE)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Virtual system test of prototype version 2 (Q4 2024)</li><li>• Further develop user requirements for prototype system changes and improvements (Q4 2024 – Q1 2025)</li></ul>

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<b>Cross border Paperless Trade</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Knowledge-sharing on cross border paperless trade in partnership with Korea Customs Service (Q4 2024)</li></ul>
<b>Accelerating Digital Trade</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Scoping studies on innovative solutions (AI, cloud computing, big data, internet of things, and blockchain technology) for customs processes proposed for at least two CAREC countries (Q4 2025)</li></ul>
<b>Corridor Performance Measurement and Monitoring (CPMM)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• CAREC CPMM methodology review (Q3-Q4 2024)</li><li>• Trade Readiness Assessment and BCP Survey (Q4 2024)</li></ul>

# Proposed ADB Technical Assistance

- **Primary outcome:** CAREC countries' adoption of actions to expand, digitalize, and ensure greening of trade.
- Under trade facilitation component, technical assistance will include activities:
  - Technical studies on smart border crossing points, green logistics, and paperless trade for higher AEO compliance
  - Scoping studies on joint customs control and joint border crossing points
  - Continuous implementation of CAREC Corridor Performance Measurement and Monitoring (CPMM) project
  - Live implementation of the CAREC Advanced Transit System and Information Common Exchange (next phase)
  - Strengthened collaboration with private sector and trading community

# Thank you!

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