



ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK: UPDATE ON TRADE FACILITATION

Regional Organizations Cooperation Mechanism for
Trade Facilitation (ROC-TF) Annual Meeting

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Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation

- Ratification of WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement
- Capacity building for accession to Revised Kyoto Convention
- Pilot initiatives in 2017: CAREC Advanced Transit System (CATS) and CAREC Customs Information Common Exchange (ICE)
- CAREC Institute becomes a full-fledged intergovernmental organization



Greater Mekong Subregion



Progress in implementing GMS Cross Border Transport Facilitation Agreement

- Developing revised CBTA
- Expanding traffic rights
- Implementing standard customs reforms and IT systems
- Launching single window inspection for goods
- Enhancing SPS arrangements

South Asia Subregional Economic Cooperation



- Trade Facilitation Strategic Framework 2014–2018
- Support for users of Automated System for Customs Data (ASYCUDA) World system
- Launch of electronic cargo tracking system

Prospects and Policy Challenges

- Challenge of implementing the TFA, rationalizing SPS measures and technical barriers to trade, and expanding services trade within CAREC
- New CAREC Trade Facilitation Strategic Framework to be formulated
- Implementing the GMS Cross Border Transport Facilitation Agreement a major challenge for the subregion.
- Increase focus on maritime-based trade facilitation together with SPS and standards conformity in SASEC





THANK YOU!

