


Regional Trade Facilitation and Customs Cooperation Program

Strategic Priorities and Objectives	Outputs/Activities/Institutional arrangements
<p>I. Regional activities with strong country ownership</p> <p>Objectives:</p> <p>Address issues of common concern and develop regional public goods (e.g. harmonized customs control procedures) essential for customs cooperation</p> <p>Focus initially on bilateral/trilateral initiatives to ensure country ownership, sustainability, and demonstration effects</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Transit Development <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support development and implementation of a transit agreement among Kazakhstan, Tajikistan and the Kyrgyz Republic • Kyrgyz and Tajik Customs chair the Working Group; consultation among the three parties will be supported by the Secretariat 2. Data-sharing Initiatives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support signing of a data-sharing agreement between the Kyrgyz Republic and PRC • Support implementation of the data-sharing agreement between the Kazakh and PRC Customs signed in 2003 • Support establishment of a website proposed by the Kazakh and PRC to disseminate customs regulations and procedures, and share customs data for declaration and transit movement 3. Joint-Border Processing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support further consultation between the Kazakh and Kyrgyz Customs as well as consultation among the border agencies in each country 4. Frameworks for Bilateral Customs Cooperation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support the development of the Framework Agreement between the PRC and UZB Customs
<p>II. Country-specific activities with strong regional orientation</p> <p>Objective:</p> <p>Promote concerted customs reforms and modernization through</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • support for customs legal reforms and physical infrastructure development • customs-supporting infrastructure development 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Support customs legal reforms and revision of customs procedures through detailed comparative studies between Customs Codes and the Revised Kyoto Convention 2. Support needs assessments to develop strategies and investment plans for ICT and border infrastructure development, as well as funding requirements 3. Support development of trade-related private associations and consultations to strengthen public-private partnership for trade facilitation 4. Support PRC's  session to the TIR Convention to facilitate cargo movement through Central Asia
<p>III. Capacity building and Knowledge-sharing</p> <p>Objectives:</p> <p>Support CCC member countries' accession to major international conventions</p> <p>Promote modern customs practices such as risk management</p> <p>Share experiences and lessons learned in customs modernization</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Training on the Revised Kyoto Convention, TIR Convention, WTO Agreements on Valuation and Rules of Origin, intelligence gathering and anti-smuggling, public-private partnership for trade facilitation, financial management and procurement 2. Support in-country training to address specific needs 3. Maintain a regional forum to share experience and lessons-learned in customs reforms and modernization, and efforts in integration with reforms and modernization of tax administrations 4. Support CCC Expert Group Meetings and Working Group Meetings; 5. Conduct regular meetings among the heads of Customs of the CCC member countries

