



PROJECT DATA SHEET

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Project Name	Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation: Midterm Review of the Transport and Trade Facilitation Strategy and Implementation Action Plan
Country	Regional
Project/Program Number	46263-001
Status	Proposed
Geographical Location	–

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Sector and/or Subsector Classification	Transport and ICT / Transport Management and Policies
Thematic Classification	Regional cooperation and integration
Gender Mainstreaming Categories	–

FINANCING

Type/Modality of Assistance	Approval Number	Source of Funding	Approved Amount (US\$ thousand)
Technical Assistance	-	Technical Assistance Special Fund	225
Technical Assistance	8160	Technical Assistance Special Fund	1,500
TOTAL			US\$ 1,725

SUMMARY OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL ISSUES

Environmental Aspects

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Involuntary Resettlement

Indigenous Peoples

STAKEHOLDER COMMUNICATION, PARTICIPATION, AND CONSULTATION

During Project Design

During Project Implementation

DESCRIPTION

The Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation (CAREC) Transport and Trade Facilitation Strategy developed with Asian Development Bank (ADB) technical assistance (TA) and endorsed by CAREC countries in 2007 aims to support CAREC's goal of development through cooperation by upgrading, through construction and rehabilitation, key corridors across the region and simplifying and harmonizing the regulations that govern cross-border trade in the region. The TA will contribute to expanded trade among CAREC countries and between CAREC countries and the rest of the world. The outcome of the TA will be the endorsement and adoption of the updated CAREC Transport and Trade Facilitation Strategy by the CAREC countries.

PROJECT RATIONALE AND LINKAGE TO COUNTRY/REGIONAL STRATEGY

Central Asia is landlocked and therefore high transport costs constitute a major constraint to its development. Meanwhile, Central Asia has a potential to become important transit routes connecting East Asia and Europe, as well as South Asia and the Russian Federation. The CAREC Program aims to promote development in the CAREC countries by strengthening their economic links through cooperation. As transport is a priority sector under CAREC, the Asian Development Bank (ADB) helped develop the CAREC Transport and Trade Facilitation Strategy (the Strategy) in 2008 under the regional technical assistance. The Strategy has the goal of developing an efficient regional transport network for optimal integration of the region internally and with the rest of the world. The Strategy identified six corridors and was to be implemented over a period of ten years till 2017. The Strategy requires a midterm review during 2012-2013, which will refine the Strategy, if necessary, for effective implementation during the remaining period. The 10th Ministerial Conference on CAREC, held in Baku, Azerbaijan on 5-6 November 2011, called for the midterm review of the Strategy. It is proposed that a regional technical assistance (TA) grant from ADB be extended to finance the midterm review of the Strategy. Significant progress has been made on implementing the Strategy. As of the end of 2011, 79% of the total 8,640 kilometers of the CAREC corridors built or improved, which exceeded the 2011 targets. This has greatly contributed to increased traffic (including transit traffic) and trade flows in the CAREC region, as well as between CAREC and neighboring regions. Despite the important progress, a number of development issues in the transport sector remain to be addressed. These issues are (i) connectivity, (ii) sustainability, (iii) road safety, and (iv) delays in cross-border movements.

DEVELOPMENT IMPACT

Expanded trade among CAREC countries, and between CAREC countries and the rest of the world.

PROJECT OUTCOME

Description of Outcome

Progress Towards Outcome

Updated CAREC Transport and Trade Facilitation Strategy

endorsed and updated by the CAREC countries.

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OUTPUTS AND IMPLEMENTATION PROGRESS

Description of Project Outputs

Status of Implementation Progress (Outputs, Activities, and Issues)

Comprehensive stock-take report on the implementation of the CAREC Transport and Trade Facilitation Strategy, 2008-2012 Updated CAREC Transport and Trade Facilitation Strategy –

BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES

Date of First Listing 03 Apr 2013

Consulting Services The consultants will be engaged in accordance with ADB's Guidelines on the Use of Consultants (April 2010, as amended from time to time) using QCBS procurement method.

Procurement Procurement will follow ADB's Procurement Guidelines (2010, as amended from time to time).

Procurement and Consulting Notices <http://www.adb.org/projects/46263-001/business-opportunities>

TIMETABLE

Concept Clearance 26 Jun 2012

Fact-finding —

Management Review Meeting –

Approval 02 Apr 2013

Last Review Mission –

MILESTONES

Approval No.	Approval	Signing	Effectivity	Closing		
				Original	Revised	Actual
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TA AMOUNT (US\$ THOUSAND)

Approval Number	Approved Amount	Revised Amount	Total Commitment	Uncommitted Balance	Total Disbursement	Undisbursed Balance
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LINKS

Project Website <http://www.adb.org/projects/46263-001/main>

List of Project Documents <http://www.adb.org/projects/46263-001/documents>