## Regional: Integrated Trade Facilitation Support for Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation

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### Source of Funding / Amount

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### Strategic Agendas
- Inclusive economic growth
- Regional integration

### Drivers of Change
- Governance and capacity development

### Sector / Subsector
- Industry and trade - Trade and services

### Gender Equity and Mainstreaming

### Description
The impact of the proposed RETA is sustained economic growth and improved living standards through the expansion of international and intra-regional trade. The outcome is greater volume of trade, intra- and extra-regionally, due to time and cost savings achieved from harmonized cross-border regulations, procedures, and standards; and improved logistics.

### Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy
- Increased inter-regional and intra-regional trade

### Project Outcome

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<th>More efficient and reliable transport and customs operations developed along CAREC corridors</th>
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### Progress Toward Outcome

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**Asian Development Bank**
A Consultation Mission to different CAREC countries was done from 27 January-7 February 2008 to discuss the work program of the RETA. The Consultation Mission was also held in Beijing, China in February 2008. An activity to identify and reduce bottlenecks in customs procedures in the region. ADB's regional technical assistance will finance the project execution.

The RJC was formally launched at the first RJC meeting in February 2010 in Tashkent. The RJC Statement endorsed at the meeting clearly described the objective, terms of reference, and the organizational structure of the RJC.

The RETA supported the CAREC Training Course on Tariff Collection Supervision, 3-12 June 2008, Shanghai, PRC. The CAREC Customs training course on Tariff Collection Supervision will provide an opportunity for CAREC Customs officials to learn from expertTariff Collection Supervision lecturers. The course was attended by senior officials of CAREC member countries and observers who were attending the SOM, and representatives of trade logistics and freight forwarders. After the seminars, a separate roundtable meeting was held on 24 June for stakeholders and interested parties to discuss the findings of the course and the potential form of implementing the RETA's recommendation and the possible future cooperation on this area.

During 17-19 January 2012 in Baku, Azerbaijan, a Consultation Mission was held to discuss the work program of the RETA for the coming years. ADB's Regional Project Officer led the mission which consisted of a high-level delegation from ADB (including a Senior Vice-President of ADB's Asia and Pacific Department, and Regional Project Officers for the CAREC region) and representatives from the Afghan Customs Department, the World Customs Organization (WCO) and the CAREC Customs Cooperation Committee (CCC). The mission also attended the CCC meeting.

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The RETA has been successful in helping the ADB and CAREC Customs Cooperation Committee (CCC) to discuss the work program of the RETA for the coming years. The mission also attended the CCC meeting.

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Geographical Location: Regional

### Summary of Environmental and Social Aspects

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#### Involuntary Resettlement

#### Indigenous Peoples

#### Stakeholder Communication, Participation, and Consultation

- **During Project Design**
- **During Project Implementation**

### Business Opportunities

#### Consulting Services

International consultants in the areas of customs cooperation (10 person-months), integrated trade facilitation (8 person-months) and trade logistics (7 person-months), as well as resource persons, will be recruited on an individual basis. The person-months indicated are primarily for planning purposes. Sufficient flexibility, based on periodic progress assessment, will be allowed in determining the duration of expertise inputs required from these specializations. The international consultants will be under supervision of the Asian Development Bank (ADB) task manager(s). The reporting requirement will be given to each consultant engaged and will generally include inception, interim and final reports. The consultants and resource persons are also expected to prepare training materials, conduct training sessions and perform other tasks as requested by the ADB task manager(s). Domestic consultants and resource persons will be recruited for 25 person-months to assist the international consultants. The domestic consultants will have extensive and in-depth regional and local knowledge and good contacts in various areas of customs operations, trade facilitation and trade logistics. The domestic consultants will be guided and supervised by the respective international consultants whom they are expected to support by, among others, translating various documents into English; researching and compiling Government policies, regulations and adopted procedures; and ensuring that work by the international consultants is appropriate to the regional situation.

### Responsible ADB Officer

Zhang, Yuebin

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East Asia Department

### Responsible ADB Division

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### Executing Agencies

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### Timetable

- **Concept Clearance**: 30 Oct 2007
- **Fact Finding**: 11 Mar 2005 to 25 Mar 2005
- **MRM**: -
- **Approval**: 17 Dec 2007
- **Last Review Mission**: -
- **PDS Creation Date**: 14 Feb 2008
- **Last PDS Update**: 28 Mar 2014

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#### Milestones

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