



## Regional: Facilitation of Regional Transit Trade in Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation

Project Name	Facilitation of Regional Transit Trade in Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation		
Project Number	46026-001		
Country	Regional		
Project Status	Active		
Project Type / Modality of Assistance	Technical Assistance		
Source of Funding / Amount	TA 8586-REG: Facilitation of Regional Transit Trade in Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation		
	Japan Fund for Poverty Reduction	US\$ 1.50 million	
Strategic Agendas	Inclusive economic growth Regional integration		
Drivers of Change	Governance and capacity development Partnerships		
Sector / Subsector	Industry and trade - Trade and services		
Gender Equity and Mainstreaming			
Description	The TA will examine the potential for a corridor-based customs transit regime in the CAREC region. The TA will identify options for the establishment of an effective and affordable customs transit regime for the CAREC transport and trade corridors. The TA will also determine the feasibility of implementing a pilot customs transit regime along selected priority corridors.		
Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy			
Impact	Enhanced cross-border transit in CAREC corridors		

### Project Outcome

Description of Outcome	Regional cooperation in customs transit improved for intraregional trade along CAREC corridors
Progress Toward Outcome	Consulting firm has been engaged and implementation is on going.
<b>Implementation Progress</b>	
Description of Project Outputs	Establishment of a single regional guarantee mechanism Assessment of requirements for a streamlined legal and regulatory framework for regional customs transit Identification of a set of recommendations on ICT system development for regional transit regime

Status of Implementation Progress (Outputs, Activities, and Issues)	<p>Inception workshop was held in Almaty, Kazakhstan on 22-23 January 2015. The workshop discussed the implementation plan and the importance of stakeholder involvement at every stage of project implementation. A range of questionnaires were presented, discussed, and agreed which has been circulated to all relevant agencies in the CAREC countries. Inception report has been submitted.</p> <p>Report on transit flows in CAREC has been finalized and validated during the Customs Cooperation Committee held in Mongolia in August 2015.</p> <p>Report on customs guarantee mechanism and regulatory framework finalized and presented at a validation workshop held in 26-27 July 2016.</p> <p>Draft ICT report submitted and in process of finalization.</p> <p>The CAREC Customs Cooperation Committee in September 2016 endorsed the proposal to move to the pilot phase. The 2016 Senior Officials Meeting and the 15th CAREC Ministerial Conference last 25-26 October 2016 endorsed the conduct of the pilot.</p> <p>A final TA workshop was held on 7-8 December 2016 wherein it was agreed the pilot will be conducted along Corridor 2A; AZE, KAZ and GEO will be the pilot countries.</p> <p>Consulting firm conducted rapid analysis of GEO customs capacities to participate in the regional transit pilot scheme in 23 February 2017. A workshop was also held to discuss GEO participation details and a session on trade facilitation objectives and planned activities for 2017 was also provided. GEO provided feedback on how they can more actively participate in CAREC programs in particular the TF sector program and the transit pilot scheme.</p>
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Geographical Location

## Summary of Environmental and Social Aspects

Environmental Aspects

Involuntary Resettlement

Indigenous Peoples

### Stakeholder Communication, Participation, and Consultation

During Project Design	The design and components of the project were discussed in the framework of the CAREC Customs Cooperation Committee (CCC). Comments and suggestions from CCC members were incorporated into the TA formulation.
During Project Implementation	CCC members agreed to work towards prompt implementation of the TA.

## Business Opportunities

Consulting Services	<p>A total of 20 person-months of international consulting services and 70 person-months of national consulting services will be required to provide advisory and technical services under the TA. All consultants will be selected and engaged through a firm, except for a transit facilitation project analyst who will be recruited on an individual basis. The preferred selection method for the consultants is quality- and cost-based selection with a quality cost ratio of 80:20. All consultants will be recruited in accordance with ADB's Guidelines on the Use of Consultants (2013, as amended from time to time). Proceeds of the TA will be disbursed in accordance with the Technical Assistance Disbursement Handbook (2010 as amended from time to time).</p> <p>The international consultants will be specialists in transit, transport, and trade facilitation. They will be supervised by ADB's task manager(s), with a lead consultant serving as the main focal point and providing overall coordination to a team of experts working mainly in the field. The reporting requirements will generally include inception, interim, and final reports. The consultants are also expected to prepare training materials, conduct training sessions, and assist ADB in disseminating best practices.</p> <p>National consultants will be recruited to assist the international consultants by researching and compiling documents and information, translating documents, organizing training seminars and other events, and providing administrative and logistical support. The national consultants will have extensive, in-depth regional and local knowledge.</p>
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## Responsible Staff

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## Timetable

Concept Clearance	02 Nov 2012
Fact Finding	09 May 2013 to 09 May 2013

MRM	-
Approval	16 Dec 2013
Last Review Mission	-
Last PDS Update	23 Mar 2017

## TA 8586-REG

Milestones					
Approval	Signing Date	Effectivity Date	Closing		
			Original	Revised	Actual
16 Dec 2013	-	16 Dec 2013	30 Apr 2016	30 Sep 2017	-

Financing Plan/TA Utilization							Cumulative Disbursements	
ADB	Cofinancing	Counterpart				Total	Date	Amount
		Gov	Beneficiaries	Project Sponsor	Others			
0.00	1,500,000.00	100,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,600,000.00	16 Dec 2013	1,114,661.49

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