



Regional: Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation: Working with the Private Sector in Trade Facilitation (Phase 2)

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Country	Regional								
Project Status	Active								
Project Type / Modality of Assistance	Technical Assistance								
Source of Funding / Amount	<table border="1"><tr><td colspan="2">TA 8746-REG: Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation: Working with the Private Sector in Trade Facilitation (Phase 2)</td></tr><tr><td>Technical Assistance Special Fund</td><td>US\$ 500,000.00</td></tr><tr><td>Regional Cooperation and Integration Fund</td><td>US\$ 500,000.00</td></tr><tr><td>People's Republic of China Regional Cooperation and Poverty Reduction Fund</td><td>US\$ 500,000.00</td></tr></table>	TA 8746-REG: Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation: Working with the Private Sector in Trade Facilitation (Phase 2)		Technical Assistance Special Fund	US\$ 500,000.00	Regional Cooperation and Integration Fund	US\$ 500,000.00	People's Republic of China Regional Cooperation and Poverty Reduction Fund	US\$ 500,000.00
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Strategic Agendas	Inclusive economic growth								
Drivers of Change	Governance and capacity development Partnerships								
Sector / Subsector	Industry and trade - Trade and services Transport - Multimodal logistics								
Gender Equity and Mainstreaming	No gender elements								
Description	This TA will satisfy the requirement for monitoring and evaluating the implementation of the refined TTFS. It will confirm the competitiveness of corridors by sustaining and expanding CPMM piloted under TA 6437 and institutionalized under TA 7353. Monitoring indicators will be identified, baselines established, and CPMM coverage expanded to capture data on performance of trade logistics service provision along CAREC corridors. It will augment operational priorities by catalyzing the generation and adoption of industry-developed standards to facilitate cross-border trade. In all cases, TA activities will ensure that private sector views are considered in the development, implementation, and modernization of trade facilitation measures. In these ways, it will aid CAREC WTO member countries in complying with their TFA obligations.								
Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy	This regional policy and advisory TA is designed to support implementation of the refined Transport and Trade Facilitation Strategy (TTFS) 2020. The original TTFS aimed to improve the CAREC region's competitiveness and expand trade among CAREC economies and the rest of the world. This too is the stated aim of CAREC 2020, the CAREC Program's strategic framework adopted in conjunction with the admission of Pakistan and Turkmenistan into CAREC. The refined TTFS 2020 reaffirms that establishing competitive corridors, facilitating the efficient movement of goods and people across borders, and developing a safe and sustainable network are the strategy's outcomes. The Refined TTFS also defines three operational priorities: (i) development of multimodal corridor networks through infrastructure investments in roads, railways, logistics centers, and border crossing points; (ii) improvement of trade and border crossing services through Customs reform and modernization, coordinated border management, introduction of national single window facilities, and beyond-the-border trade facilitation; and (iii) improvement of operational and institutional effectiveness through focus on road maintenance, road safety, introduction of designated rail corridors, and capacity building with respect to policies and institutions.								
Impact	Trade among CAREC countries and with global markets via CAREC corridors expanded.								

Project Outcome

Description of Outcome	Sustainable, safe, and user-friendly transport and trade networks (and corresponding institutional frameworks) developed for CAREC.
Progress Toward Outcome	

Implementation Progress

Description of Project Outputs	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. CPMM conducted, its methodology refined and strengthened, with emphasis on capturing performance of trade logistics services. 2. Sustainability of CFCFA strengthened. 3. PSP opportunities developed to promote wider involvement in integrated trade facilitation. 4. Trade Facilitation and Logistics Reports prepared.
Status of Implementation Progress (Outputs, Activities, and Issues)	<p>Consultants have been engaged, and Memoranda of Understanding completed with partners, to ensure the smooth continuation of CAREC Corridor Performance Measurement and Monitoring (CPMM) for a seventh year. The 2014 CPMM Annual Report is being drafted and should be ready for dissemination at the mid-year CAREC Senior Officials' Meeting. Other consultant recruitment has been delayed pending the resolution of measures under TA 7353 to ensure the sustainability of the CAREC Federation of Carrier and Forwarder Associations (CFCFA).</p> <p>The 2014 CPMM Annual Report has been issued, disseminated at the mid-year Senior Officials' Meeting, and posted to the CFCFA website. The first quarterly CPMM report for 2015 has been issued and the second quarterly CPMM report for 2015 is being finalized.</p> <p>A CPMM mission in June-July 2015 met with CPMM partners and trained CPMM coordinators in Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, and Kyrgyz Republic.</p> <p>Following a CFCFA Annual Meeting in August 2015 in which CFCFA resolved to maintain its legal entity status in the absence of an ADB subsidy, recruitment of a consultant to work with CFCFA on sustainability issues may be reactivated shortly.</p> <p>Consultant contracts are in place to continue the conduct of CPMM through 2016. Second and third quarterly CPMM reports for 2015 have been issued. Memoranda of Understanding for 2016 have been concluded with CPMM partners. The 2015 CPMM Annual Report was presented to the mid-year Senior Officials' Meeting. A consultant has been engaged to examine whether monitorable indicators can be identified that will allow CPMM to assess the impact on corridor performance of trade logistics service provision. A protracted lack of clarity over the status of CFCFA banking arrangements and the collection of annual membership dues continues to inhibit the recruitment of expertise to aid in ensuring the sustainability of this virtual organization.</p> <p>Draft CPMM reports for the first two quarters of 2016 were finalized for the 2016 Ministerial Conference.</p>
Geographical Location	

Summary of Environmental and Social Aspects

Environmental Aspects	
Involuntary Resettlement	
Indigenous Peoples	
Stakeholder Communication, Participation, and Consultation	
During Project Design	<p>Consultations were conducted with CAREC Federation of Carrier and Forwarder Associations members, other Corridor Performance Measurement and Monitoring partners, and CAREC country Trade Facilitation Sector Focal Points on numerous occasions throughout 2013 (in connection with the conduct of a Midterm Review of the original TTFS) to determine the impact, outcome, outputs, and implementation arrangements for the TA. It is included in the CAREC list of Medium-Term Priority Projects endorsed by the Ministerial Conference. Broad agreement was reached on key aspects of the TA, and strong support was obtained for its design and implementation.</p>
During Project Implementation	<p>International consultants are in regular contact with CPMM partners and designated coordinators to ensure the prompt and accurate submission of data. Consultations with CAREC Institute are ongoing to see how CAREC Institute might work with ADB to make greater use -- and expand dissemination -- of CPMM data and data analyses. Close cooperation is taking place between the CPMM team and consultants engaged under TA 8584-REG to aid CAREC countries in the conduct of Time Release Studies.</p>

Business Opportunities

Consulting Services	<p>A total of 27 person-months of international and 96 person-months of national consultant inputs may be required to provide advisory and technical services under the TA. The consultants and resource persons will be specialists in the areas of integrated trade facilitation, regional trade logistics, customs reform and modernization, and institutional and capacity building, with special expertise in crafting agreement on common standards and achieving mutual recognition of inspection findings and laboratory tests, supporting public-private dialogue and increasing private sector participation in the provision of transport and trade logistics services. Because the TA will involve varied activities that will consist mostly of straightforward assignments conducted on an intermittent basis, consultants and resource persons will be selected and engaged by ADB as individuals based on their qualifications and experience in accordance with ADB's Guidelines on the Use of Consultants (2013, as amended from time to time). The proceeds of the TA will be disbursed in line with ADB's Technical Assistance Disbursement Handbook (2010, as amended from time to time).</p>
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Timetable

Concept Clearance	17 Mar 2014
Fact Finding	06 Oct 2014 to 09 Oct 2014
MRM	-
Approval	30 Oct 2014
Last Review Mission	-
Last PDS Update	24 Mar 2017

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Milestones					
Approval	Signing Date	Effectivity Date	Closing		
			Original	Revised	Actual
30 Oct 2014	-	30 Oct 2014	30 Jun 2018	-	-

Financing Plan/TA Utilization						Cumulative Disbursements		
ADB	Cofinancing	Counterpart				Total	Date	Amount
		Gov	Beneficiaries	Project Sponsor	Others			
1,000,000.00	500,000.00	100,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,600,000.00	30 Oct 2014	496,148.22

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