



Regional: Implementing Integrated Trade Agenda in CAREC

Project Name	Implementing Integrated Trade Agenda in CAREC	
Project Number	52011-001	
Country	RegionalAfghanistanAzerbaijanGeorgiaKazakhstanKyrgyz RepublicMongoliaPakistanChina, People's Republic ofTajikistanTurkmenistanUzbekistan	
Project Status	Proposed	
Project Type / Modality of Assistance	Technical Assistance	
Source of Funding / Amount	TA: Implementing Integrated Trade Agenda in CAREC	
	Regional Cooperation and Integration Fund	US\$ 800,000.00
Strategic Agendas	Inclusive economic growth Regional integration	
Drivers of Change	Governance and capacity development Knowledge solutions Partnerships Private sector development	
Sector / Subsector	Industry and trade - Industry and trade sector development - Trade and services	
Gender Equity and Mainstreaming	Some gender elements	
Description	The TA will support the implementation of the Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation (CAREC) Integrated Trade Agenda (CITA) 2030 under the framework of CAREC 2030 Strategy - specifically, the three-year rolling strategic action plan of CITA.	
Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy	CAREC 2030 provides the mandate to develop a trade strategy with forward-looking options and possibilities and address the increasingly intertwined issues of trade policy and trade facilitation in a synergistic manner.	
Impact	Smooth flow of goods and people within the CAREC region improved Inclusive and sustainable economic growth promoted Enhanced growth potential and improved living standards in CAREC members	
Outcome	Greater integration of CAREC countries with the global economy achieved	
Outputs	Market access increased Greater economic diversification promoted Institutions for trade strengthened	
Geographical Location	Afghanistan - Nation-wide; Azerbaijan - Nation-wide; China - Nation-wide; Georgia - Nation-wide; Kazakhstan - Nation-wide; Kyrgyz Republic - Nation-wide; Mongolia - Nation-wide; Pakistan - Nation-wide; Tajikistan - Nation-wide; Turkmenistan - Nation-wide; Uzbekistan - Nation-wide	

Summary of Environmental and Social Aspects

Environmental Aspects

Involuntary Resettlement

Indigenous Peoples

Stakeholder Communication, Participation, and Consultation

During Project Design Under the CAREC Strategy 2030, there is a need to develop a new trade strategy that would discuss the increasingly intertwined issues of trade policy and trade facilitation while expanding to other trade-linkages within CAREC 2030's other operational clusters. For purposes of developing the CAREC Integrated Trade Agenda (CITA) 2030, a regional workshop was held in Bangkok in December 2017. Thereafter, a consultation paper with guiding questions was circulated for official comments of CAREC countries in February 2018. Subsequently, a series of stakeholders consultations were attended by trade-related agencies from CAREC members, development partners and international organizations in Almaty and Ulaanbaatar in March 2018, in Tbilisi and Beijing in April 2018 and in Islamabad in August 2018. A high-level consultation for private sector perspective was organized at the Astana Economic Forum in May 2018. The CITA Working Paper was reviewed at the inaugural meeting of CAREC's Regional Trade Group and Senior Officials Meeting in June 2018 and will be finalized at the National Focal Points Meeting in October for endorsement by the CAREC Ministerial Conference in November 2018. The proposed TA will support the implementation of CITA 2030, particularly, its rolling strategic action plan (RSAP) 2018-2020.

During Project Implementation

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Timetable

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MRM	-
Approval	-
Last Review Mission	-
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