



Regional Cooperation and Integration Policy Open Dialogue (RCI-POD)
Webinar Series #43

Deepening Trade and Transport Facilitation Policy Analysis of Border Crossing Points: *Expanding the CAREC Corridor Performance Measurement and Monitoring Framework*

7 October 2025 (Tuesday), 4:15–5:30 p.m. (Manila time, GMT+8)

This seminar will explore how trade and transport facilitation can help reduce the high trade costs and delays that continue to limit regional connectivity and competitiveness in the Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation (CAREC) region. Since 2009, the Corridor Performance Measurement and Monitoring (CPMM) framework has played a critical role in diagnosing these challenges by tracking time, cost, and speed along CAREC corridors and identifying bottlenecks at and behind borders.

Building on this foundation, the new ADB report [*Deepening Trade and Transport Facilitation Policy Analysis of Border Crossing Points: Expanding the CAREC Corridor Performance Measurement and Monitoring Framework*](#) adds value by examining customs procedures, customs coordination, transit support facilities, and transport regulations at selected border crossing points. Drawing on additional survey-based evidence and field assessments, the report provides granular insights into why delays and costs occur and offers practical recommendations to streamline customs and transit processes, reduce bottlenecks, and lower trade costs—supporting targeted reforms that advance CAREC’s agenda for regional trade and economic diversification.

AGENDA

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| 16:15 — 16:20 | Opening and Welcome Remarks
Lyaziza Sabyrova , Regional Head, Regional Cooperation and Integration Unit, CWRD, ADB |
| 16:20 — 16:45 | Presentation: <i>Deepening Trade and Transport Facilitation Policy Analysis</i>
Vardhman Jain , Associate Director, Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu India LLP |
| 16:45 — 17:05 | Panel Discussion
Moderator: Kijin Kim , Senior Economist, ERDI, ADB
Speakers:
Zulfia Karimova , Principal Regional Cooperation Specialist, CWRD, ADB
Max Ee , CPMM consultant
Ali Raza Hanjra , Project Director, CAREC-RIBS |
| 17:05 — 17:25 | Open Floor Discussion and Q&A |
| 17:25 — 17:30 | Closing Remarks
Jong Woo Kang , Director, ERDI, ADB |

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