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Efforts in Standardization of Trade Related Documents

–Experience of Mongolia and People's Republic of China

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What is CAREC?

□ Partnership

- 10 countries and 6 MIs
- Strong MI collaboration but leadership by countries
- ADB is CAREC Secretariat

□ Action-oriented

- Based on clear strategy and action plan
- Invest in transport, energy and trade facilitation
- Promote capacity development and networking



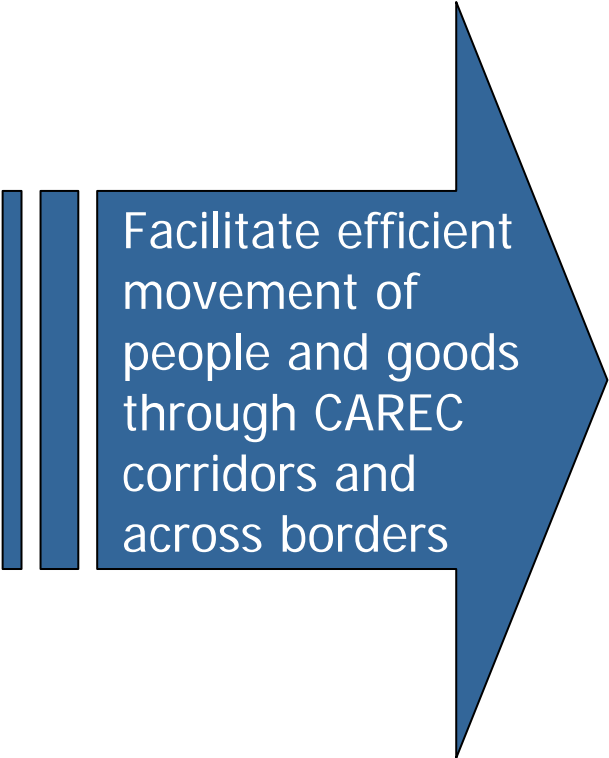
The screenshot shows the CAREC website header with the logo and the text 'CENTRAL ASIA REGIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION'. Below the logo is a navigation menu with 'CAREC Program', 'CAREC Partners', 'Sector Data and Documents', and 'Projects'. A dropdown menu is open under 'Sector Data and Documents', listing 'Overall CAREC Program', 'Transport', 'Trade Facilitation', 'Energy', and 'Trade Policy'. Below the navigation is a section titled 'Regional Cooperation Bringing People Together' with a paragraph of text and a link to 'Upcoming Events'. On the right side, there is a search bar and a 'CAREC e-Alert' button.

Joint Transport and Trade Facilitation Strategy


Three overarching goals:



Establish competitive corridors across the CAREC region



Facilitate efficient movement of people and goods through CAREC corridors and across borders



Develop sustainable, safe, user-friendly transport and trade networks



CAREC Customs Cooperation Committee (CCC)

CCC - a regional forum to address issues of common interest that created an environment of trust and cooperation and has become a cohesive body within CAREC

5 Priority Areas:

- Simplification and harmonization of customs procedures and documentation,
- information and communication technology (ICT) and data exchange,
- Risk management and post-entry audit,
- Joint customs control and one-stop services,
- Regional transit development

Annual meetings review each country's progress on 5 priority areas



10th CCC Annual Meeting, Baku, Azerbaijan

Joint Customs Control

- Border cooperation and joint customs control between neighboring countries
 - expedite the movement of goods across borders
 - generate significant savings in financial and human resources.

- Joint customs control needs
 - adoption of customs policies and procedures in line with international best practices
 - transparent rules and regulations
 - bilateral and regional cooperation among customs authorities of neighboring countries and trading partners
 - interagency coordination among customs and other border control agencies



CAREC JCC Pilot

Joint Customs
Control
Program
between PRC
and Mongolia

Goal

Reduce transaction and transit costs and facilitate trade between the two countries

Progress

Working and expert groups have been established in PRC and Mongolia for pilot joint customs control in selected crossing points

MOU on JCC signed by customs authorities of both countries

Agreement on an harmonized cargo manifests

JCC pilot was officially introduced in Dec.2009 in Zamyn-Uud and Erlian border

JCC expanded to a second pair of border crossing (Ganshunsuhait and Ganqimaodao) as of 15 Nov 2011

