Customs for Trade Facilitation in the CAREC region

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WCO in brief

- Intergovernmental organization specialized in Customs matters
  - Established in Brussels in 1952

Mission

- Efficiency and effectiveness of Customs
- Facilitate trade and secure global supply chain
- Protection of consumers and environment

176 Members

- Collectively process over 98% of global trade
WCO main activities

✔ Develop standards for Customs procedures
  ✔ Harmonized System – tariff classification
  ✔ Revised Kyoto Convention – trade facilitation
  ✔ SAFE Framework of Standards – security

✔ Promote international cooperation
  ✔ Exchange information and share best practices

✔ Capacity Building
  ✔ Columbus Programme – diagnostics for reform
  ✔ Regional approach – Regional Training Centers, Regional Office for Capacity Building
WCO and CAREC

✓ All 8 CAREC Economies are WCO Members
  ✓ Harmonized System – 7 acceded
  ✓ Revised Kyoto Convention – 4 acceded
  ✓ SAFE Framework of Standards – 8 signed

✓ Capacity Building
  ✓ Columbus Programme – 7 diagnostic missions
  ✓ Special assistance for Afghanistan

✓ Cooperation with ADB
  ✓ Partnership since 2002 – CAREC Customs Cooperation Committee
  ✓ Publications and knowledge sharing
A new strategic direction for Customs

10 building blocks

- For better international cooperation
  - Globally Networked Customs
- For better coordination at borders
  - Coordinated Border Management
- For better business compliance and mutual benefit
  - Customs-Business Partnership
- For better Customs procedures
  - Risk Management, Technology, Integrity
  - and more …
MOU between ADB & WCO to enhance partnership

- ADB infrastructure and regional cooperation programmes
- WCO vision of Customs in the 21st Century and its technical competence
- Borders divide, Customs connects
- CAREC vision of building seamless connections for new prosperity
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