



Customs for Trade Facilitation in the CAREC region

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for New Prosperity
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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



Customs in the 21st Century

- ◆ **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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