

# Customs for Trade Facilitation in the CAREC region

ADB seminar on Building Seamless Connections 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

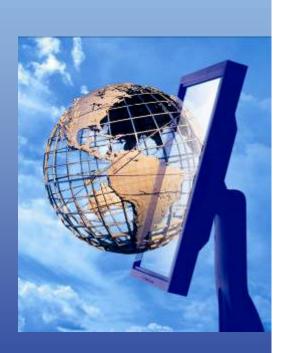
#### ✓ Cooperation with ADB

- ✓ 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 21<sup>st</sup> Century and its technical competence
- ✓ Borders divide, Customs connects
- ✓ CAREC vision of building seamless connections for new prosperity



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