



Enhancing Regional Trade Facilitation through National Single Window: Pakistan's Experience

Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation (CAREC) Institute
Pakistan Single Window (PSW)

Knowledge-sharing Webinar

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15:00 – 17:30 (Beijing time, UTC+8)

I. Tentative Agenda

14:50-15:00 Virtual Connection to the Webinar Rules
Steven Liu, Capacity Building Specialist, CAREC Institute

Opening Remarks

15:00-15:05 **Kabir Jurazoda**, Director, CAREC Institute
15:05-15:10 **Zeba Hai Azhar**, Member Customs-Operations, Pakistan Customs
Group Photo

Session 1. Elevating Cross-Border Trade Efficiency Through Trade Facilitation

15:10-15:25 **The Strategic Significance of Trade Facilitation for Regional Growth: Key recommendations**
This session will provide an overview of recent findings and recommendations from the CAREC Institute's report on trade facilitation in the CAREC region.
Speaker: Ghulam Samad, Senior Research Specialist, CAREC Institute

15:25-15:40 **Framework agreement on facilitation of cross-border paperless trade in Asia and the Pacific**
This session will provide an overview of the Agreement on facilitation of cross-border paperless trade in Asia and the Pacific.
Speaker: Tengfei Wang, Economic Affairs Officer Trade, Investment and Innovation Division, UNESCAP

Moderator: Rovshan Mahmudov, Senior Capacity Building Specialist, CAREC Institute

Session 2. Pakistan's experience on Single Window Implementation

15:40-15:55 Pakistan's Successful Journey in National Single Window Implementation: Overview and a Retrospective on its Evolution

This session will introduce Pakistan's Single Window system and discuss how Pakistan was able to overcome perceived obstacles and introduce its Single Window system.

Speaker: Zaheer Abbas, Domain Officer, PSW

15:55-16:15 Leveraging Technology for Seamless Cross-Border Trade: Technological Innovations in Pakistan's Single Window

This session will explore how technological innovations has played a crucial role in enhancing trade facilitation, efficiency, and transparency within cross-border trade operations.

Speaker: Hammad Zafar, Senior Manager Enterprise Quality & Integrations, PSW

16:15-16:30 Pakistan's Single Window: Plans for the Future

This session will describe contemplated improvements to Pakistan's SW, target performance indicators used to quantify benefits and track the success of improvements, inclusion of additional state agencies, intentions to improve information/data exchange with trading partners and expand user community.

Speaker: Naveed Abbas Memon, Chief Domain Officer, PSW

Moderator: Rovshan Mahmudov, Senior Capacity Building Specialist, CAREC Institute

Session 3. The World Customs Organization (WCO) guidelines and recommendations

16:30-16:45 The WCO Data Model: guidance for efficient implementation

This session will inform about WCO data model's message implementation guidelines and process specifications in harmonizing any agreed cargo clearance cross-border document/s in a more structured approach.

Speaker: Juan Diego Chavarría, Technical Officer, World Customs Organization (WCO)

16:45-17:00 Integrated Risk Management System

This session will cover the concept of an "Integrated Risk Management System", particularly how best to apply the rapidly expanding body of knowledge of risk management in identifying and mitigating risk at the operational level, and how to apply this knowledge of risk management beyond the operational level and in the management of regulatory administrations.

Speaker: Juan Diego Chavarría, Technical Officer, World Customs Organization (WCO)

Q&A Session (15 min)

Representatives of the CAREC member countries (Azerbaijan, PRC, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Mongolia, Pakistan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan)

will ask their questions regarding country experiences in developing/introducing single window systems, including legal framework and the governance models adopted by participating countries, problems encountered and plans to advance/accelerate the process.

Moderator: Ms. Laraib Ghaffar, Domain Officer, Pakistan Single Window

17:15-17:20 Closing remarks

Jingjing Huang, Deputy Director One, CAREC Institute