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Respondent (Name of Regional Economic Community or Transport Corridor)

Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation (CAREC) Program

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About you

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Q3

Yes

Do you have a regional development plan or strategy(ies)?

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Q4

If yes, does your regional development plan or strategy(ies) include trade priorities?

Yes,

Additional information on trade priorities. Please provide further details including hyperlinks to relevant documents::

CAREC 2030 is the overall strategic framework of the CAREC Program. It has 5 operational clusters, i.e.: (1) economic and financial stability, (2) trade, tourism, and economic corridors, (3) infrastructure and economic connectivity, (4) agriculture and water, and (5) human development; and cross-cutting themes of gender, digital/ICT and climate change.

<https://www.carecprogram.org/?publication=carec-2030-connecting-the-region-for-shared-and-sustainable-development> In 2018, the CAREC Ministers endorsed the CAREC Integrated Trade Agenda (CITA) 2030. CITA 2030 aims to integrate further into the global economy through three pillars: (1) trade expansion from increased market access, (2) greater diversification, and (3) stronger institutions for trade. Under Pillar 1, CITA seeks more open trade policies and deeper customs cooperation and integrated trade facilitation, including measures to make border and behind-the-border procedures more efficient, improve logistics services, and enhance transit systems. Under Pillar 2, CITA will enhance the policy and regulatory environment and access to trade finance, and strengthen linkages with global and regional supply chains. Under Pillar 3, CITA will promote coordinated sectoral policies and priorities and enhance evidence-based policymaking and negotiation skills. A 3-year Rolling Strategic Action Plan (RSAP) translates CITA into practical and implementable periodic phases, and prioritizes investment projects, policy dialogue, and knowledge products and services. <https://www.carecprogram.org/uploads/CAREC-Integrated-Trade-Agenda-2030.pdf> Other strategies with trade-related priorities include: CAREC Transport Strategy 2030 has connectivity and sustainability objectives. It seeks to reduce trade barriers and costs and trade turnover times, improve border crossing facilities and procedures, develop ports and logistics centers for seamless interoperability of transport modes <https://www.carecprogram.org/uploads/CAREC-Transport-Strategy-2030-1.pdf> CAREC Regional Cooperation Strategy in Energy will pursue policy measures to enhance energy trade and security, namely increase the available forms and sources of energy to complement domestic energy resources or develop export potential as a driver of economic growth. <https://www.carecprogram.org/uploads/CAREC-Regional-Cooperation-Strategy-in-Energy.pdf> The Cooperation Framework for Agricultural Development and Food Security in the CAREC Region will harness international trade in food products by facilitating food trade, diversifying the direction of food exports and imports, and expand exports of high-value food products. It will develop food value chains

regional trade barriers.
https://www.carecprogram.org/uploads/CAREC_MC_2022_2a_Agriculture-Food-Security-Framework-EN.pdf CAREC Digital Strategy 2030 will reduce regional trade barriers to increase cross-border trade and expand business opportunities for companies across the region.
<https://www.adb.org/sites/default/files/institutional-document/777876/carec-digital-strategy-2030.pdf> Under the CAREC Regional Action on Climate Change: A Vision for CAREC, the greening of regional trade will be promoted and how trade can be part of climate solutions will be explored. https://www.carecprogram.org/uploads/Regional-Action-on-Climate-Change-A-Vision-for-CAREC_MC-22nd-ENG.pdf

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Q5 **Yes**

Does your regional development strategy(ies) have a thematic focus?

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Q6

If yes, choose options from the non-exhaustive list of thematic options below. (If a thematic option does not appear in the list below, please tick other and add details in the text box. Please tick relevant boxes.)

DEVELOPMENT WITH SPECIFIC ECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS:

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Economic diversification,

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Enhancing exports in non-traditional sectors,

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Export diversification,

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Expansion of the digital economy,

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Infrastructure development,

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Innovation and technological development,

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Human capital development (e.g. education through skills, training and health)

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Trade integration,

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Women's economic empowerment and gender equality

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Climate change mitigation,

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Climate change adaptation,

DEVELOPMENT WITH SPECIFIC SOCIAL CHARACTERISTICS:

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DEVELOPMENT WITH SPECIFIC ENVIRONMENTAL CHARACTERITICS:

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Q7

Yes

Do the trade priorities found in your regional development plan or transport corridor development strategy(ies) include specific objectives or targets? For example, the Nacala Railway Corridor Project aims to transport approximately 18 million tons of coal from the existing mine in Moatize, via Malawi, to a new coal terminal in Nacala a Velha (Mozambique). The project was funded by Vale, and forms the backbone of a world-class transport corridor for Mozambique's Tete Province, as well as onward to Zambia and the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC).

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Q8

If yes, please choose options from the non-exhaustive list of options below. (If an objective(s) or target(s)* do not appear in the list below, please tick other and add details in the text box. Please tick all relevant boxes).Objectives & Targets*:

Other targets (e.g. digital connectivity, gender equality, renewable energy, circular economy, etc.)

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Economic growth targets,

Additional information on objectives and targets::

A Regional Cooperation Platform to Connect People, Policies, and Projects for Shared and Sustainable Development, which is aligned closely with the member countries' national strategies, and with the UN SDGs and COP21 climate agreement, that also pursue the same objectives. CAREC 2030 has a CAREC Program Results Framework (Baseline and Actual) (see Appendix 3, p. 42)

<https://www.adb.org/sites/default/files/publication/790611/carec-2030-defr-2017-2020.pdf>

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Q9

Yes

In addition to the trade priorities you may have in your regional development strategy, do you have trade priorities that are set out in other regional policy documents or strategies (e.g. an Aid-for-Trade strategy?)

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Q10**Yes**

Do these other regional policy documents or strategies include trade objectives or targets? For example, the West African Common Industrial Policy plans, inter alia, to increase the volume of exports of goods manufactured in West Africa to the global market, from the current 0.1 % to 1 % by 2030. Another objective includes raising the local raw material processing rate from 15-20% to an average of 30 % by the same year.

Q11

If your regional trade strategy includes objectives or targets*, please tick all relevant boxes and provide further details, including hyperlinks to relevant documents. If no, please indicate in the text box under the question choices whether there is another regional strategy or policy that includes specific objectives or targets.

OBJECTIVES*:**Increased competitiveness,****Expansion of agricultural exports,****Expansion of manufactured exports,****Expansion of services exports,****Expansion of e-commerce and/or digitally delivered services exports**

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Growth in the number of export markets reached,**Improvements in trade facilitation,****Climate change related objectives (e.g. reduction in emissions associated with trade)**

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Export growth targets,**Export diversification in terms of number of markets reached**

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Export diversification in terms of number of goods and services exported

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Agricultural export growth target,**Services trade export target,****Trade facilitation targets (e.g. time taken to release),****Other (please specify),****Better export performance,****TARGETS*:**

Additional information on objectives or targets::

Capacity of institutions for trade strengthened, trade sector institutions functional (% of respondents report improved knowledge on trade)

Q12**Yes**

Do you have a regional trade policy or strategy, export development strategy, industry or economic diversification or similar policy or strategy (e.g. regional e-commerce strategy, etc.)? For example, the Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation forum has an Integrated Trade Agenda 2030 that aims to assist CAREC members to integrate further into the global economy, enhance the growth potential of CAREC members and improve the living standards of its people, with a focus on three pillars: trade expansion from increased market access, greater diversification and stronger institutions for trade.

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Do the trade priorities found in your regional development strategy align with those found in other regional policy documents or strategies?

Yes, in part,

Additional information on the alignment of trade priorities:: CAREC Transport Strategy 2030 has connectivity and sustainability objectives. It seeks to reduce trade barriers and costs and trade turnover times, improve border crossing facilities and procedures, develop ports and logistics centers for seamless interoperability of transport modes <https://www.carecprogram.org/uploads/CAREC-Transport-Strategy-2030-1.pdf> CAREC Regional Cooperation Strategy in Energy will pursue policy measures to enhance energy trade and security, namely increase the available forms and sources of energy to complement domestic energy resources or develop export potential as a driver of economic growth. <https://www.carecprogram.org/uploads/CAREC-Regional-Cooperation-Strategy-in-Energy.pdf> The Cooperation Framework for Agricultural Development and Food Security in the CAREC Region will harness international trade in food products by facilitating food trade, diversifying the direction of food exports and imports, and expand exports of high-value food products. It will develop food value chains. https://www.carecprogram.org/uploads/CAREC_MC_2022_2a_Agriculture-Food-Security-Framework-EN.pdf CAREC Digital Strategy 2030 will reduce regional trade barriers to increase cross-border trade and expand business opportunities for companies across the region. <https://www.adb.org/sites/default/files/institutional-document/777876/carec-digital-strategy-2030.pdf> Under the CAREC Regional Action on Climate Change: A Vision for CAREC, the greening of regional trade will be promoted and how trade can be part of climate solutions will be explored. https://www.carecprogram.org/uploads/Regional-Action-on-Climate-Change-A-Vision-for-CAREC_MC-22nd-ENG.pdf

Q14**Yes**

Do the trade objectives in your regional development plan or trade strategy(ies) include sectoral objectives?
 Explanatory notes For example, the Caribbean Community and Common Market (CARICOM) has developed various sectoral plans, including as the Caribbean Sustainable Tourism Policy Framework.

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Q15

If yes, please tick all relevant boxes and provide further details, including hyperlinks to relevant documents. If no, please indicate if there is another regional strategy or policy that includes specific objectives or targets):
 (Please tick relevant boxes)

MSME sector development,**Services (general),****Education services,****Transport services (air, land and maritime),****Cross-sectoral e-commerce and digital trade**

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Q16**Yes**

Does your regional economic community (or transport corridor) have priority areas for Aid for Trade for which it is actively seeking support? Explanatory notes: For example, the 6th Sixth East African Community Development Strategy 2021/22 – 2025/26 outlines seven strategic development objectives and 8 priority areas in the trade area that the East African Community will pursue.

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Q17

If yes, please identify the priority areas for Aid for Trade for which your regional economic community (or transport corridor) is actively seeking support. (Please tick relevant boxes:)

Trade policy and administrative management,

Trade facilitation,

Regional trade agreements (RTAs),

Trade education/training,

TRADE-RELATED INFRASTRUCTURE (Including physical infrastructure)

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TRADE DEVELOPMENT (Including investment promotion, analysis and institutional support for trade in services, business support services and institutions, public-private sector networking, e-commerce, trade finance, trade promotion, market analysis and development)

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Agriculture,

Multilateral trade negotiations,

Travel and tourism,

Digital trade and e-commerce,

OTHER TRADE-RELATED NEEDS,

TRADE POLICY AND REGULATIONS (Including training of trade officials, analysis of proposals and positions and their impact, support for stakeholders to articulate commercial interest and identify trade-offs, dispute issues, institutional and technical support to undertake trade reform/facilitate implementation of trade agreements and to adapt to and comply with rules and standards)

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Trade-related Transport and storage infrastructure (e.g. port, dry port, inland container port, inland container depot, etc.)

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Trade-related Communications infrastructure,

Trade-related Energy supply and generation infrastructure

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Additional information on the priority Aid-for-Trade support areas::

WTO accession of remaining CAREC members

Q18**Yes**

Have these priorities been communicated to Donors and South-South partners?

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Q19

If yes, please provide additional information on how priorities were communicated:

Dialogue with new partners,
Communication of policy document,
Diagnostic trade integration study or update

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Q20

Does your regional economic community (or transport corridor) face difficulties in financing implementation of the trade objectives found in your development plan or strategy(ies) or trade strategy?

Yes,
 Additional information on the difficulties faced in financing trade objectives. Please identify which sources of aid finance or other financial assistance for trade that you would like to attract to achieve your trade objectives (e.g. Official Development Assistance (i.e. Aid for Trade), Other Official flows (loans that do not qualify as ODA), South-South co-operation, Climate finance, etc.):
 The CAREC Program needed to prioritize and ADB-supported TAs have financing gaps to fully implement project and TA initiatives.

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Q21

Do you face difficulties in accessing finance to address your Aid-for-Trade priorities?

Other (please specify):
 diminishing funds for RCI projects/TA support except for project preparation.

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Q22

If yes, please identify the types of difficulties you face in accessing finance to address your Aid-for-Trade needs. (You may tick more than one box)

Respondent skipped this question

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Q23**Yes**

Does your regional economic community or transport corridor face a situation where it is receiving an increasing share of Aid-for-Trade in the form of loans and a declining share of grants?

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Q24**Yes**

If yes, does this situation present a challenge for your regional economic community or transport corridor to achieve its trade objectives?

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Q25**No**

Do you plan to stop receiving Aid for Trade? Has a date been set to achieve this objective (e.g. a date to stop receiving foreign aid?).

Page 23: SECTION E: ALIGNMENT OF AID-FOR-TRADE SUPPORT WITH REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND TRADE PRIORITIES

Q26**Mostly aligned**

How well-aligned is the Aid-for-Trade support you receive with your Aid-for-Trade priorities?

Q27

What challenges do you encounter in aligning the Aid-for-Trade support you receive with the sectoral level needs outlined in relevant policy documents ? (You may tick more than one box)

Conditions required by development partners to access support

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Length of project/programme funding cycles,

Human capacity constraints to developing bankable projects

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Weak institutional capacity (e.g. lack of coordination at domestic level)

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Q28**Yes, for the regional trade strategy**

Do development financing partners (i.e. both donors and South-South partners) align their monitoring and evaluation with your regional monitoring or results frameworks?

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Q29**Yes**

Do you measure the impacts of the Aid-for-Trade support you receive?

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Q30

If yes, please identify where is Aid for Trade having a measurable impact in your opinion:(Please tick relevant boxes.)

- TRADE POLICY AND REGULATIONS (Including training of trade officials, analysis of proposals and positions and their impact, support for stakeholders to articulate commercial interest and identify trade-offs, dispute issues, institutional and technical support to undertake trade reform/facilitate implementation of trade agreements and to adapt to and comply with rules and standards)
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- Trade facilitation,
- Trade education/training,
- TRADE-RELATED INFRASTRUCTURE (Including physical infrastructure)
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- Trade-related Transport and storage infrastructure (e.g. port, dry port, inland container port, inland container depot, etc.)
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- TRADE DEVELOPMENT (Including investment promotion, analysis and institutional support for trade in services, business support services and institutions, public-private sector networking, e commerce, trade finance, trade promotion, market analysis and development)
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- Agriculture,
- Travel and tourism,
- Digital trade and e-commerce

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Q31

Is there an Aid-for-Trade project or programme that you would like to highlight as an example of best practice?

Yes,

Additional information on examples of best practice.

Please include evidence to support your assessment of Aid-for-Trade support impacts::

<https://www.adb.org/projects/49190-001/main>. The TA completion report will be out soon.

<https://www.carecprogram.org/?event=3rd-meeting-of-the-carec-regional-working-group-on-sanitary-and-phytosanitary-measures-strategic-directions-planning-and-ta-9500-closing-workshop>. Please refer to the video gallery: Video Gallery – Statements of Countries and Development Partners

<https://www.ippc.int/en/news/member-countries-of-the-central-asia-regional-economic-cooperation-on-the-road-to-adopting-the-ippc-ephyto-solution/>

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Q32

Do you foresee a continued need for Aid-for-Trade financing?

Yes

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Q33

If you foresee a continued need for Aid-for-Trade financing, please tick all relevant boxes and provide further details including hyperlinks as relevant.(Please tick relevant boxes.)

Agriculture,

Tourism,

Transport services (air, land and maritime),

Cross-sectoral e-commerce and digital trade,

Other (please specify),

Additional information on sectors in which you foresee a future need for Aid-for-Trade financing::

https://www.carecprogram.org/uploads/CAREC_MC_2022_2a_Agriculture-Food-Security-Framework-EN.pdf

https://www.adb.org/sites/default/files/institutional-document/659176/carec-tourism-strategy-2030_0.pdf

<https://www.carecprogram.org/uploads/CAREC-Transport-Strategy-2030-1.pdf>

<https://www.adb.org/sites/default/files/institutional-document/777876/carec-digital-strategy-2030.pdf> One-

Health <https://www.adb.org/sites/default/files/institutional-document/798371/carec-health-strategy-2030.pdf>

Q34

In which categories of Aid-for-Trade support do you foresee future needs?(Please tick relevant boxes.)

TRADE POLICY AND REGULATIONS (Including training of trade officials, analysis of proposals and positions and their impact, support for stakeholders to articulate commercial interest and identify trade-offs, dispute issues, institutional and technical support to undertake trade reform/facilitate implementation of trade agreements and to adapt to and comply with rules and standards)

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Trade policy and administrative management,

Trade facilitation,

Regional trade agreements (RTAs),

TRADE-RELATED INFRASTRUCTURE (Including physical infrastructure)

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Trade-related Transport and storage infrastructure (e.g. port, dry port, inland container port, inland container depot, etc.)

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TRADE DEVELOPMENT (Including investment promotion, analysis and institutional support for trade in services, business support services and institutions, public-private sector networking, e-commerce, trade finance, trade promotion, market analysis and development)

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Business support services,

Banking and financial services,

Multilateral trade negotiations,

Mineral resources and mining,

Travel and tourism,

Digital trade and e-commerce

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Q35

Yes

Do you foresee future needs for Aid for Trade to support the achievement of trade-related aspects of the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda?For example, the Central American Integration System (SIECA)'s Regional Mobility and Logistics Master Plan 2035 takes into account the impacts of implementing its strategy with regard to the 2030 United Nations Sustainable Development Objectives.

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Q36

If yes, please indicate which SDGs are referenced in your regional development strategy.(You may tick more than one box)

- GOAL 1: No Poverty,**
- GOAL 3: Good Health and Well-being,**
- GOAL 6: Clean Water and Sanitation,**
- GOAL 7: Affordable and Clean Energy,**
- GOAL 8: Decent Work and Economic Growth,**
- GOAL 9: Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure,**
- GOAL 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities,**
- GOAL 12: Responsible Consumption and Production,**
- GOAL 13: Climate Action,**
- GOAL 17: Partnerships to achieve the Goal,**
- GOAL 5: Gender Equality**

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Q37

Do you foresee future needs for Aid-for-Trade to support the trade-related aspects of climate change ?

Yes,
Additional information on the future needs for Aid-for-Trade to support the trade-related aspects of climate change::
https://www.carecprogram.org/uploads/Regional-Action-on-Climate-Change-A-Vision-for-CAREC_MC-22nd-ENG.pdf