Country Profile
Islamic Republic of Afghanistan

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Almaty, Kazakhstan
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Central Asia
Land-locked region
Energy-Rich
Complicated Border Crossing

Middle East
Energy-Surplus Region
Capital Surplus
U.A.E. just acceded to TIR

East Asia
Economically Vibrant
Huge Demand for Energy and Resources
Large Demographics

South Asia
Favourable Demographics
Access to seaports

Afghanistan can be regional transit hub
Bilateral Transport Agreements:

- Tajikistan
- Pakistan
- Iran

Drafting New agreement with:

- Turkmenistan
- Uzbekistan
- Kyrgyzstan
- Georgia
- Kazakhstan
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New Progress in area of Transport:

• Significant progress towards finalization of the SAARC Motor Vehicles Agreement and SAARC Regional Railways Agreement
• Computerizing, and modernizing revenue collection systems
• Extensive negotiation regarding establishment of new corridor, Lapis Lazuli (Afghanistan, Turkmenistan, Azerbaijan, Georgia and Turkey)
Development of Transportation:

- Afghanistan is committed in developing transport Sector
- Civil Aviation sector
- Upgrade and update of Airports
Transportation Achievements:

- Numerous national and international Transport Companies Registered and facilitated
- Contacts consolidated with immediate and beyond immediate neighbors on strengthening transport ties
- Afghanistan Re-Activated TIR System in September 2013
- By integrating into regional institutions, agreements opportunity paved for boosting transport and trade exchanges
- Inside Afghanistan, highways connecting with neighboring countries are renovated and constructed in international standards and efforts for developing it continues
Afghanistan in the regional organization:
- Economic Cooperation Organization (ECO)
- South Asia Association Regional Cooperation (SAARC)
- Central Asian Regional Economic Cooperation (CAREC)
- Central and South Asia Transport and Trade Forum (CSATTF)
- Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO)
- Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE)
- Transport Corredor Europa Cuacases Asia (TRACECA).
General investment facilities:

• Afghanistan is a rapidly growing/developing country
• Business opportunities continued to increase
• A more experienced workforce is emerging
• Great and shorter place for reaching regional markets
• Increasing support for private sector
• Easy procedure for registering business activities
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**TIR Shipment to Almaty**

- **Shirkhan Bandar-Dushanbe** (200 km)
- **Osh-Bishkek** (603 km)
- **Dushanbe-Osh** (714 km)
- **Torkham-Shirkhan Bandar** (674 km)
- **Bishkek-Almaty** (232 km)
Afghanistan TIR Trucks in Use
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Kazakhstan only accounts for less than 2% of Afghanistan exports. There is much opportunity for increasing trade!
Transportation Challenges:

• Afghanistan distanced about 2000 kilometer away from seaport
• Poor transport infrastructure
• Higher transport charges in landlocked countries
• Implementation of APTTA Agreement
• Security and safety challenges
Thank You

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