WORLD BANK-SUPPORTED TRADE FACILITATION PROJECTS IN THE SPECA REGION

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TRADE AND COMPETITIVENESS GLOBAL PRACTICE

The World Bank Group is a major provider of trade related assistance with a current portfolio of 7 Billion

Analysis and Diagnostics

Technical Assistance

Financing of major trade infrastructure and institutional reform projects

Research and data products (LPI/Doing Business)

Global advocacy and partnerships

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WBG TRADE FACILITATION ADVISORY
SPECA OVERVIEW

SPECA countries

Afghanistan

Azerbaijan

Kazakhstan

Kyrgyzstan

Tajikistan

Turkmenistan

Uzbekistan

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WTO-TFA PREPARATION & IMPLEMENTATION SUPPORT TRADE FACILITATION SUPPORT PROGRAM (TFSP)

Objective

Assist developing countries in reforming and aligning their trade facilitation laws, procedures, processes & systems to enable implementation of the WTO TFA Requirements.

Vision

- Implementation focused
- Rapid response capability
- Deep engagement with the private sector
- Strong monitoring, evaluation & results framework
- Complementary & sequenced Technical Assistance (TA) activity
- IFC-WB presence in most countries, project components included at national and regional levels
- Global expertise

Our Partners

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Program Update

Azerbaijan

- Discussions with Azerbaijan Customs on technical assistance related to Doing Business, Authorized Operators and Customs Brokers

Afghanistan

- Recently completed Customs modernization project
- New Customs project under discussion
- Studies on Afghanistan/Tajikistan/Pakistan trade relations and opportunities for strengthening them

PROGRAM UPDATE

Kazakhstan

- Support to the Ministry of National Economy with the development of the work plan of the National Trade Facilitation Committee
- Policy note focusing on trade logistics challenges in Kazakhstan and ways to address them: “Turning The Tide in Turbulent Times”
- Dialog with Government on a stress test for export of beef and beef products

Kyrgyz Republic

- Support to the establishment and operation of the National Trade Facilitation Committee (50% of members are from the private sector)
- Capacity building support to Customs on risk management;
- Development of a “white list” of trusted traders.
- Together with GIZ, implementation of a Time Release Study
- Assistance to Customs with the development of a more informative and user friendly website for traders

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PROGRAM UPDATE

Tajikistan

- Assistance with the establishment of Tajikistan's National Trade Facilitation Committee.
- Suppot to the Tajikistan Customs Administration with the development of their the first National Commodity Nomenclature.
- Together with USAID, implementation of a Time Release Study (TRS)
- Training to customs staff on the risk management and an authorized operator program.
- Facilitated meetings between Tajikistan and Afghanistan Customs. Delegations discussed operationalization of data exchange and TIR
- Private sector outreach to raise awareness on trade facilitation topics and facilitate consultations with Customs.

PROGRAM UPDATE

Uzbekistan

Report on Uzbekistan's alignment with the WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement, identifying gaps and recommendations for priority actions.

Cross cutting

Belt Road Initiative and its significance for Central Asia (several studies)