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Ministry of Commerce



Islamabad, the 5th October, 2015.

C I R C U L A R

Copy of EAD's O.M No. 3(12)ADB-IV/2002 dated 29-09-2015 is forwarded with the request that the nominations of suitable officers duly approved/recommended by their respective senior officers may be forwarded to this Section latest by **06-10-2015**.

(ATAULLAH)
Director (HR &CP)

Forwarded to:-

- i. All JSs/Chief Development Officer/DG (TP)/DG (DCW)/DG (TIS)/DG (STDC), Ministry of Commerce, Islamabad.
- ii. Copy to Network Administrator with the request to upload the subject programme on the Ministry's website.

Government of Pakistan
Ministry of Finance, Revenue, Economic Affairs,
Statistics and Privatization
(Economic Affairs Division)

No. 3(12) ADB-IV/2002

Islamabad: the 29th September 2015


OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: - Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation (CAREC) Trade Facilitation Learning Opportunity: The Development Dimension of Cross-Border Commerce: Nourishing an Emerging Opportunity in CAREC (22-23 October 2015, Wuhan, Hubei, PRC)

The undersigned is directed to refer to Asian Development Bank's letter dated 18th September, 2015 on the above subject (copy enclosed) and to say that the ADB and ADB Institute propose to organize and conduct this year's learning opportunity highlighting best practices for CAREC countries to emulate in the area of integrated trade facilitation from 22-23 October 2015, Wuhan, Hubei, People's Republic of China. The main objectives of the meeting are:

- i Examine the potential for developing cross-border e-commerce in CAREC based on initial global experience
- ii Highlight the development potential it offers to the economically disadvantaged
- iii Shed light on what needs to change in CAREC countries if potential benefits are to be realized.

2 It is requested to nominate Trade Facilitation Sector Person for the CAREC may kindly be nominated and conveyed to this Division before 5th October, 2015 for participation in the subject meeting. The meeting is fully funded by ADB.


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Dear Ms. Amin,

**Subject: Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation (CAREC) Trade Facilitation
Learning Opportunity: The Development Dimension of Cross-Border eCommerce:
Nourishing an Emerging Opportunity in CAREC
(22–23 October 2015, Wuhan, Hubei, PRC)**

The Asian Development Bank (ADB) and ADB Institute propose to organize and conduct this year's learning opportunity highlighting best practices for CAREC countries to emulate in the area of integrated trade facilitation. This event aims to (i) examine the potential for developing cross-border ecommerce in CAREC based on initial global experience, (ii) highlight the development potential it offers to the economically disadvantaged, and (iii) shed light on what needs to change in CAREC countries if potential benefits are to be realized.

This learning opportunity is one of the activities implementing the refined CAREC Trade and Transport Facilitation Strategy 2020. It will showcase recent ADB analysis and examine ongoing CAREC initiatives that may benefit from supporting increased volumes of cross-border ecommerce. It will allow participants to become familiar with initial experience in Asia and other regions of the world, to learn about PRC initiatives that aim to expand ecommerce with Russia, and to understand how cross-border ecommerce is developing within the Eurasian Economic Union (particularly between Kazakhstan and the Kyrgyz Republic). It will provide a venue for CAREC countries to discuss how best to mobilize political will, involve all stakeholders, develop appropriate strategies and implementation plans, and foster interagency and public-private cooperation to expand cross-border ecommerce in CAREC. Please see attached a draft agenda.

We invite a representative of your State Customs Service responsible for facilitating cross-border ecommerce, a representative of your state postal administration responsible for new business development, and a representative of your country's principal agency responsible for regulating and facilitating the financial aspects of ecommerce transactions to participate in the proposed learning opportunity. Please note that UNESCAP has separately invited

participants from your country's trade regulating and facilitating agencies to attend the Asia Pacific Trade Facilitation Forum, in connection with which this learning opportunity is being organized. For further clarification, you may contact Mr. Jeff Procak, Regional Cooperation Specialist (email: jprocak@adb.org, tel. no: +632 632 5701).

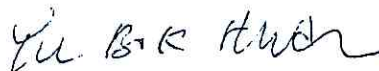
ADBI will provide economy class round trip ticket for the three participants via the most direct route, hotel accommodation, daily subsistence allowance, and lump sum to cover miscellaneous travel expenses. An information note on the administrative details for the learning opportunity will be sent upon receipt of confirmation of your delegation's participation. We will appreciate your confirmation no later than 25 September 2015 to Mr. Aamer Ali (email: aamirali.consultant@adb.org, Tel: +92-51-208-7300 ext. 206, Fax: +92-51-260-0365 to 66) and Ms. Shiho Ito (email: sito@adbi.org).

Thank you for your active involvement in CAREC Trade Facilitation.

Yours sincerely,



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