

CAREC Trade Policy: Progress Report and Issues for Consideration

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Trade Policy: Progress Report

- **Highlights from the 20th TPCC meeting:**
 - ✓ Continued implementation of the capacity-building and knowledge-sharing program
 - ✓ Tabulating progress under the updated TPSAP
 - ✓ WTO accession and training seminars

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- **Reaffirming TPCC's guiding principles:**
 - ✓ Trade liberalization through removal of both tariff and non-tariff barriers
 - ✓ WTO accession by all CAREC members
 - ✓ Bolstering the institutional environment for trade

Trade Policy: Implementing the TPSAP

➤ Key issues for consideration by the SOM:

- ✓ Implementation of the Updated TPSAP—builds on key objectives of the previous TPSAP, with two new key goals:
 - Expanding trade in services
 - Reducing the trade impeding impact of SPS measures and TBT measures
- ✓ Close collaboration with, and assistance from the multilateral institutions and the donor community is paramount to ensuring successful implementation.