

### Developing Single Window for the Customs Service of Azerbaijan

Knowledge-Sharing Modules on CAREC Trade: Regional Improvement of Border Services

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### Legal framework for coordinated border controls





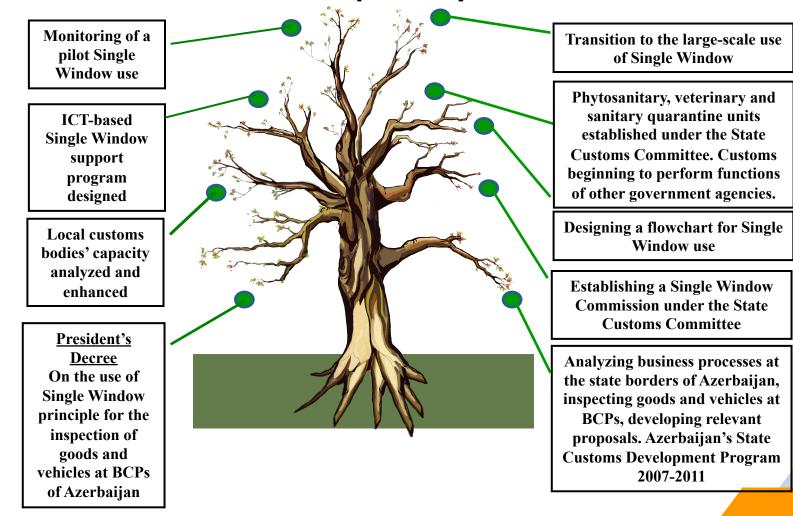
- State Customs Development Program of Azerbaijan (2007-2011).
- Azerbaijan President's Decree No 12 dd 11 November 2008 "Using the Single Window principle for the inspection of goods and vehicles at BCPs of Azerbaijan"

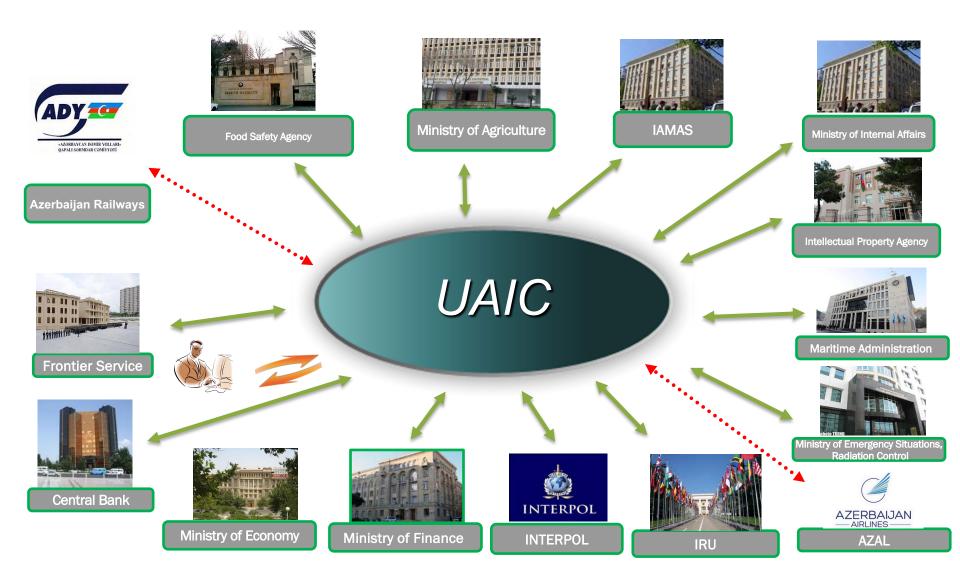
#### **Rationale for Single Window principle**

- Coordinated controls at the state border
- Supply chain safety and trade facilitation
- More efficient border management
- Reduced time for border crossing procedures

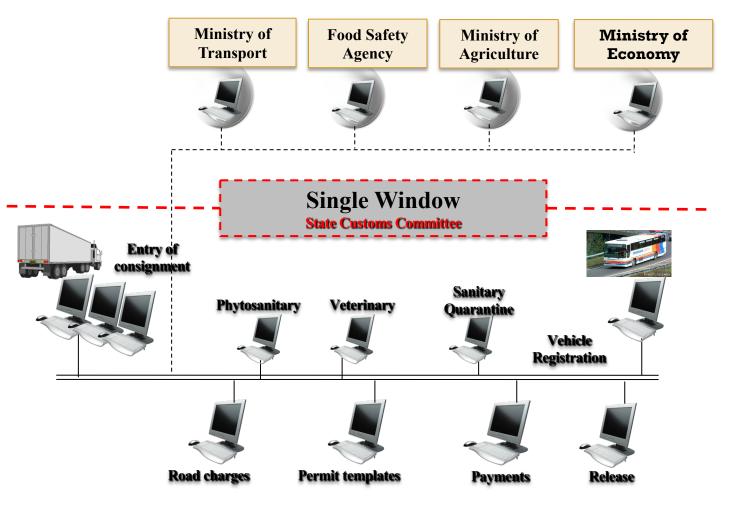
#### "Single Window"

#### **Development dynamics**





### **Computer-assisted Single Window**





# Challenges in implementing the National Single Window

- New approaches to process management required;
- Design and implementation of Single Window management system
- Migration to e-documents and unified databases;
- Amendments to laws and regulations; and producing flowcharts and guidelines;
- Organizing an integrated working space at BCPs;
- Staff recruitment and training, and capacity building;





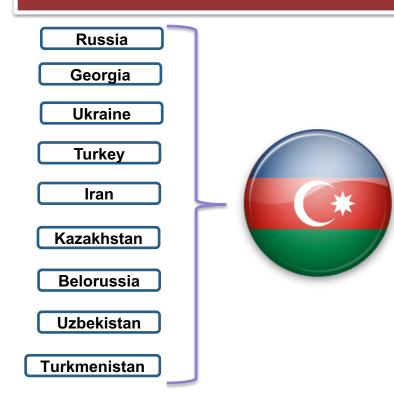
# **Undertaken initiatives**

- e-Customs concept (implementation of electronic paperwork, integration of systems, electronic services);
- Legislative reforms;
- Pre-arrival electronic declaration and implementation of risk management system;
- Electronic payments;
- Time Release Study;
- Cargo tracking and movement control systems;
- HR reforms;
- Practicing non-intrusive customs inspections;
- International standards and recommendations WCO, UN CEFACT.

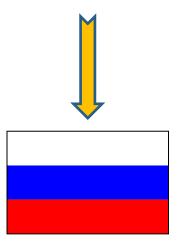


### Data Exchange

## Exchange of pre-arrival information on goods and vehicles



Protocol between the Customs Service under the Government of Azerbaijan and the Federal Customs Service (Russian Federation) on mutual recognition of customs controls for certain goods



**Russian Federation** 

# **Benefits**

- **Task-specific and efficient allocation and use of resources**
- Improving coordination of controls/inspections
- Enhancing cooperation of involved authorities
- Better border management mechanism
- Stricter compliance by economic operators and business entities
- Minimizing time span for controls/inspections at BCPs
- Improving transparency of border controls
- Employing new approaches to boost country's economic strength
- Leveraging commercial traffic and transport sector development
- Increasing transit potential

## **Benefits (for private sector)**

- Reducing vehicle clearance time at BCPs
- Using resources more efficiently
- Expediting issuance of importation and exportation permits by cutting time for formalities
- Raising awareness on border procedures and requirements
- Increasing transparency
- Expanding trade relations and creating more opportunities for trade



# Thank you for attention!