



Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation Program

**15th MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE
ON CENTRAL ASIA REGIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION**

25–26 October 2016
Islamabad, Pakistan

AGENDA

“Linking Connectivity with Economic Transformation in CAREC”

25 October 2016

CAREC SENIOR OFFICIALS’ MEETING

0830–0900 Registration

0900–1630 CAREC Senior Officials’ Meeting (SOM)

Venue: Sheesh Mahal Ballrooms, Serena Hotel

Participants: CAREC Senior Officials from Afghanistan, Azerbaijan, the People’s Republic of China, Kazakhstan, the Kyrgyz Republic, Mongolia, Pakistan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan; and representatives of partner multilateral institutions: Asian Development Bank (ADB), European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD), International Monetary Fund (IMF), Islamic Development Bank (IsDB), United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), and the World Bank (WB); representatives from the Government of Georgia; representatives from CAREC Institute, Department for International Development, Japan Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Japan International Cooperation Agency, U.S. Department of State, United States Agency for International Development, and World Trade Organization.

Chair:

Ms. Anjum Assad Amin

Additional Secretary

Economic Affairs Division, Ministry of Finance, Revenue, Economic Affairs, Statistics, and Privatization

CAREC National Focal Point (NFP) for Pakistan

To be assisted by the CAREC Secretariat:

Mr. Sean O’ Sullivan

Director General, Central and West Asia Department (CWRD), ADB

Mr. Ayumi Konishi

Director General, East Asia Department (EARD), ADB

0900–0920 Opening

- 0900–0910 Welcome and Opening Remarks
Ms. Anjum Assad Amin
Additional Secretary
Economic Affairs Division, Ministry of Finance, Revenue, Economic
Affairs, Statistics, and Privatization
CAREC National Focal Point (NFP) for Pakistan
- 0910–0920 Welcome Remarks and Introduction of the Agenda
Mr. Sean O’ Sullivan
Director General, CWRD, ADB
- 0920–1150 Session 1: CAREC Sectors of Cooperation–Results-Based Progress**
Updates and key deliverables in the four priority sectors of CAREC (transport, energy, trade facilitation, and trade policy) will be presented. This will be followed by discussion of the Senior Officials.
- 0920–0950 Discussion of Key Progress and Development Effectiveness in Transport Sector
(30 min: 10 minutes presentation followed by 20 minutes discussion, the same format for other sectors)
- 0950–1020 Discussion of Key Progress and Development Effectiveness in Energy
- 1020–1050 *Coffee/ Tea Break*
- 1050–1120 Discussion of Key Progress and Development Effectiveness in Trade Facilitation
- 1120–1150 Discussion of Key Progress and Development Effectiveness in Trade Policy
- 1150–1330** Lunch
Venue: Kehkashan Rooms 1 & 2, Serena Hotel
- 1330–1415 Session 2: Midterm Review of CAREC 2020**
Presentation on the draft report of Midterm Review of CAREC 2020 and seeking endorsement from the Senior Officials.
- 1415–1500 Session 3: CAREC Economic Corridor Development**
Presentation on progress in Almaty-Bishkek Corridor Initiative (ABCI) and seeking guidance from the Senior Officials.
- 1500–1530 *Coffee/ Tea Break*
- 1530–1610 Session 4: Finalization of Key Documents**
The SOM will consider and agree on the Report of the SOM to the 15th MC and the Joint Ministerial Statement of the 15th MC.
- 1610–1615 Session 5: Other Matters**

1615–1630 **Session 6: Closing**
Closing Remarks

Chair:

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1800–2000 **Dinner**

Venue: Kehkashan Rooms 1 & 2, Serena Hotel