



16th TRANSPORT SECTOR COORDINATING COMMITTEE (TSCC) MEETING

**17-19 May 2017
Tbilisi, Georgia**

*Chaired by the Government of Tajikistan
Generously hosted by the Government of Georgia*

17-19 May: 16th Transport Sector Coordinating Committee Meeting

Venue: Radisson Blu Iveria Hotel, Tbilisi, Georgia

Background

CAREC countries are working together to implement the refined Transport and Trade Facilitation Strategy 2020 (TTFS 2020). TTFS 2020 continues to prioritize the completion of the six strategic multimodal transport corridors, and introduced extensions to these.

Beyond the implementation of physical investment projects, TTFS 2020 also highlights CAREC countries' emphasis on the soft interventions which are required to maximize the effectiveness of such investment projects. To this end, the rolling Transport Sector Work Plan (2016-2018) includes actions in four areas, namely (i) road asset management, (ii) road safety, (iii) transport facilitation, and (iv) railways. CAREC countries have achieved much progress in 2016 to advance these priorities. This is epitomized by the development of the CAREC railway and road safety strategies, both of which were successfully endorsed at the 15th Ministerial Conference in October 2016, in Islamabad, Pakistan.

Transport sector work under CAREC is faced with new opportunities. 2016 witnessed the accession of Georgia to the CAREC program, bringing CAREC countries further opportunities for regional connectivity, e.g. through Georgia's ports on the Black Sea; Batumi and Poti. The 15th Ministerial Conference also saw the Prime Minister of Pakistan recommending regional cooperation in the aviation sector.

Objectives

In light of the above, the 16th Transport Sector Coordinating Committee (TSCC) meeting will (i) review the implementation progress of the TTFS 2020 and the Transport Sector Work Plan (2016-2018); (ii) discuss issues of key importance to the transport sector including railways, road safety, asset management and transport facilitation and (iii) examine new opportunities for the transport sector in light of Georgia's accession to CAREC, and through coverage of more modes of transport including aviation.

Day 1 (17 May)

- 0830 – 0900 **Registration**
- 0900 – 0910 **Welcome Remarks:**
Ms. Shoista Saidmurodova, Head of Economic Analysis and Forecasting Department, MOT, Tajikistan
Ms. Ketevan Salukvadze, Head, Transport and Logistics Development Policy Department, MOESD, Georgia
Ms. Yesim Elhan-Kayalar, Country Director, Georgia Resident Mission (GRM), ADB
- 0910 – 0915 **Objectives of the Meeting**
Mr. Ko Sakamoto, Transport Specialist, CWRD, ADB
- 0915 **Session 1: Implementing TTFS 2020 – progress and remaining challenges**
- 0915 – 0930 Progress made to date
Mr. Ko Sakamoto, Transport Specialist, ADB
Endorsement of Progress Report for SOM
- 0930 – 1030 Country Action Plans
5 minute presentations from each CAREC country delegate
Facilitator: Mr. Juan Gaviria, Sector Manager – Transport, Sustainable Development Department, Europe and Central Asia Region (ECSSD), World Bank
- 1030 - 1045 *Coffee break and group photo*
- 1045 - 1130 Country Action Plans (continued)
- 1130 – 1200 Feedback from development partners
5 minute interventions by each development partner
Facilitator: Ms. Ekaterina Miroshnik, Director for Infrastructure-Russia and Central Asia, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD)
- 1200 – 1330 **Lunch:** Filini Restaurant, Radisson Blu Iveria Hotel
- Session 2: New opportunities for CAREC with Georgia’s accession**
Facilitator: Tyrrell Duncan, Technical Advisor (Transport), ADB
- 1330 – 1345 Georgia’s contribution to regional connectivity
Ms. Ketevan Salukvadze, Head, Transport and Logistics Development Policy Department, MOESD, Georgia
Information on Anaklia Deep Sea Port
Mr. Giorgi Chugoshvili, Head of Business Intelligence, Anaklia Development Consortium

- 1345 – 1500 Roundtable discussion:
- Part 1: What are the key aspects of regional transport connectivity that can be improved with Georgia's accession?
 - Part 2: Refining CAREC Corridors in light of Georgia's accession to CAREC

1500 – 1515 Coffee break

- 1515 – 1600 Key messages for the new CAREC Strategy
Facilitated by Mr. Oleg Samukhin, Transport Specialist, ADB
- Process for the development of the new CAREC strategy
 - Initial feedback from the TSCC

1800 **Dinner: Shadow of Metekhi Restaurant**

Day 2 (18 May)

0830 – 0900 **Registration**

Session 3: Progress in each priority area of work

- 0900 – 0945 **Railways**
Facilitated by Mr. Takeshi Fukayama, Transport Specialist, ADB
- Status of the CAREC Railway Strategy
 - Discussion on next steps

- 0945 – 1030 **Transport Facilitation**
Facilitated by Mr. Oleg Samukhin, Transport Specialist, ADB
- Major developments in transport facilitation and implications for CAREC moving forward
 - Accession of PRC and Pakistan to TIR
 - SCO Cross Border Transport Facilitation Agreement
 - Infrastructure initiatives including RIBS
 - QTTA
 - Developments related to TIR and transit facilitation in CAREC
Viacheslav Vikentyev and Tatiana Rey-Ballet, International Road Transport Union

1030 – 1045 **Coffee break**

- 1045 -1130 **Road Safety: Implementing the CAREC Road Safety Strategy**
Facilitated by Mr. Ko Sakamoto, Transport Specialist, ADB

- Where we are at the start: a baseline for measuring progress
Ko Sakamoto, ADB
- CAREC Road Safety Engineering Manuals
Mr. Phil Jordan, CAREC Road Engineering Consultant
- Tajikistan's actions in road safety and suggestions for regional cooperation on road safety in 2017
Mr. Begijon Ziyoev, Senior Transport Specialist, Ministry of Transport, Tajikistan
- Increasing road safety and transport efficiency through improve professional competence
Viacheslav Vikentyev and Tatiana Rey-Ballet, International Road Transport Union
- Statements of support from development partners

1130-1200

Road Asset Management

Facilitated by Mr. Ari Kalliokoski, Transport Economist, ADB

- Review of draft manuals on performance based contracts
- Review of draft compendium of best practices in road asset management
- Showcase of road asset management applied in Georgia
Mr. Giorgi Japaridze, Ministry of Regional Development and Infrastructure of Georgia

1200 – 1330

Lunch: Filini Restaurant, Radisson Blu Iveria Hotel

1330 – 1500

Session 4: Toward connected skies

Facilitated by Mr. Lloyd Wright, Senior Transport Specialist, ADB

- Introduction to CAREC aviation
- Opportunities for better air connectivity in the CAREC region
Mr. Antonin Combes, International Civil Aviation Organization
- Highlights from the CAREC aviation workshop
Mr. Igor Aptsiauri, First Deputy Director, Civil Aviation Agency, Georgia
- Roundtable discussion on findings and recommendations from the CAREC aviation work shop

- 1500 – 1515 Coffee Break
- 1515 **Session 5: Summary of proceedings**
Facilitated by Mr. Ko Sakamoto, Transport Specialist, ADB
- 1600 **Closing remarks**
Ms. Yesim Elhan-Kayalar, Country Director, Georgia Resident Mission (GRM), Asian Development Bank (ADB)
Ms. Ketevan Salukvadze, Head, Transport and Logistics Development Policy Department, MOESD, Georgia
Ms. Shoista Saidmurodova, Head of Economic Analysis and Forecasting Department, MOT Tajikistan
- 1800 **Dinner: Biltmore Hotel**

19 May: Field Visit

Venue: Khashuri – Georgian Railway Modernization Project Site
Courtesy of Georgian Railway

Georgian Railway is conducting railway modernization in the east-west corridor. The participants will visit the railway construction site at Khashuri including a tunnel and bridges. After the site visit, the participants will have a city tour of Mtskheta, the World Heritage, and try Georgian cuisine.

Schedule:

Departure from Raddison Blu Hotel: 8am

Arrival at Khashuri railway project site: 10am

Leaving the site: 1130am

Arriving at Mtskheta for city tour and lunch: 0130pm

Leaving Mtskheta: 0330pm

Arrival back to Raddison Blu Hotel: Approximately 4pm

