

CAREC Partnership Forum

Discussion with Partners
7th Ministerial Conference on CAREC
20 November 2008



Background

CAREC Senior Officials agree:

- Greater interaction beneficial
- Action-oriented, sector approach
- Focus on priority areas of transport, trade, and energy

Purpose

- CAREC update for development partners
- Exchange views, explore opportunities for cooperation and coordination
- Improve information flow on key investments, policy reforms
- Feature special projects or initiatives requiring broader support or financing

Focus and Format

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 - 2009 CPF focus on transport and trade facilitation
- Format
 - CAREC Secretariat to coordinate and co-chair with host country
 - Overview of major CAREC developments
 - Sessions focus on sector-specific issues
 - Prioritize active discussion by all parties

Participation

- Participating countries: National Focal Point, or representative, and sector officials
- MI partners: Head of SOM delegation
- 2009 CPF:
 - observers at 7th Ministerial Conference
 - significant players identified in foundation studies

Preparation

- CAREC Institute commissions "foundation study" for transport and for trade facilitation
 - detailed overview of investments and activities (ongoing and planned) by all parties
 - identify gaps and overlaps in plans
 - support Implementation Action Plan for the Transport and Trade Facilitation Strategy
- Studies are starting point for forward-focused CPF discussion

Preparation

- Information session for partners at 7th MC
 - clarify format and purpose
 - explain information requirements
 - timelines