

**Third Ministerial Conference
on Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation**
31 October – 1 November 2004
Astana, Kazakhstan

TENTATIVE PROGRAM

30 October 2004, Saturday Arrival of delegates to the Senior Officials' Meeting

31 October 2004, Sunday

0900 – 1200

Senior Officials' Meeting

Abai Ballroom, Intercontinental Astana Hotel

(This is a meeting for the preparation of the Ministerial Meeting on 01 November. Participants are senior officials of the participating governments of Azerbaijan, People's Republic of China, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Mongolia, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan, facilitated by representatives of multilateral institutions (MIs) of ADB, EBRD, IMF, IsDB, UNDP and WB.)

Chaired by Mr. G. Uzbekov, Vice Minister of Finance, Government of Kazakhstan
Co-Chaired by Mr. H.S. Rao, Deputy Director General, East and Central Asia Department, ADB

0900 – 0910 Opening Session

Welcome Remarks by Mr. G. Uzbekov, Vice Minister of Finance

Opening Remarks by Mr. H.S. Rao, Deputy Director General, ADB

0910 – 0915 Session 1: Summary SOM Report to the MC

Confirmation of the Report

0915 – 1030 Session 2: Draft Joint Ministerial Statement

Presentation of the Draft Joint Ministerial Statement – ADB

Review

1030 – 1100 Tea Break

1100 – 1130 Session 2 (continuation)

Finalization of the Draft Joint Ministerial Statement

1200 – 1400 Lunch (*Café Marco Polo, lobby level*)

1400 – 1500

Special Session

1400 – 1430

Human Development Report: Presentation by UNDP and Discussions

1430 – 1500

Central-South Asia Economic Cooperation: Presentation by ADB and Discussions

1500 – 1530

Tea Break

1530 – 1700

Development Partners' Meeting

Abai Ballroom, Intercontinental Astana Hotel

(This is a meeting of the senior officials of the governments, the MIs, observer countries, and other donor organizations. Major development partners will be invited to present their assistance programs in support of economic cooperation in the region for (i) information sharing; and (ii) seeking specific opportunities to coordinate more closely.)

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1530 – 1535

Opening of the session

1535 – 1700

Presentations and discussions

1700 – 1845

City Tour

1900 – 2100

Dinner hosted by the Government of Kazakhstan
(Puccini's Restaurant, mezzanine level)

1 November 2004, Monday

Ministerial Meeting

Abai Ballroom, Intercontinental Astana Hotel

Chaired by Mr. A. Dunayev, Minister of Finance

Co-chaired by Mr. J. Eichenberger, Vice President, ADB

0800 – 0900 Registration

0900 – 0940 Session 1*: Inaugural Session

0900 – 0905 Opening Remarks by Mr. A. Dunayev, Minister of Finance,
Government of Kazakhstan

0905 – 0920 Welcome Remarks by Mr. D. Akhmetov, Prime Minister,
Government of Kazakhstan

0920 – 0935 Keynote Speech – Mr. T. Chino, President, ADB

0935 – 1000 Photo Session and Tea Break

1000 – 1200 Session 2*: Opening Session

(The opening session provides an opportunity for the countries to state their positions on economic cooperation, their views on future directions, and stance on any particular issues.)

Co-chair's Remarks and Introduction of the Agenda – Mr. Eichenberger, Vice President, ADB

Opening Remarks by Country Delegations – Azerbaijan, People's Republic of China, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Mongolia, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan *(5 minutes each in alphabetic order).*

Opening Remarks by Multilateral Institutions – EBRD, IMF, IsDB, UNDP and World Bank *(5 minutes each in alphabetic order).*

Discussion

1200 – 1400 Lunch *(Café Marco Polo, lobby level)*

1400 – 1500 Session 3: Report of the Senior Officials' Meeting (SOM) to the Ministerial Conference

Presentation of the Summary SOM Report for MC – Director General, East and Central Asia Regional Department, ADB (15 minutes)

(The Report has the following sections: (i) progress report; (ii) sector outcomes; and (iii) other issues. The Report will seek approval/endorsement from the Ministers on certain issues.)

Discussion by the Ministers

- 1500 – 1600 Session 4: Review and Adoption of the Joint Ministerial Statement
(Country delegations will speak in turn on their views of the Joint Ministerial Statement. The finalized Statement will be considered adopted after comments raised at the session are appropriately incorporated.)
- 1600 – 1630 Tea Break
- 1630 – 1700 Session 5: Closing Session
(Country delegations in alphabetic order give closing remarks for 5 minutes each – AZE, PRC, KGZ, MON, TAJ, UZB, ADB as co-chair, and KAZ as chair and host country.)
- 1800 – 1830 Press Conference* – Chair and co-chair will participate on behalf of the Ministerial Meeting *(Istanbul Room, mezzanine level)*
- 1900 – 2100 Cocktails – Hosted by ADB *(Parisienne Hall, 22nd floor)*

End of Conference

* Open to members of the media.