

SIXTH MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE ON CENTRAL ASIA REGIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION (CAREC)

2-3 November, 2007 • Dushanbe, Tajikistan

2 November 2007, SENIOR OFFICIALS' MEETING (SOM) Friday

(This is a final preparatory meeting for the Ministerial Meeting to be held on 3 November. Participants are senior officials from Afghanistan, Azerbaijan, People's Republic of China, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Mongolia, Tajikistan, and Uzbekistan; and representatives from the multilateral institutions: Asian Development Bank, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, International Monetary Fund, Islamic Development Bank, United Nations Development Programme and World Bank.)

SOM CHAIR:		Mr. Negmatjon Buriev, Senior Advisor to the President on Economic Policy, President's Office, Tajikistan
SOM CO-CHAIR:		Mr. Xianbin Yao, Acting Director General, Regional and Sustainable Development Department, ADB
08:30–0:900		Registration
09:00–0:915		Opening Session Welcome Remarks by Mr. Negmatjon Buriev, Senior Advisor to the President on Economic Policy, President's Office, Tajikistan
09:15–10:15		Report of Senior Officials to the Ministerial Conference (MC)
09:15–10:15		Finalization of the Report of Senior Officials to the MC Moderator: Mr. Craig Steffensen, Head, CAREC Unit, ADB
10:15–10:30		Coffee/Tea Break
10:30–11:15		Draft Joint Ministerial Statement
10:30–11:15		Review and Finalization of the Joint Ministerial Statement Moderator: Mr. Robert Siy, Jr., Director, Central and West Asia Department, ADB
11:15–12:30		Special Session
	11:15–12:00	Presentation on the 2007 Regional Economic Outlook PICDSM Ms. Sena Eken, Assistant Director, Middle East and Central Asia Department, International Monetary Fund
	12:00–12:15	Energy Sector Update: Update on Preparation of CAREC Energy Sector Strategy Freek Mr. Raghuveer Sharma, Lead Financial Analyst, Infrastructure Department, Europe and Central Asia Region, World Bank

12:15–12:30 Report on Seminar on Cooperation among Central Asian National

<u>Chambers of Commerce</u> **PACOSIA** [Paper **PACOSIA**] Ms. Ge Min, Deputy Director, Economic Department, All-China Federation of Industry and Commerce

- 12:30-14:00 Lunch
- 19:00 Dinner Hosted by Mr. Haruhiko Kuroda President, Asian Development Bank

3 November 2007, MINISTERIAL MEETING **Saturday**

09:00–09:45	Session 1: Inaugural Session*
09:00–09:10	Introduction Mr. Matlubkhon S. Davlatov, State Advisor to the President on Economic Policy, Government of Tajikistan
09:10–09:45	Accelerating Momentum for Cooperation
	 Keynote Speeches <u>His Excellency Mr. Emomali Rahmon</u> PYCLANA, President, Republic of Tajikistan <u>Mr. Haruhiko Kuroda</u> PYCLANA, President, Asian Development Bank
09:45–10:10	Coffee/Tea Break
	Photo Session with His Excellency Mr. Emomali Rahmon, President, Republic of Tajikistan (heads of CAREC country delegations and multilateral institutions)
10:10–10:15	Introduction of the Morning Agenda Mr. Matlubkhon S. Davlatov, State Advisor to the President on Economic Policy, Government of Tajikistan
10:15–12:30	Session 2: CAREC's Transport and Trade Facilitation Strategy and the CAREC Institute Prospectus
	Presentation of CAREC's Transport and Trade Facilitation Strategy
	Overview: Mr. Negmatjon Buriev, Senior Advisor to the President on Economic Policy, President's Office, Tajikistan Transport: Mr. Asil Gezen, Team Leader and Adviser, CAREC Transport Sector Coordinating Committee Secretariat Trade Facilitation: Mr. Sharifullah Ibrahimi, Deputy Minister for Revenue and Customs, Ministry of Finance, Afghanistan
	Presentation of the CAREC Institute Prospectus PACKAN Mr. Nodir Safaev, Senior Advisor to the CAREC Secretariat
	Views of Country Delegations: Afghanistan, Azerbaijan, People's Republic of China, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Mongolia, Tajikistan, and Uzbekistan
12:30–12:40	Session 3: Collective View of the Multilateral Institutions

	Mr. Shigeo Katsu, Vice President, World Bank		
12:40–13:00	Special Presentation		
	Central Asia as the Hub of Eurasian Economic Integration—Implications for CAREC PCOMM [Paper PCOMM] Mr. Johannes Linn, CAREC Special Advisor		
13:00–14:30	Lunch		
14:30–14:35	Introduction of the Afternoon Agenda Mr. Liqun Jin, Vice President, ADB		
14:35–15:15	Session 4: Progress Report and 2008 Agenda		
14:35–14:45	Report of Senior Officials to the Ministerial Meeting PICEMA Mr. Negmatjon Buriev, Senior Advisor to the President on Economic Policy, President's Office, Tajikistan		
14:45–14:55	CAREC in 2008 Mr. Robert Siy, Jr., Director, Central and West Asia Department, ADB		
14:55–15:05	Working Together: UNDP report on outcomes of meeting of regional cooperation organizations Mr. Fikret Akcura, UNDP Resident Representative in Tashkent		
	Discussion		
15:15–15:45	Coffee/Tea Break		
15v45–16:45	Session 5: Review and Adoption of the <u>Joint Ministerial Statement</u> Chair: Mr. Liqun Jin, Vice President, ADB Open Discussion and Amendments		
16:45–17:30	Session 6: Closing Session Country delegations: Afghanistan, Azerbaijan, People's Republic of China, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Mongolia, Uzbekistan, Asian Development Bank as co-chair, and Tajikistan as chair and host country (5 minutes each)		
End of Ministerial Meeting			
18:00–18:30	Press Conference* Chair and co-chair will participate on behalf of the Ministerial Meeting		
20:00	<i>Dinner</i> Hosted by the Government of Tajikistan		
* Open Media Event			