



**FOURTH MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE
ON CENTRAL ASIA REGIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION**
Bishkek, Kyrgyz Republic • 5–6 November 2005

AGENDA

5 November 2005, Saturday SENIOR OFFICIALS' MEETING (SOM)

(This is a final preparatory meeting for the Ministerial Meeting on 6 November. Participants are senior officials from Afghanistan, Azerbaijan, the People's Republic of China, Kazakhstan, the Kyrgyz Republic, Mongolia, the Russian Federation, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan, facilitated by 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.)

CHAIR: Mr. Emirlan Toromyrzaev, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Economy and Finance of the Kyrgyz Republic

CO-CHAIR: Mr. Xianbin Yao, Deputy Director General, East and Central Asia Department, Asian Development Bank (ADB)

09:00–09:20 Opening Session

Welcome Remarks

by the Chair, Mr. Emirlan Toromyrzaev, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Economy and Finance of the Kyrgyz Republic

Opening Remarks

by the Co-Chair, Mr. Xianbin Yao, Deputy Director General, East and Central Asia Department, Asian Development Bank (ADB)

09:20–09:30 Session 1: Summary SOM Report to the Ministerial Conference (MC)

Confirmation of the Report
Discussion led by the Chair

09:30–12:00 Session 2: Draft Joint Ministerial Statement

09:30–10:00 Presentation of the Draft Joint Ministerial Statement

Mr. Adrian Ruthenberg, Director, Operations Coordination Division, East and Central Asia Department, ADB

10:00–10:30 Coffee/Tea Break

10:30–12:00 Review and Finalization of the Draft Joint Ministerial Statement

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12:00–14:00

Lunch

14:00–18:30

Special Session on CAREC-related Activities (Presentations and Discussions)

14:00–14:30

[Presentation of UNDP Human Development Report for Central Asia](#)

Рысболот

Mr. Kalman Mizsei, Assistant Administrator, UNDP; and Mr. Johannes Linn, Fellow, Brookings Institution

14:30–15:30

Discussion

15:30–16:00

Coffee/Tea Break

16:00–16:30

Report on Central–South Asia Regional Business Roundtable (on 3–4 November in Bishkek) and Update on Private Sector Strategy Note

Mr. Djoomart Otorbaev, Executive Director, Investment Roundtable, Kyrgyz Republic; and Mr. Robert Bestani, Director General, Private Sector Operations Department, ADB

16:30–18:30

Development Partners' Meeting

(This is a meeting of the senior officials of the governments, the multilateral institutions (MIs), observer countries, and other donor organizations. Major development partners will be invited to present for 5–10 minutes an overview of their assistance programs in support of economic cooperation in the region for (i) information sharing; and (ii) seeking specific opportunities to coordinate more closely.)

19:00–21:00

Welcome Reception

Hosted by the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic

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08:30–09:00

Registration

09:00–09:35

Opening Session*

09:00–09:05

[Welcoming Speech](#) Рысболот

Chair: Mr. Akylbek Japarov, Minister of Economy and Finance of the Kyrgyz Republic

09:05–09:35

Accelerating Regional Cooperation and Integration

[Opening Speech: The Urgency of Greater Regional Cooperation and a Vision to 2015](#) Рысболот

H.E. Felix Kulov, Prime Minister of the Kyrgyz Republic

Partnership for Prosperity

Mr. Haruhiko Kuroda, President, ADB

09:35–10:15

Photo Session (for heads of participating country delegations and multilateral institutions)

Coffee/Tea Break

10:15–12:30

Session 1: Setting the Direction and Medium to Long-Term Priorities for Regional Cooperation

Co-chair's Remarks and Introduction of the Agenda

Mr. Joseph Eichenberger, Vice President, ADB

Dimensions of the Challenge

Mr. Kalman Mizsei, Assistant Administrator, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

Opening Statements by Country Delegations:

- [Afghanistan](#) РУССКИЙ
- [Azerbaijan](#) РУССКИЙ
- [People's Republic of China](#) РУССКИЙ
- [Kazakhstan](#) РУССКИЙ
- [Kyrgyz Republic](#) РУССКИЙ
- [Mongolia](#) РУССКИЙ
- [Russian Federation](#) РУССКИЙ
- [Uzbekistan](#) РУССКИЙ

Collective View of Multilateral Institutions

Mr. Shigeo Katsu, Vice President, World Bank

12:30–14:00

Lunch

14:00–15:30

Session 2: Report of Senior Officials to the Ministerial Meeting

Chair: Mr. Akylbek Japarov, Minister of Economy and Finance of the Kyrgyz Republic

14:00–14:15

Looking Back–Meeting Commitments of the 3rd Ministerial Conference and Progress in Core Sector Areas over of the Past Year РУССКИЙ

Mr. Emirlan Toromyrzaev, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Economy and Finance of the Kyrgyz Republic

14:15–14:30

Looking Forward–The Comprehensive Action Plan to 2008 РУССКИЙ

Mr. Craig Steffensen, Head, CAREC Unit

14:30–14:45

Key Priorities/Actions/Performance Indicators for the Core Sectors (Transport, Trade and Energy) РУССКИЙ

Mr. Nadir Safaev, Senior Regional Cooperation Advisor, CAREC

Domestic Consultant, Uzbekistan

14:45–15:30 Discussion

15:30–16:00 *Coffee/Tea Break*

16:00–17:00 **Session 3: Review and Adoption of the Joint Ministerial Statement**
Co-chair: , Mr. Joseph Eichenberger, Vice President, ADB

(Country delegations will give their views regarding the draft Joint Ministerial Statement. The finalized Statement will be considered adopted after comments made during the session are incorporated as appropriate.)

17:00–18:00 **Session 4: Closing Session**

(Country delegations in alphabetical order will give closing remarks for 5 minutes each: Afghanistan, Azerbaijan, People's Republic of China, Kazakhstan, Mongolia, Russian Federation, Tajikistan, and Uzbekistan. Remarks by ADB as co-chair, followed by Kyrgyz Republic as chair and host country, will conclude the meeting.)

End of Ministerial Meeting

18:30–19:00 **Press Conference***: Chair and co-chair will participate on behalf of the Ministerial Meeting

19:00–20:30 *Cocktails*
Hosted by ADB

* Open media event.