



**SENIOR OFFICIALS' MEETING
ON CENTRAL ASIA REGIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION**
Baku, Azerbaijan: 25–26 September 2008

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

25 September (Thursday)

8:30–9:00 **Registration**

9:00–9:20 **Opening Session**

9:00–9:10 Welcome remarks by Samir Veliyev, Executive Director, Ministry of Economic Development, Azerbaijan

9:10–9:20 Opening remarks and introduction of the Agenda by Sean O'Sullivan, Deputy Director General, Central and West Asia Department, Asian Development Bank

9:20–12:15 **Session 1: Sector Work and Strategies**

9:20–10:40 **Transport and Trade Facilitation Strategy (TTFS) Update**

Introduction of the final draft Implementation Action Plan for the TTFS by Haruya Koide, Principal Infrastructure Finance Specialist, ADB

Country comments and discussion

10:40–11:00 *Tea Break*

11:00–12:15 **Trade Policy Strategic Action Plan Update**

Introduction of the final draft Trade Policy Strategic Action Plan by Sena Eken, Assistant Director, Middle East and Central Asia Department, International Monetary Fund

Country comments and discussion

12:15–13:45 *Lunch (Baku Room)*

13:45–15:15 **Session 1: Sector Work and Strategies (Cont'd)**

13:45–15:15 **Energy Sector Strategy Update**

Introduction of the final draft Energy Sector Strategy by Raghuveer Sharma, Lead Financial Analyst, Infrastructure Department, Europe and Central Asia Region, World Bank

Country comments and discussion

15:15–15:40 *Tea Break*

15:40–17:00 **Session 2: CAREC Institute Update and Work Plan**

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Introduction of the draft CAREC Institute Work Plan, 2009–2011 by David Kruger, Head, CAREC Unit, ADB

- Introduction of research priorities by Jesus Felipe, Principal Economist, ADB
- Introduction of proposed Central Asia Regional Technical Assistance Center (CASTAC) by Sena Eken, IMF
- Introduction of a proposed Regional Disaster Risk Mitigation and Adaptation Program by Christophe Bosch, Sustainable Development Coordinator for Central Asia, World Bank
- Country comments and discussion

18:30 Dinner (Kishmish Restaurant, Hyatt Tower III)

26 September (Friday)

9:00–10:20 **Session 3: Other Business**

Introduction of

- CAREC Partnership Forum Proposal
- Approach to Enhancing Private Sector Participation in CAREC
- Proposal on CAREC Business Development Forum
- Progress Report on Comprehensive Action Plan

Country comments and discussion

10:20–10:40 *Tea Break*

10:40–12:00 **Session 4: Country Views and Discussion**

Open discussion on any topics covered or new proposals

12:00–12:30 **Session 5: Preparations for 7th Ministerial Conference**

Preparations and organizational arrangements for the 7th Ministerial Conference by Samir Veliyev

12:30–14:00

Lunch (Baku Room)

14:00–15:30 Session 6: Special Presentations

14:00–14:45 **Central Asia Energy, Food, Water Study**

Presentation by United Nations Development Programme

Discussion

14:45–15:30 **Approaches to Water Resource Management: The Chu–Talas Experience**

Presentation by Thomas Panella, Senior Water Resources Management Specialist, ADB

Discussion

15:30–15:45

Tea break

15:45–16:45 Closing Session

15:45–16:30 Review of Summary of Proceedings by Robert Siy, Jr.

16:30–16:45 Wrap up and closing remarks by Samir Veliyev