

# Energy Sector Coordination Committee

## The Way Forward



Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation Program

# Energy Market Integration

- **Lessons learnt from energy market integration (EMI) initiatives worldwide:**
  - **Governments of member countries need to assume ownership of EMI initiatives by providing policy guidelines, and enabling legal and regulatory frameworks.**
  - **Regional and national institutions need to be established, tasked specifically to formulate EMI initiatives and monitor and supervise their implementation.**



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- **Lessons learnt from EMI initiatives worldwide (continued):**
  - **Technical, legal, and institutional energy sector-related standards and systems need to be harmonized across member countries.**
  - **Credible energy databases need to be developed, accessible to member countries.**



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- **Lessons learnt from EMI initiatives worldwide (continued):**
  - **Regional energy infrastructure development master plans need to be prepared and reconciled with national plans and priorities of member countries.**
  - **Energy infrastructure within member countries needs to be rehabilitated, upgraded and expanded to meet domestic requirements.**



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- **Lessons learnt from EMI initiatives worldwide (continued):**
  - **Sustainable financing approaches and modalities need to be adopted for national and regional energy infrastructure development.**
  - **A gradual, incremental approach needs to be adopted for the development of regional energy grids, starting with bilateral or sub-regional projects.**



# The Way Forward for CAREC ESCC

- **Strengthen institutional arrangements, both within each member country, and also regionally, to further encourage dialogue and political consensus on the energy sector.**
- **Strengthen the CAREC Institute to serve as an effective database for the region and to undertake knowledge-creating activities (economic and sector studies).**



# The Way Forward for CAREC ESCC

- **Accelerate energy sector reforms in each country covering areas such as policy framework, industry structure, technical and economic regulation, energy demand-side management including energy efficiency and energy conservation, and supply-side management including optimization of energy mix.**
- **Mobilize private investment by improving the enabling environment, and prepare projects for public-private-partnership.**

