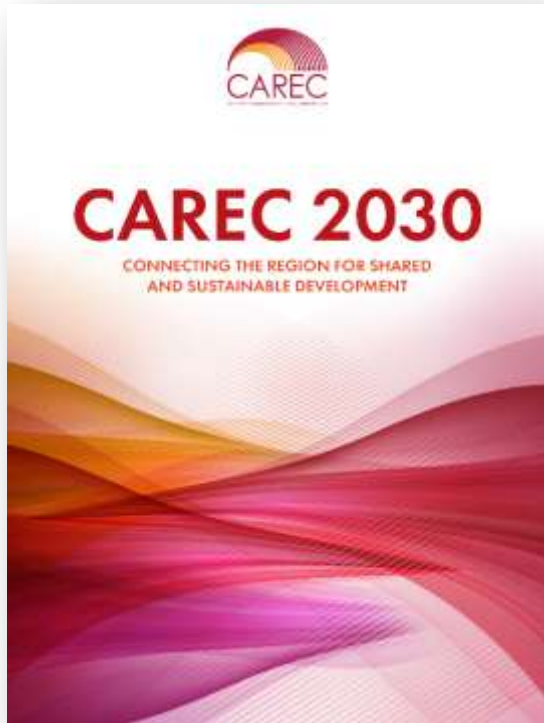




# CAREC 2030 Implementation

*---Connecting the Region for Shared  
and Sustainable Development*



**Endorsed at the 16<sup>th</sup> CAREC  
Ministerial Conference**

27 October 2017  
Dushanbe, Tajikistan

**CAREC 2030** was formulated in recognition of the following important developments:

- ❑ **Macroeconomic context** in CAREC countries
- ❑ Global and regional **trade environment**
- ❑ New **development goals** – SDGs and COP21
- ❑ Emerging **regional mechanisms** and multilateral initiatives

# A Quick Recap of the CAREC 2030 Strategy

## Driving principles

- ❑ **Aligning** with national strategies and supporting SDGs and COP21
- ❑ **Expanding** operational priorities **selectively**
- ❑ Deepening **policy dialogue** based on CAREC's standing and ability to deliver quality **knowledge** services
- ❑ Integrating the role of the **private sector** and **civil society**
- ❑ Building an **open, inclusive** CAREC platform

## Operational clusters

- 01** Economic and Financial Stability
- 02** Trade, Tourism and Economic Corridors
- 03** Infrastructure and Economic Connectivity
- 04** Agriculture and Water
- 05** Human Development

# CAREC 2030's **Operational Clusters**



## Economic and Financial Stability Cluster

### Economic and Financial Stability

- **CAREC High-Level Forum “Macroeconomic Policies for Economic and Financial Stability: Lessons from Fiscal and Monetary Policy Responses to External Shocks”** – May 2018, Astana, Kazakhstan
- **TOR for advancing cooperation on Cluster 1 endorsed at the NFPs’ Meeting** – 9-10 October, Ashgabat, Turkmenistan



# CAREC 2030's **Operational Clusters**



## Trade, Tourism, and Economic Corridors Cluster

### Trade, Tourism and Economic Corridors

- **CAREC Integrated Trade Agenda (CITA) 2030**
  - For endorsement at the 17th CAREC MC
- **Scoping Study on “Promoting Regional Tourism Cooperation under CAREC 2030”**
  - Regional Workshop, 23-24 Oct 2018, Tashkent, Uzbekistan
- **Economic Corridor Development**
  - TA (\$0.8 mill.) approved for assessing a potential economic corridor among Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, and Tajikistan
  - Pakistan Economic Corridors Program (PECP)
  - Regional projects in agriculture, tourism and connectivity being developed under ABEC

# CAREC 2030's **Operational Clusters**



## Infrastructure and Economic Connectivity Cluster

### Transport

- **CAREC Aviation Scoping Study**
- **Operationalization of the CAREC Railway Strategy 2017-2030**
  - Regional railway projects, incl. \$0.75 mill. TA for preparing a railway modernization project in Turkmenistan
  - Development of railway knowledge products
- **Operationalization of the CAREC Road Safety Strategy 2017-2030**
  - Regional workshops and manuals on road safety engineering
- **Knowledge products on road asset management**
- **Formulation of the CAREC Transport Strategy 2030 is underway**

# CAREC 2030's **Operational Clusters**



## Infrastructure and Economic Connectivity Cluster

### Energy

- **CAREC High Technology Roadmap**
- **Promotion of the use of clean energy**
  - Regional technical assistance projects (e.g. renewable energy integration to the grid, and floating solar technology, etc.)
- **Ongoing efforts to develop the Central Asia–South Asia Energy Corridor**
  - Regional energy projects planned and/or under implementation (e.g. TAPI, TUTAP, TAP, CASA)
- **Midterm review of ESCC Strategy and Work Plan**

# CAREC 2030's **Operational Clusters**



## Agriculture and Water Cluster

### **Agriculture and Water**

- **Implementation of CAREC Common Agenda for Modernization of Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) Measures for Trade**
  - Regional SPS workshop, May 2018, Bishkek, Kyrgyz Republic
  - TA for Strengthening International Food Safety Standards in Agricultural Value Chains in CAREC Countries, including development of a CAREC food safety network
- **Project concept underway on modernization of agricultural wholesale markets under ABEC**
- **Initiation of scoping study on transboundary water cooperation**



# CAREC 2030's **Operational Clusters**



## Human Development Cluster

### Human Development

- **Scoping Study on “Promoting Regional Cooperation in Higher Education and Skills Development under CAREC 2030”**
  - Potential areas of support:
    - harmonization of standards and mutual recognition of educational qualifications, faculty and student exchanges, and establishment of a regional labor market information system
  - Expert groups on TVET and labor markets, and on higher education may be convened



# Strengthening cooperation with other **regional cooperation platforms, private sector** and **civil society**

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- ❑ CAREC-BRI Collaboration Events: Tbilisi Belt and Road Forum (Nov 2017) and High-Level Session on CAREC-BRI Collaboration (May 2018)
- ❑ Third Energy Investment Forum (EIF), 11-12 Sept 2018, Batumi, Georgia
- ❑ Panel discussion with the private sector on CITA 2030 at the Astana Economic Forum, 17 May 2018, Astana, Kazakhstan
- ❑ Panel Discussion on “Insights and Perspectives from the Private Sector”, CAREC Tourism Workshop, 23-24 Oct 2018, Tashkent, Uzbekistan
- ❑ Scoping Study started on “Promoting People to People Contact and Cross Border Community Development under CAREC 2030”

# Renewing CAREC Institutional Framework

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- ❑ Sector Committees and working groups:
  - Inaugural meeting of the Regional Trade Group (RTG)
  - ESCC and TSCC meetings
  - National and regional SPS working groups being established
  - Tourism working group to be established in 2019
- ❑ Enhanced role of development partners
- ❑ CAREC Institute: research, capacity building and knowledge support

# Key Challenges and **Way Forward**

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**Greater country ownership**



- **Alignment of CAREC's initiatives with national strategies**
- **Countries' leadership in operational clusters**
- **High-level and active participation in CAREC events**

**Larger financing of regional projects**



- **Scale up development partners and member countries' financial and technical support for CAREC projects**
- **Promote private sector participation and investments**
- **Explore other innovative financing arrangements, including regional financing facilities under CAREC**

# Key Challenges and **Way Forward**

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**Stronger  
institutional  
mechanisms for  
implementation**



- **Strengthen the CAREC Secretariat through greater financing and human resources, including support from member countries and development partners**
- **Further energize existing sector committees and activate working groups in new operational areas**
- **Strengthen monitoring and evaluation of results through sector and overall program results frameworks**
- **Improve collaboration with other regional cooperation platforms**

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