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Progress in Each Priority Area of Work - Railways -

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- 1. CAREC Railway Strategy and activities of Railway Working Group**
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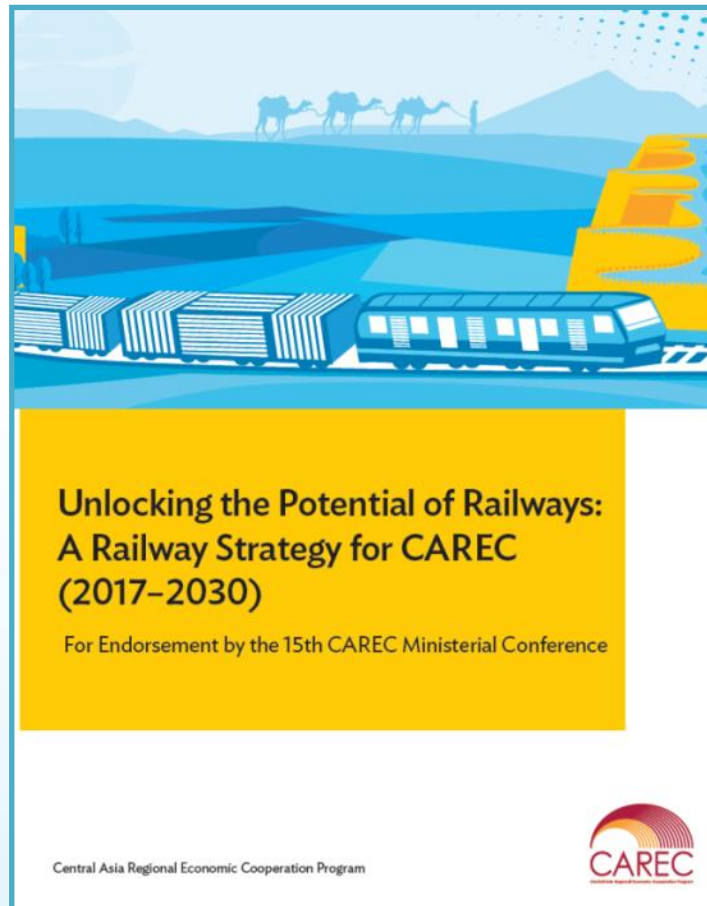
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CAREC Railway Strategy





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Railway Working Group (RWG)

**TSCC in
Ulaanbaatar
(Apr 2015)**
Setup RWG

**2nd RWG in
Bangkok
(Apr 2016)**

**3rd RWG in
Tbilisi
(May 2017)**



**1st RWG in
Tokyo
(Nov 2015)**

**CAREC
Ministerial
Conference
(Oct 2016)**



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3rd RWG Meeting

Objectives

- To discuss and agree on practical implementation measures for the CAREC Railway Strategy
- To further sharing of knowledge and experiences on railway development

Participants

- Chaired by Tajikistan, hosted by Georgia
- RWG members from countries
- Development partners from ADB, EBRD, EIB and UIC



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3rd RWG Meeting Outcomes (1)

Reconfirmation of the vision, approach and priorities under the Strategy

- Vision- Railways becoming a mode of choice by 2030
- To advance the physical completion of CAREC railway corridors, both the hard components and soft components need to be addressed



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3rd RWG Meeting Outcomes (2)

Country views on how to implement the Strategy

- translating the Strategy into actions at corridor and country level
- further corridor analysis, focusing on soft measures
- needs in Information technology
- study to improve environmental performance
- enhancing communication
- establishing further country-led initiatives for implementation of the Strategy



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3rd RWG Meeting Outcomes (3)

**Analytic tools and case studies provided to assist
CAREC countries**

Corridor group discussions conducted

- current status and key challenges in corridor shared
- groups reviewed the tasks needed to make projects financially- and economically-viable



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3rd RWG Meeting

Recommendations and conclusions (1)

- The Third Meeting of the Railway Working Group resulted in the articulation of the next steps in implementing the CAREC Railway Strategy.
- Recognizing the overarching objective of creating financially- and economically-viable network projects, the participants agreed to the following recommendations and actions with support from the development partners:



Action Items (1)

National Action Plans

- Each country will prepare national-level action plans for the implementation of the CAREC Railway Strategy based on a template provided by the CAREC Secretariat.
- Timeline target: Provision of template by June 2017; completion of national action plans by September 2017.



Action Items (2)

Network Opportunities and Needs Study

- CAREC Secretariat with inputs from all countries to conduct a study on traffic capture as well as bottlenecks and gaps on the main CAREC corridors as an input into the development of new investment plans
- Timeline target: Preparation of terms of reference by July 2017; recruitment and mobilization of consultant team by November 2017; work completed in 2018



Action Items (3)

Corridor Teams

- CAREC Secretariat to facilitate the formalization of corridor teams with the relevant country representatives to ensure continuity of actions in between Working Group Meetings
- Timeline target: Set-up of teams and communication mechanisms by August 2017



Action Items (4)

Review and Consideration of Model Agreements

- CAREC Secretariat with inputs from all countries to study and consider existing template agreements or practice notes on topics such as tariffs, customer feedback, cross-border processes, and safety and security
- Timeline target: Consult with partner organizations (e.g. UIC) to evaluate availability of existing templates by August 2017; seek consensus on model agreements that should be pursued through the CAREC program by December 2017.



Action Items (5)

Case Studies

- CAREC Secretariat will prepare and share case studies on emerging practices, such as experiences on use of information technology, unified bills, Automatic Management Systems, and environmental issues for railways
- Timeline target: Preparation of terms of reference by July 2017; recruitment and mobilization of consultant team by November 2017; work completed in 2018



Action Items (6)

Communications

- CAREC Secretariat will create formalized mechanism for regular information exchange (including a newsletter, web-based tools, and social media)
- Timeline target: Set-up communications tools by July 2017



3rd RWG Meeting

Recommendations and conclusions (2)

- The CAREC Secretariat recorded the needs of countries in each of the above topics, which will guide the design of future technical assistance.
- The implementation of the above recommendations is contingent on the identification of funding resources.
- The CAREC Secretariat will reach out to all the development partners for this support.



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Recommendations and conclusions (3)

- The Meeting recorded the continued interest of financial institutions, including CAREC multilateral development partners to finance viable projects, which would be developed through actions on the above points.



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Seeking Guidance from TSCC

- Endorsement of the recommendations prepared by the 3rd RWG
- Any support from each government on RWG's activities