



The Role of **CAREC** in the 2030 Global Development Agenda

A background note for the Ministerial Conference

2030 GLOBAL DEVELOPMENT AGENDA

Paris Agreement
of 21st

Conference of
Parties of UN
Framework
Convention on
Climate Change
(COP21)



2010



MDGs: *“Reduce poverty, extend basic services in poor countries”*



2015

People
Planet
Prosperity
Peace
Partnership

2030



SDGs:
“Sustainable development in all countries”

Global Development Agenda in the CAREC region

All CAREC countries are signatories to the 2030 Global Development Agenda



Present Status	Countries' actions
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Uneven progress across CAREC countries and in the different goals• Limited improvement in key areas such as food security, renewable energy, road safety and ICT	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• National development strategies being formulated in alignment with the SDGs• Mapping exercises being conducted
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Region highly vulnerable to global climate change• High level of GHG emissions in some CAREC countries	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• All CAREC countries have submitted their INDCs encompassing both mitigation and adaptation measures



CAREC's Comparative Advantages

in supporting the 2030 Global Development Agenda

- **Convening power** to facilitate high-level **policy dialogue** and promote trust-building among member countries
- **Exchange of knowledge, skills and experience** to facilitate **cross-learning** and identify effective regional approaches to progress on the global agenda
- **Technical and financial support** to incubate and implement innovative regional projects
- **Revitalized and strengthened partnerships** with development partners and other regional cooperation platforms



CAREC 2030 Strategic Framework

An **open and inclusive** regional cooperation platform that connects **people, policies and projects** for shared and **sustainable development**



Regional initiatives to complement national efforts to achieve the SDGs and COP21 climate agreement



CAREC's Operational Clusters and the SDGs



Economic and financial stability



Trade, tourism, and economic corridors



Infrastructure and economic connectivity



Agriculture and water



Human development



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Example: Infrastructure and Economic Connectivity Cluster



Infrastructure and Economic Connectivity Cluster

CAREC's Collective Actions

- Upgrade regional infrastructure and promote sustainable transportation systems
- Modernize regulatory frameworks and asset management for cross-border infrastructure
- Promote airfreight connections & open skies agreements
- Mobilize private sector funding and PPPs
- Regulatory reforms for viable investments in energy efficiency and clean technologies
- Integrate energy markets through regional projects
- Support development of emission trading systems



Potential issues for discussion by Ministers

- **Challenges and opportunities** for CAREC countries in achieving the SDGs and COP21 climate targets
- **CAREC's role** in helping member countries achieve the global goals and complement their national efforts
- **Collaboration** with regional frameworks and development institutions
- **Private sector's potential** to support the achievement of the global agenda and the regional integration process in the CAREC region
- Promotion of **policy dialogue** and **progress monitoring** of the goals at the regional level

