



VIRTUAL TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE INCEPTION WORKSHOP ON CAREC FREE TRADE AGREEMENTS

13:00-15:00 (MANILA TIME), 19 MAY 2021

ВИРТУАЛЬНЫЙ УСТАНОВОЧНЫЙ СЕМИНАР ПО ПРОЕКТУ ТЕХНИЧЕСКОЙ ПОМОЩИ
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AGENDA

Time	Session
12:30-13:00	Signing up; video/audio connection checks
Opening Session	
13:00-13:05	Moderator: Ms. Zulfia Karimova , Principal Regional Cooperation Specialist, Public Management, Financial Sector and Regional Cooperation Division (EAPF), East Asia Department (EARD), ADB
Welcome Remarks	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Emma Fan, Director, Financial Sector and Regional Cooperation Division (EAPF), East Asia Department (EARD), ADB
GROUP PHOTO	
Session 1	
13:05-13:15	<p><i>This session will present the objectives of the Technical Assistance (TA) on CAREC Free Trade Agreements (FTAs), its main deliverables and timeframe. It will also present the main purpose and objectives of the inception workshop, walk-through the agenda, and introduction of the consultant team.</i></p> <p>Presentation: Overall objectives of the CAREC FTA and Inception Workshop</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Zulfia Karimova, Principal Regional Cooperation Specialist, EAPF/EARD
Session 2	
13:15-13:45	<p><i>This session will present the key findings/results based on the initial desk research of the consultants. The session will set the stage for breakout sessions with CAREC country representatives to get their feedback on the TA scope/focus.</i></p> <p>Moderator: Ms. Dorothea Lazaro, Regional Cooperation Specialist, EAPF/EARD</p>



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Presentation: Key Results of the CAREC FTA Desk Research

- *Lessons from ASEAN for CAREC*
Dr. **Jayant Menon**, FTA Expert/Trade Economist and Team Leader
- *Design and Implementation of FTA involving CAREC Countries*
Dr. **Richard Pomfret**, CAREC Regional FTA Expert
- *CAREC Regional Computable General Equilibrium (CGE) Modeling*
Dr. **David Roland-Holst**, Global CGE Model Expert

Survey/Zoom Polling

13:45-13:50 *Multiple choice questions/voting system to collect views and perceptions from the CAREC members and other technical experts.*

Moderator: Ms. **Zulfia Karimova**, Principal Regional Cooperation Specialist, EAPF

Session 3

Breakout Group: *Participants (trade officials from each CAREC country) will be divided into three (3) focused groups to discuss the results of the survey and the countries' feedback about the presentations from the experts.*

Guide for Group Discussion:

13:50-14:30

1. General questions about the expert's presentation
The discussion should elicit questions as well as comments.
Questions that cannot be answered immediately (e.g. if the presenter is not in the particular breakout group) will be passed on and answered separately by e-mail.
 2. Discussion of results of the questionnaire and polling questions
The discussion should be based on the table where average scores have been provided for the three sets of issues. Since the various poll questions relate to all three sets of issues, they should be discussed together with the questionnaire
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results.

3. Open discussion of individual country priorities for the TA
Apart from priorities, any gaps or missing elements from the TA should be noted.

Group Facilitators and Co-Facilitators:

- Group 1:
Dr. **Jayant Menon**, FTA Expert/Trade Economist and Team Leader
Ms. **Dorothea Lazaro**, Regional Cooperation Specialist, EAPF, ADB
- Group 2
Dr. **Richard Pomfret**, CAREC Regional FTA Expert
Ms. **Zulfia Karimova**, Principal Regional Cooperation Specialist, EAPF
- Group 3
Dr. **David Roland-Holst**, CGE Model Expert
Dr. **Iskandar Abdullaev**, Deputy Director 2, CAREC Institute

Session 4

This is a Joint Session to report the consolidated overall feedback from the CAREC countries presenting key messages/results from the breakout group sessions.

Facilitator: Mr. **Jong Woo Kang**, Principal Economist, Regional Cooperation and Integration Division (ERCI), Economic Research and Regional Cooperation Department (ERCD), ADB

14:30-14:55

Summary/Highlights of Discussions from Each Group:

- Group 1: Dr. Jayant Menon, FTA Expert/Trade Economist and Team Leader
- Group 2 Dr. **Richard Pomfret**, CAREC Regional FTA Expert
- Group 3: Dr. **David Roland-Holst**, CGE Model Expert

Consolidated feedback of the groups/ Overall picture of the main results:



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- Dr. **Jayant Menon**, FTA Expert/Trade Economist and Team Leader
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Closing Remarks

14:55-15:00 Mr. **Saad Paracha**, Senior Regional Cooperation Specialist, Regional Cooperation and Operations Coordination Division (CWRC), Central and West Asia Department (CWRD), ADB
