



CI'S CONTRIBUTION TO CAREC INTEGRATED TRADE AGENDA (CITA) 2030

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INTRODUCTION

- CI, an inter-governmental organization, provides knowledge solutions underpinning CAREC Program

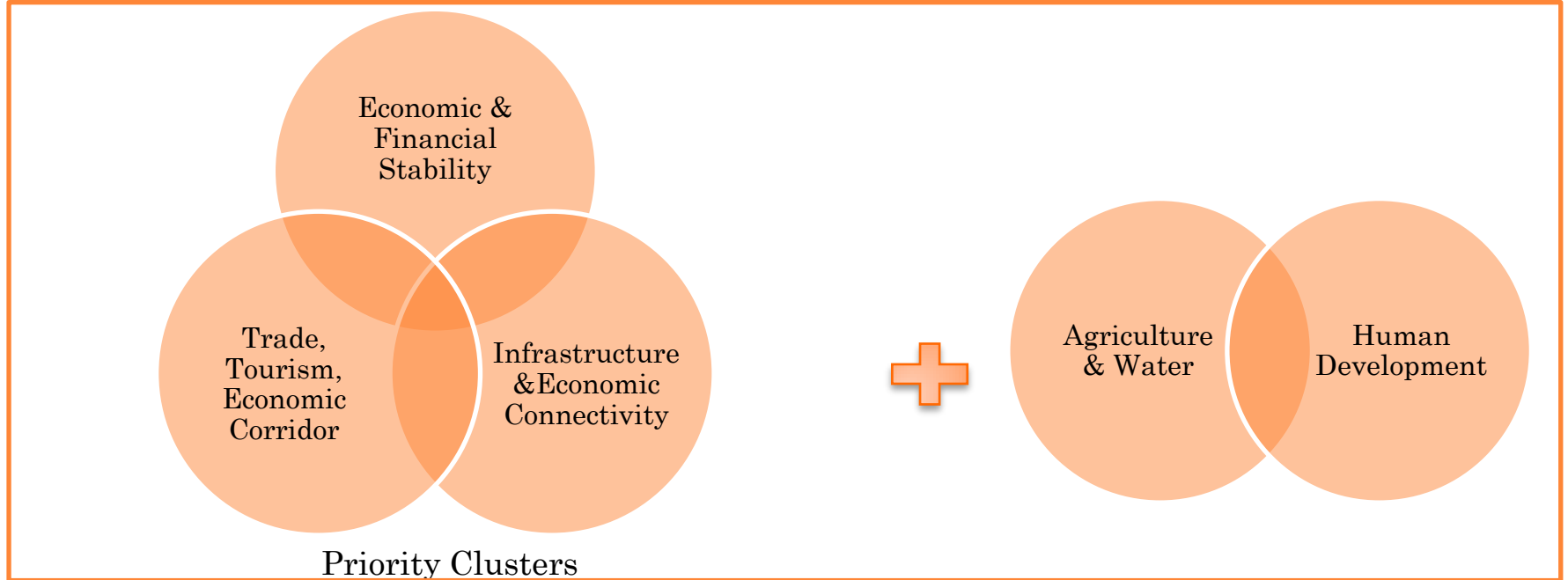
- **Mission**

To enhance the quality and effectiveness of the CAREC Program by providing evidence-based research, capacity building services, dissemination of knowledge products and networking with research institutions

- **Vision**

Leading knowledge center promoting economic cooperation in the CAREC region for shared and sustainable development

STRATEGY 2018-2022 — TRADE



- CITA 2030 strategic directive pillars:
 - (i) trade expansion from increased market access ...;
 - (ii) greater economic diversification ...; and
 - (iii) **stronger institutions for trade** through better coordinated sectoral policies and priorities, **evidence-based policy-making and enhanced capacity of government agencies.**

RESEARCHES, CB WORKSHOPS & FORUM

- RESEARCHES: trade-focused knowledge products produced, thus far.

#	Topic	Planned Timeline
1	Leveraging SME Finance through Value Chains in the CAREC Landlocked Economies (joint research project of ADB-ADBI-CI)	June 2018-November 2018
2	CAREC Regional Integration Index (joint publication of ADB-CI)	June 2018-March 2019
3	Regional Value Chains in the CAREC Region: The Garment Industry in Kyrgyzstan (ADB research consultant)	Feb 2019- Jun 2019

TRADE-FOCUSED CB WORKSHOPS

1	Strategic Use of Time Release Study and CPMM	workshop	27-28 Apr 2017	Almaty
2	Avenues of Cooperation for Cross-Border Trade Logistics and Facilitation	forum/ workshop	16-17 Aug 2017	Tashkent
3	Sharing Best Experiences in Reforms on Trade and Trade Facilitation	workshop	12-13 Dec 2017	Bangkok
4	CPMM, Time Release Study, and Behind-the-Border Indicators	workshop	25-26 Jul 2018	Baku
5	2 nd WTO TFA Implementation Capacity Building	workshop	29-31 Oct 2018	Bangkok
6	Special Economic Zones: Challenges and Perspectives for Landlocked CAREC Countries	workshop	21-22 Nov 2018	Shenzhen
7	Leveraging SME Finance through Value Chains in CAREC Landlocked Economies	research conference	29-30 Nov 2018	Nursultan
8	Measuring Impacts and Financing Infrastructure in CAREC Countries			
9	SME Trade Finance in CAREC	workshop	3-4 Dec 2018	Xiamen
10	e-Commerce Readiness: Economic, Legal, Institutional Factors	workshop	6-7 Dec 2018	Shanghai
11	Application of Customs-Related Provisions of the WTO TFA	workshop	15-16 Jan 2019	Baku

PLANNED TRADE-FOCUSED RESEARCHES IN 2019

#	Topic	Format	Planned Timeline
1	Regional Sanitary and Phytosanitary Regulatory Regime: Framework for Mutual Recognition and Paperless Certification Exchange Mechanism	Research Report	Feb 2019- Dec 2019
2	Regulatory Framework for E-commerce development in the CAREC	Research Report	Feb 2019- Dec 2019
3	Assessing Participation of CAREC Countries in Global and Regional Value Chains	Research Report	May 2019-OCT 2019
4	The Impact of Sanitary, Phytosanitary, and Quality-related Standards on Trade Flow between CAREC Countries and Georgia	Research Report	May 2019-OCT 2019
5	Alignment, Engagement and Coordination: Building Bankable and Viable Regional Cooperation Programs in the CAREC Region based on Trust	Research Report	May 2019-OCT 2019

CI FLAGSHIP ACTIVITIES & TRADE

- **4th CAREC Think Tanks Development Forum**
- **“Trading for Shared Prosperity”**
 - to-be held in Xi’an, Shanxi, PRC on 27-28 August 2019
- To identify/discuss key emerging challenges to trade within the CAREC region; and
 - i.e., the economic implications of the escalating trade conflicts among the major global trading partners
- To explore/recommend policy options for CAREC member countries.
 - Building on positives while averting negative consequences

WAY FORWARD

- CI's Rolling Operational Plan 2020-2021
 - consultation with member countries, ADB sector divisions/CAREC coordinating committees and other key stakeholders
- Knowledge support to CITA 2030 strategic directive pillars:
 - (i) trade expansion from increased market access through promotion of more open trade policies and strengthening of customs cooperation;
 - (ii) greater economic diversification through support for reforms, provision of financing, and linking CAREC countries with global and regional value chains; and
 - (iii) stronger institutions for trade through better coordinated sectoral policies and priorities, **evidence-based policy-making and enhanced capacity of government agencies.**
- Overall, CI ROP 2020-2021 envisages coordinated ADB-CI Trade Cluster related activities to achieve CAREC Integrated Trade Agenda 2030

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