



Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation Program
CAREC SENIOR OFFICIALS' MEETING (SOM)
17–18 June 2015
Bangkok, Thailand

Venue: Anantara Siam Bangkok

AGENDA

PRE-SOM MEETINGS

Tuesday, 16 June 2015

0900–1630 22nd TRADE POLICY COORDINATING COMMITTEE MEETING

1700–2000 2nd GOVERNING COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CAREC INSTITUTE

SENIOR OFFICIALS' MEETING

Chair:

Mr. Gantsogt Khurelbaatar
State Secretary, Ministry of Finance
CAREC National Focal Point (NFP) for Mongolia

To be assisted by the CAREC Secretariat:

Mr. Sean O' Sullivan
Director General, Central and West Asia Department (CWRD), ADB

Mr. Ayumi Konishi
Director General, East Asia Department (EARD), ADB

Participants: CAREC country delegations; and representatives of partner multilateral institutions: ADB, International Monetary Fund, United Nations Development Programme, and The World Bank.

Wednesday, 17 June 2015 (Day 1)

0815–0900 Registration

0900–0915 Opening

Welcome and Opening Remarks
Mr. Gantsogt Khurelbaatar
State Secretary, Ministry of Finance
CAREC NFP for Mongolia

Introduction of the Agenda
Mr. Ayumi Konishi
Director General, EARD, ADB

- 0915–0945** **Session 1: CAREC Economic Corridor Development**
The CAREC Secretariat will present the progress of the Almaty-Bishkek Corridor Initiative (ABCI). This will be followed by discussion of the Senior Officials.
- 0945–1030** **Session 2: CAREC Common Agenda for the Modernization of Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) Measures for Trade Facilitation**
The SOM will be briefed on the consultant's report on Promoting Cooperation in Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures for CAREC (RETA 8386).
- 1030–1100 *Coffee/Tea Break*
- 1100–1230** **Session 3: CAREC Sectors of Cooperation – Recent Development and Key Issues**
Updates and key issues in the four priority sectors of CAREC (transport, energy, trade facilitation, and trade policy) will be presented. This will be followed by discussion of the Senior Officials.
- 1100–1145 Presentation and Discussion on Transport
1145–1230 Presentation and Discussion on Trade Facilitation
- 1230–1400** **Lunch**
- 1400–1530** **Session 3: CAREC Sectors of Cooperation – Recent Development and Key Issues (continued)**
- 1400–1445 Presentation and Discussion on Energy
1445–1530 Presentation and Discussion on Trade Policy
- 1530–1545 *Coffee/Tea Break*
- 1545–1630** **Session 4: Road Safety: Strategy for Safe CAREC Transit Corridors**
The SOM will be briefed on a proposal of a Commitment to Improving Road Safety in CAREC: Ten Actions to Make CAREC Corridors Safer. This will be followed by discussion of the Senior Officials.
- 1630–1730** **Session 5: Recent Progress on CAREC Institute (CI)**
The CAREC Secretariat will present the outcomes of the First Meeting of the CAREC Institute Governing Council held in March. The CI Director will present the draft CI's Work Program for 2015–2016 for SOM's consideration and further guidance.

Thursday, 18 June 2015 (Day 2)

0845–0915	Session 6: 2014 Annual Report on CAREC Corridor Performance Measurement and Monitoring (CPMM) <i>A representative of the CAREC Federation of Carrier and Forwarder Associations will present highlights of the 2014 CPMM Annual Report. Discussion will follow.</i>
0915–0945	Session 7: Border Agencies Cooperation – Georgian Practice <i>A representative from the Government of Georgia will present Georgian practice to further cooperation among border agencies. Discussion will follow.</i>
0945–1015	Session 8: Managing Climate Change Risks in Central Asia <i>ADB representative will present the unique challenges Central Asia is facing from climate change and opportunities for CAREC to deepen cooperation in this area. Discussion will follow.</i>
1015–1045	Session 9: Deliverables for the 14th CAREC Ministerial Conference <i>The MON delegation will present the structure of the 14th CAREC Ministerial Conference, including expected deliverables to be discussed, and request comments and guidance from the SOM.</i>
1045–1115	<i>Group Photo and Coffee/Tea Break</i>
1115–1215	Session 10: Summary of Proceedings
1215–1230	Wrap-Up and Closing
1230–1400	Lunch