



**SEVENTH MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE  
ON CENTRAL ASIA REGIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION**  
19–21 November 2008  
Baku, Azerbaijan

**AGENDA**

**19 November,  
Wednesday**

**SENIOR OFFICIALS' MEETING**

Guba Ballroom, Hyatt Conference and Meeting Center

*(This is a final preparatory meeting of the SOM to be held on 19 November, in advance of the Ministerial Meeting on 21 November. Participants are senior officials from Afghanistan, Azerbaijan, People's Republic of China, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Mongolia, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan; and representatives from partner multilateral institutions: Asian Development Bank, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, International Monetary Fund, Islamic Development Bank, United Nations Development Programme and World Bank.)*

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**SOM CHAIR:**

Mr. Samir Veliyev, Executive Director, Ministry of Economic Development and CAREC National Focal Point, Azerbaijan

**SOM CO-CHAIR:**

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

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8:30–9:00

*Registration*

**9:00–11:00**

**Opening Session**

9:00–9:10

**Welcome Remarks and Introduction of Agenda**

Mr. Samir Veliyev, Executive Director, Ministry of Economic Development and CAREC National Focal Point, Azerbaijan

9:10–10:20

**[Finalization of the Report of Senior Officials to the 7<sup>th</sup> MC](#)**

Moderator: Mr. Robert Y. Siy, Jr., Director, Country Coordination and Regional Cooperation Division, CWRD, ADB

10:20–11:00

**Review and Finalization of the Joint Ministerial Statement**

Moderator: Mr. Sean O'Sullivan, Deputy Director General, CWRD, ADB

11:00–11:20

*Tea Break*

**11:20–13:00 Special Session**

11:20–11:45 [\*\*Presentation on Railway Development Plans in Afghanistan\*\*](#)  
Presentation (15 min.)

Discussion

11:45–12:30 [\*\*Presentation on the 2008 Regional Economic Outlook\*\*](#)  
Ms. Sena Eken, Assistant Director, Middle East and Central Asia  
Department, International Monetary Fund (30 min.)

Discussion

12:30–12:50 **Open Discussion**  
Open floor for comments or proposals for future work from Country  
Delegations or Multilateral Institutions

12:50–13:00 **Closing Remarks**  
Mr. Samir Veliyev  
Mr. Sean O’Sullivan

13:00 *Lunch*  
*Baku Room*

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19:00 *Cocktails*  
*Regency Restaurant*  
*Hyatt Regency Hotel*

**20 November, Thursday BILATERAL MEETINGS AND WELCOME DINNER**

*(November 20 is reserved for bilateral meetings among Country Delegations, Multilateral Partners, Ministerial Conference Observers and other parties. One activity is scheduled in the afternoon with anticipated participation noted below. All Ministerial Conference participants are invited to the Welcome Dinner.)*

**17:30–18:30 Meeting with Ministerial Conference Observers**  
(Shusha Room, Ground Floor, Hyatt Meeting and Conference Center)

Anticipated participation: Ministerial Conference Observers, Advisors to CAREC National Focal Points; Country Delegates are welcome.

17:30–18:00 [\*\*Briefing on CAREC Partnership Forum\*\*](#)  
The CAREC Secretariat will introduce the Program's plan to hold a CAREC Partnership Forum. The Forum is intended to provide an opportunity to improve cooperation and coordination among parties involved in regional cooperation in the CAREC region; improve the flow

of information on key investments and policy reforms; and explore priority needs and potential projects.

Discussion

18:00–18:30 **[Presentation: Responding to Trans-boundary Challenges: The Central Asian Compound Water/Food/Energy Situation](#)**  
Ms. Kori Udovicki, Regional Director for Europe and CIS, UNDP, will present the findings of a UNDP-led study analyzing the impacts of the ongoing water, food, and energy situations in Central Asia; related challenges for the coming winter; and possible responses.

## Dinner

19:00 *Welcome Dinner Hosted by Mr. Haruhiko Kuroda  
President, Asian Development Bank  
Kishmish Restaurant, Hyatt Tower III*

**21 November  
2008, Friday**

**SEVENTH MINISTERIAL MEETING ON CENTRAL ASIA  
REGIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION**  
Guba Ballroom, Hyatt Conference and Meeting Center

**CHAIR:** Mr. Shahin Mustafayev, Minister, Ministry of Economic Development, Azerbaijan  
**CO-CHAIR:** Mr. Xiaoyu Zhao, Vice President, Operations 1, Asian Development Bank

8:30–9:00 *Registration*

**9:00–9:40 Opening Session\***

9:00–9:10 ***Introduction***  
Mr. Shahin Mustafayev, Minister, Ministry of Economic Development, Azerbaijan

9:10–9:25 ***Welcome Address on Behalf of the President of Azerbaijan***

9:25–9:40 **[Keynote Address](#)**  
Mr. Haruhiko Kuroda, President, Asian Development Bank

9:40–10:10 *Coffee/Tea Break*

**10:10–10:15 Introduction of Morning Agenda**  
Mr. Shahin Mustafayev, Minister, Ministry of Economic Development, Azerbaijan

**10:15–12:30 Consideration of Report of Senior Officials to the 7<sup>th</sup> Ministerial**

## Conference

- 10:15–10:35 **[Report of Senior Officials to the 7<sup>th</sup> Ministerial Conference](#)**  
Mr. Samir Veliyev, Executive Director, Ministry of Economic Development and CAREC National Focal Point, Azerbaijan
- 10:35–10:45 ***CAREC in 2009***  
Mr. Robert Y. Siy, Jr., Director, Country Coordination and Regional Cooperation Division, Central and West Asia Department, ADB
- 10:45–12:20 ***Views of Country Delegations:*** Afghanistan, Azerbaijan, People's Republic of China, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Mongolia, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan
- 12:20–12:30 **[Collective View of the Multilateral Institutions](#)**  
Mr. Shigeo Katsu, Vice President, World Bank
- 12:30–14:30 *Lunch*
- 14:30–14:35 **Introduction of Afternoon Agenda**  
Mr. Xiaoyu Zhao, Vice President, Operations 1, ADB
- 14:35–15:10 **Special Presentation: [Impact of the Global Financial Crisis on Central Asia](#)**  
Mr. David Owen, Senior Advisor, Middle East and Central Asia Department, International Monetary Fund (20 min.)
- Discussion
- 15:10–15:30 **Review and Adoption of Joint Ministerial Statement**  
Chair: Mr. Xiaoyu Zhao, Vice President, Operations 1, ADB
- Open discussion and amendments
- 15:30–16:30 **Closing Session**
- Country Delegations:*** Afghanistan, Azerbaijan, People's Republic of China, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Mongolia, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan
- Closing Remarks from Chair**
- End of Ministerial Meeting**
- 17:00 **Press Conference\***
- 19:00 *Dinner Hosted by Government of Azerbaijan Yacht Club*

\* Open to media