



**Report of Senior Officials to the
7th Ministerial Conference on Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation**

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I. OVERVIEW OF PROGRESS IN 2008

1. Senior Officials, representing the National Focal Points for the CAREC Program, are pleased to report to Ministers on progress during the past year in promoting and facilitating regional cooperation in Central Asia. With the adoption by Ministers in 2006 of the Comprehensive Action Plan, the CAREC Program entered a new phase. Strategic direction has been achieved and the stage set for a well-focused and ambitious schedule of transport, trade, and energy initiatives. Resources in support of the CAREC Program have been greatly increased, with about \$2.4 billion committed in 2008 for regional infrastructure projects, and more than \$30 million in support of technical assistance. The pace of CAREC activity has accelerated dramatically, with sector strategies paving the way for partnership between CAREC countries, CAREC's partner multilateral institutions (MIs),¹ and other stakeholders.

2. In 2007, Ministers endorsed the Transport and Trade Facilitation Strategy (TTFS) and we submit a time-bound Implementation Action Plan for consideration and endorsement during this Ministerial Conference. The Action Plan outlines a coordinated schedule of transport and trade facilitation initiatives for the next 10 years, entailing \$21.1 billion for infrastructure investments and \$68.5 million for technical assistance projects. Also submitted for consideration and endorsement during this Ministerial Conference is a Trade Policy Strategic Action Plan (TPSAP). It draws together earlier decisions of Ministers regarding trade policy and includes a results-based framework adaptable to the situation of each CAREC country. Another major step forward has been formulation of a Strategy for Regional Cooperation in the Energy Sector (the CAREC Energy Strategy), which provides a roadmap for developing and sharing the region's energy resources in a manner that meets sustainability, efficiency, and security objectives. Other accomplishments over the past year include development of a detailed workplan for the CAREC Institute. Our work plan for 2009 builds on the accomplishments of this and earlier years; it follows up on the requests and commitments of Ministers during the Ministerial Conferences and is guided by the sector strategies and action plans for Ministerial consideration. Establishing partnership with the business sector and other stakeholders is a key mission for the year ahead.

¹ Asian Development Bank (ADB), European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD), International Monetary Fund (IMF), Islamic Development Bank (IsDB), United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), and World Bank.

II. REQUESTS AND COMMITMENTS OF THE 6TH MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE

3. The Joint Ministerial Statement at the conclusion of the 6th Ministerial Conference included a long-term vision of the region, premised on accelerated regional cooperation and integration. The Statement also endorsed the CAREC work plan for 2008.

4. The goal of Ministers for development of a highly efficient multi-modal transport and trade system networking the region and interconnecting with global markets requires time and considerable resources. Over the past year CAREC countries and MI partners have programmed 16 major regional transport infrastructure investments totaling \$1.7 billion. These investments include important components of the six transport corridors identified in the TTFS, such as Corridor 1 (linking People's Republic of China, Kyrgyz Republic, and Kazakhstan to Europe), the Western Regional Road Corridor through Mongolia, and Rail Trade and Transport Facilitation in Azerbaijan. These investments also include important feeder roads for CAREC corridors. Trade facilitation and customs modernization initiatives are being closely coordinated with these transport investments, which will contribute to significant reductions in the cost and time needed to ship goods within the region and to external markets. Intra- and inter-regional trade has been increasing strongly, although the financial crisis and world-wide economic malaise is casting a cloud over prospects for 2009. CAREC countries that are not members of the World Trade Organization (WTO) are making progress—as called for by Ministers—in their quest for accession, with Kazakhstan most advanced in the proceedings.

5. Ministers expect the business community to play an increasingly important role in the CAREC Program, including in helping to create a highly favorable business investment environment in Central Asia. While involvement of the business community has been limited so far, Senior Officials are pleased to report agreement—subject to the concurrence of Ministers—on holding a Business Development Forum, as proposed by the People's Republic of China, on an annual basis or as otherwise agreed to by CAREC countries.. The Forum would promote collaboration among the private sectors in CAREC countries and encourage foreign direct investment in priority infrastructure. It would also establish a platform for discussion of priority policy, regulatory, and institutional steps needed on a regional basis to create the desired business environment. The next Business Development Forum will be held in Urumqi, Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region, in September 2009.

6. As also envisaged in last year's Joint Ministerial Statement, within the next decade no community in the region should be without reliable and affordable electricity. To this end, Ministers expect that CAREC countries will cooperate extensively, drawing on their respective energy resources and pursuing sustainable least-cost initiatives. Further, Ministers envisage Central Asia as an energy hub for neighboring countries and more distant markets. Progress in this regard has been mixed, with impressive gains in developing and marketing the region's vast petroleum resources, yet limited progress in networking the region to ensure reliable and affordable electricity for all communities. The CAREC Energy Strategy focuses on energy trade and transit, energy efficiency and security, setting the stage for a more mutually beneficial approach to meeting energy needs. Water resource management issues must be taken into account, given the interrelated interests of hydropower development, agricultural production, and environmental protection, with consideration for the concerns of neighboring countries. Despite the challenges of regional cooperation in the energy sector, there were a number of notable achievements in 2008, including agreements related to the Central Asia-South Asia transmission project, the Afghanistan-Tajikistan transmission project, and the Afghanistan-Uzbekistan protocol for delivery of 300 MW to Afghanistan. The CAREC Electricity Regulators

Forum has continued to play a highly constructive role in bringing CAREC countries together to set principles and practices for energy regulators.

7. Ministers also envision CAREC countries cooperating extensively to address shared regional interests, notably cross-border environmental issues, efforts to control communicable diseases such as avian influenza, HIV/AIDS, and tuberculosis, and disaster management and preparedness. Over the past year CAREC countries have indicated the need for regional cooperation in addressing recent developments such as the financial crisis, as well as long-term issues including food prices and security.

8. The work program proposed by Senior Officials for 2008 was endorsed by Ministers during the 6th Ministerial Conference in November 2007. The main elements of the work plan are noted below, together with a brief summation of progress:

- **Strengthen role of CAREC National Focal Points (NFPs) and mainstream regional cooperation in national development plans;** progress has included the appointment of National Advisors for all NFPs, and Regional Cooperation Coordinators; in-country consultations prior to and following CAREC meetings have helped mainstream regional cooperation in national development plans; the Ministerial Conference and Senior Officials' Meetings have become more decisive and ownership stronger;
- **Initiate implementation of the CAREC Transport and Trade Facilitation Strategy (TTFS);** during 2008 the Transport Sector Coordinating Committee developed the Implementation Action Plan that awaits Ministerial consideration; the Action Plan provides a time-bound schedule of transport and trade-related infrastructure investments and technical assistance projects over the next 10 years;
- **Finalize the CAREC Energy Strategy;** the Strategy has been prepared and agreed, and awaits Ministerial consideration;
- **Finalize the CAREC Trade Policy Strategic Action Plan (TPSAP);** the TPSAP has been completed and awaits Ministerial consideration;
- **Establish the CAREC Institute, giving priority to training for Government officials;** several training sessions and a small scale research grant program continued in 2008; ADB approved a technical assistance grant of \$5.2 million as seed funding for the CAREC Institute and a three-year work plan has been developed;
- **Identify and support CAREC “second tier” projects;** focus on CAREC’s core transport, trade, and energy initiatives has meant limited resource availability for second-tier projects; greater specificity is needed in identifying results-based second-tier projects;
- **Prepare a detailed Progress Report on implementation of CAREC’s Comprehensive Action Plan;** the Progress Report, based on in-country consultative workshops in each CAREC country, is included in the Ministerial Meeting Binders; the report indicates good progress regarding the main elements of the CAP;
- **Develop effective consultation and cooperation modalities with other regional initiatives;** while progress on this front has been slow, a second meeting of regional organizations was held in October 2008 and preparations for a CAREC Partnership Forum to be held in 2009 are well advanced.

9. In summary, 2008 was a highly productive year for the CAREC Program and Ministerial expectations were for the most part fully met or exceeded. Table 1 (attached) summarizes the

infrastructure investments and technical assistance projects committed to in 2008 by CAREC countries and CAREC's six MI partners.

III. OVERVIEW OF KEY DOCUMENTS

10. The agenda for the 7th Ministerial Meeting includes consideration of a number of key documents. Following is a brief synthesis of these documents:

- **Implementation Action Plan for the Transport and Trade Facilitation Strategy:** The Action Plan specifies the key results, prioritizes the infrastructure investments and technical assistance projects, provides measurable performance indicators, and defines the overall institutional arrangements for implementation of the Strategy. The transport and trade facilitation initiatives focus on three dimensions—infrastructure, management, and technology. In terms of infrastructure, 62 projects have been identified for an estimated cost of \$21.1 billion over the period 2008-2017; over the first five years of this period, 39 investment projects are planned, including six major projects to improve critical segments of CAREC transport and trade corridors (e.g., Corridor 1b: Kazakhstan road segment; Corridor 1c: Kyrgyz Republic road segment; Corridor 2: Azerbaijan railway segment; and Corridor 4: Mongolian segment). Complementing the infrastructure investments is a schedule of technical assistance projects, which—in addition to project preparation—will contribute to strengthening the management and technology dimensions of the Action Plan. Key results of the Action Plan will be sharply reduced time and cost of transporting goods along the CAREC corridors, greatly improved logistics services, and considerably increased transit and intra-regional trade. The Transport Sector Coordinating Committee, Customs Cooperation Committee, national transport and trade facilitation committees (or similar organizations) in each CAREC country, and a Regional Transport and Trade Facilitation Committee will manage implementation of the Action Plan.
- **Trade Policy Strategic Action Plan (TPSAP):** The objectives of the TPSAP are to achieve a more open economy through WTO membership and simplification and liberalization of trade regimes, as well as to build capacity in the areas of trade and trade policy. The strategic approach for achieving these objectives is based on pragmatism and results, accommodating the different circumstances in participating countries while ensuring good momentum in the reform process. Ownership is underscored by each government striving for measurable results within a reasonable time frame. The TPSAP includes support for WTO accession through advisory missions, training seminars and knowledge sharing for non-WTO countries. Under the TPSAP, quantitative restrictions on exports and imports will be eliminated (including through conversion to tariff equivalents) by 2012 and tariffs will be reduced to an average rate of 10 percent or less by 2011; further, the maximum tariff rate will be reduced to 20 percent by 2012 and the number of non-zero tariff bands will be reduced gradually. Domestic taxes (VAT and excise taxes) applied to imports will be at the same rate as for locally produced goods by 2010. Miscellaneous taxes and fees applied to imports and exports will be consolidated and eliminated, or converted into tariff equivalents by 2010. Transit trade will be encouraged by ensuring that the *Transports Internationaux Routiers* (TIR) carnet is fully implemented and consistently applied, and that convoy charges and transit fees are reduced to reflect actual costs. Miscellaneous charges and fees applied to foreign vehicles will be eliminated by 2012. Corruption will be reduced by biannual inspections and audits. Border trade will be expanded through bilateral actions to open or re-open border crossings and infrastructure investments to remove bottlenecks, as well as

through removal of restrictions on light vehicle crossings by residents in border areas. Capacity building and knowledge transfer will be based on an assessment of institutional problems creating the greatest impediments to trade expansion, and of other more general global experiences with trade and institutions. Implementation of the TPSAP will commence in 2009.

- **CAREC Energy Strategy:** The long-term vision for the sector is energy security in a reliable, affordable, and sustainable manner; further, the strategy seeks to promote economic growth through energy trade. Principles of cooperation include mutual benefits for all and protection of the environment. Regional cooperation will be advanced through the development of market relations, transit arrangements, investments in energy projects, agreements on energy-related commons, and knowledge sharing. Expected benefits from regional cooperation include economies in electricity supply and diversification of energy sources, facilitation of petroleum and other energy exports, development of the region's hydropower resources, and revenue from transit fees. Both domestic and regional energy investments will be pursued. Domestic investments will focus on energy efficiency and clean energy, including loss reduction, commercialization of energy operations, retrofits for mitigation of pollution, and development of renewable energy sources. Regional investments will focus on cross-border energy transmission, facilitation of access/transit to third country energy markets, production for export, integration of energy markets, and projects under carbon financing mechanisms. Capacity building and knowledge sharing measures will enable identification and implementation of investments. On an indicative basis, energy investments under the strategy will exceed \$20 billion, a significant portion of which is expected to be financed on a public-private partnership basis. Technical assistance will need to be in the order of \$13 million. Performance indicators such as agreements reached and volumes of energy exports will be on a voluntary and best efforts basis.
- **CAREC Institute Work Plan:** Based on the CAREC Institute Prospectus endorsed during the 6th Ministerial Conference, the 2009-2011 work plan focuses on two main objectives: (i) improving the capacity of CAREC government officials to plan and implement regional cooperation projects, and (ii) applying new solutions and best practices to regional challenges. Accordingly, the work plan includes a professional development and training program for government officials, an applied research program, and an outreach program. Guiding principles are focus on deepening regional cooperation; flexibility in response to the needs of CAREC countries; practicality in response to the needs of CAREC committees, Senior Officials and Ministers; integration with the CAREC Program; and collaboration with institutes and researchers in CAREC countries. The CAREC Institute's professional development and training program will have two streams: first, a Leadership Development Initiative for senior officials providing training in leadership skills and public sector management, and, second, training and knowledge events that meet the needs of CAREC committee members. The Institute's research program will generate knowledge and recommendations in support of more effective regional cooperation, including the creation of a shared knowledge and information base, flagship research programs (e.g., structural change and economic diversification through regional integration), continuation of the small research grants program, and issue-specific papers. The Institute's outreach and dialogue program will extend the impact of the training and research programs more broadly, and will inform a wider audience of the goals, work, and achievements of the CAREC Program, including through a series of seminars, conferences, and other events. Initially, the Institute should be developed on a "virtual" basis as agreed at the 6th Ministerial Conference. The

possibility of eventually establishing a physical Institute should be considered in the longer term, after studying the work of the Institute. Senior Officials support CAREC participation in the Second Astana Economic Forum in March 2009 and the holding of the first CAREC Research Institutions Meeting in June 2009 in Kazakhstan.

- **Progress Report on Implementation of the Comprehensive Action Plan (CAP):** The report highlights five areas of good progress since endorsement of the CAP by Ministers in 2006:
 - ✓ strengthening of strategic management, reflecting mainstreaming of regional cooperation in national development plans and in programming of development assistance;
 - ✓ strengthening of strategic direction, drawing from the formulation of sector strategies and action plans; completion of the Implementation Action Plan for the TTFS, the TPSAP, and the CAREC Energy Strategy;
 - ✓ results-based outcomes, including identification of transport corridors, progress in streamlining customs and cross-border procedures facilitating an increase in trade, and regional investments and development plans to facilitate energy trade;
 - ✓ resource mobilization in support of the CAREC Program, increasing from relatively low levels prior to adoption of the CAP to almost \$1 billion in 2007 and about \$2.4 billion in 2008;
 - ✓ commencement of capacity building, research, and outreach activities, including several training seminars in 2007 and 2008, a small research grants program, and a seminar on Regional Cooperation and Integration held in Tokyo in 2008; Table 2 (attached) provides a list of training and knowledge exchange activities in 2007 and 2008.

The report also draws attention to areas of concern, including the need for greater involvement of the business sector in the CAREC Program and for greater coordination with other regional organizations, notably the Shanghai Cooperation Organization and the Eurasian Economic Community.

IV. SECTOR COMMITTEE WORK PLANS

11. Work plans of CAREC's sector committees for 2009 are outlined below:
 - Transport Sector Coordinating Committee (TSCC):
 - ✓ Undertake transport activities in the Implementation Action Plan for the TTFS
 - ✓ Prepare the CAREC Transport Sector Progress Report
 - ✓ Hold 8th TSCC Meeting
 - ✓ Arrange training on selected transport sector issues
 - Trade Facilitation and Customs Cooperation Program
 - Customs Cooperation Committee (CCC):
 - ✓ Undertake customs-related activities in the Implementation Action Plan for the TTFS with a focus on facilitating:
 - Simplification/harmonization of customs procedures
 - Single electronic window development

- ICT for customs modernization and data exchange
- Risk management, post-entry audit, customs intelligence and anti-drug smuggling
- Joint customs control
- Regional transit development
- Training and capacity building
- ✓ Hold 8th Customs Cooperation Committee Meeting
- Integrated Trade Facilitation
- ✓ Undertake trade facilitation-related activities in the Implementation Action Plan for the TTFS with a focus on facilitating:
 - Single electronic window development
 - Trade logistics development
 - Corridor performance measurement and monitoring
- ✓ Strengthen cooperation mechanisms and implementation capabilities
- ✓ Support establishment of national joint transport and trade facilitation committees (or similar organizations) and a Regional Joint Transport and Trade Facilitation Committee
- Trade Policy Coordinating Committee (TPCC):
 - ✓ Initiate and monitor implementation of the TPSAP;
 - ✓ Specific activities in 2009 will include:
 - Hold training seminars and plan advisory missions for non-WTO members
 - Prepare and discuss the study on trade through channels involving bazaars
 - Prepare and discuss the study on broad cross-border cooperation program
 - Undertake assessment of the institutional problems impeding trade expansion
 - ✓ Hold 10th TPCC Meeting
- Energy Sector Coordinating Committee (ESCC):
 - ✓ Prepare an Action Plan for implementation of the CAREC Energy Strategy
 - ✓ Prepare the CAREC Energy Sector Progress Report
 - ✓ Hold the 9th ESCC Meeting
 - ✓ Hold the 5th Annual Meeting of the CAREC Electricity Regulators Forum

V. ENGAGING THE PRIVATE SECTOR

12. Greater involvement of the business community in promoting and facilitating regional cooperation and integration is vital to helping create a highly favorable business investment environment in Central Asia. It is also vital to the development of the private sector and the job generation, productivity gains, and income improvements that come from this engine of growth. In turn, partnership with the private sector will be critical to bridging the resource gap between regional infrastructure needs and government financial capabilities. Private sector development is central to the third pillar of the CAP, that is, Trade, Investment and Business Development.

Accordingly, Senior Officials propose that engaging the private sector should be a key theme of the 7th Ministerial Conference and work program for 2009.

13. To be effective in engaging the private sector, the CAREC Program must understand its needs and how best the Program can contribute to meeting these needs. Challenges include the legacy of central planning, incomplete and inconsistent design and implementation of legal and regulatory frameworks, insufficiently transparent and effective public administration, and an economic structure heavily dependent on trade in commodities. Both national and regional initiatives are needed to address these and other challenges to private sector development.

14. The CAREC Program can help promote and facilitate private sector development. Understanding of the role of government in supporting the private sector in a market economy requires knowledge sharing and capacity building. Policy advice is needed, adapting international best practices to national circumstances and interests. Public-private partnerships (PPP) for investing in infrastructure projects require complex structured financing, including policy, regulatory, and institutional complementarities. The CAREC Program's PPP seminar in Tokyo in 2008 was a well-received step in helping to understand these complexities.

15. Subject to the concurrence of Ministers, the CAREC Program will expand private sector development activities commencing in 2009. A proposed three-year work plan has as its objectives increased awareness of government officials of the needs of the private sector, improved understanding of the key barriers to private sector development, consensus on regional initiatives for improving the policy and regulatory environment for private sector development, and pilot programs and projects for promoting development. Activities in the first year of the work plan will include a detailed review of the status of the private sector in the region, training incorporating international best practices, and information and experience sharing.

VI. RECOMMENDATIONS

16. Senior Officials recommend Ministers endorse the following strategies, action plans and work plans:

- Implementation Action Plan for the Transport and Trade Facilitation Strategy
- Trade Policy Strategic Action Plan
- CAREC Energy Strategy
- CAREC Institute Work Plan
- Work Plan of the Transport Sector Coordinating Committee
- Work Plan of the Customs Cooperation Committee
- Work Plan for Integrated Trade Facilitation
- Work Plan of the Trade Policy Coordinating Committee
- Work Plan of the Energy Sector Coordinating Committee

17. Further, Senior Officials recommend endorsement of the following:

- Progress Report on Implementation of the Comprehensive Action Plan
- CAREC Program for Engaging the Private Sector
- Holding of a CAREC Partnership Forum in 2009
- Holding of a Business Development Forum in 2009

**Table 1.1: MI Loan / Grant Assistance under the CAREC Program
by Sector/Project (in US\$ million)**

List of Projects by MIs	2008
TRANSPORT	
Asian Development Bank (ADB)	
Xinjiang Municipal Infrastructure and Environment Improvement (PRC) (A)	105.0
Western Regional Road Corridor Development Project, Phase I (MON) (A)	37.6
Community-Based Local Road Upgrading and Maintenance in the Western Region (MON) (A)	2.0
MFF: Road Network Development Program, Project 1 (AFG) (P)	60.0
MFF: Road Network Development Program, Project 2 (Ganja Bypass) (AZE) (A)	55.4
MFF: CAREC Corridor I (Zhambyl Oblast Section), Project 1 (KAZ) (A)	340.0
CAREC Corridor I (Bishkek-Torugart Road), Phase 1 (KGZ) (P)	20.0
Total Transport, ADB	620.0
European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD)	
South-West Corridor Road (KAZ) (A)	180.0
Osh-Isfana Road Rehabilitation (KGZ) (P)	35.0
Total Transport, EBRD	215.0
Islamic Development Bank (IsDB)	
Reconstruction of Taraz-Talas Suusamyrdarya Road II (KGZ) (A)	11.2
Ujar-Zardab-Aghdjabedi Highway Construction (AZE) (P)	35.0
Shagon-Zigar Road reconstruction, Phase III (TAJ) (P)	20.0
Part of North Corridor (AFG) (A)	21.0
Total Transport, IsDB	87.2
World Bank (WB)	
Rail Trade and Transport Facilitation (East - West main line) (AZE) (A)	450.0
Second Highway - Additional Financing (East - West and North - South Corridors: Alat - Masali and Tagiyev - Sahil) (AZE) (A)	300.0
Osh-Isfana Road Rehabilitation (KGZ)	20.0
Total Transport, World Bank	770.0
TOTAL for Transport Sector (ADB, EBRD, IsDB, WB)	1,692.2
TRADE FACILITATION	
Islamic Development Bank (IsDB)	
Import Financing Facility for Import Agricultural Inputs in Tajikistan	14.0
Total Trade Facilitation, IsDB	14.0
World Bank (WB)	
KAZ Customs Modernization	30.0
Emergency Customs Modernization Program (AFG)	10.0
Total Trade Facilitation, World Bank	40.0
TOTAL for Trade Facilitation Sector (IsDB, WB)	54.0
ENERGY	
Asian Development Bank (ADB)	
Energy Sector Development Program (AFG) (P)	170.0
Rehabilitation of Nurek (500kV) Switchyard (TAJ) (P)	55.0
Total Energy, ADB	225.0
European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD)	
KEGOC Stage Modernization II Loan (KAZ) (A)	374.8
Total Energy, EBRD	374.8
Islamic Development Bank (IsDB)	
Transmission Line (Sukhan - Guzar) (UZB)	42.0 / 86.4 (C)
Total Energy, IsDB	42.0 / 86.4 (C)
World Bank (WB)	
Tajikistan Energy Emergency	6.5
Kyrgyz Republic Energy Emergency	11
Total Energy, WB	17.5
TOTAL for Energy Sector (ADB, EBRD, IsDB)	659.3 / 86.4 (C)
GRAND TOTAL	2,405.5 / 86.4 (C)

Note: A = Approved; P = Planned; C = Cofinancing

**Table 1.2: MI Technical Assistance under the CAREC Program
by Sector/Project (in US\$ '000)**

List of Projects by MIs	2008
TRANSPORT	
Asian Development Bank (ADB)	
CAREC Transport Corridor 1 (Zhambyl Oblast Section) (KAZ) (A)	300.0
CAREC Transport Corridor 1 (Bishkek-Torugart Road) (KGZ) (A)	150.0
Regional Logistic Development (MON) (A)	400.0
CAREC Transport Corridor III (Dushanbe-Uzbekistan Border Road) (TAJ) (A)	650.0
CAREC Transport Sector Strategy Study (Supplementary) (REG) (A)	325.0
Railway Development Program (AZE) (A)	1,000.0
Total ADB Transport TA Projects	2,825.0
European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD)	
Road Rehabilitation Project Environmental and Social Analysis (KGZ) (A)	250.0
Improving Routine Maintenance on the Republican Road Network (KAZ) (A)	642.0
South-West Corridor Road (KAZ) (A)	1,943.0
Total EBRD Transport TA Projects	2,835.0
United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)	
Support to Sustainable Transportation System in Bishkek City (KGZ)	50.0
Total UNDP Transport TA Projects	50.0
World Bank (WB)	
Central Asia-Afghanistan Trade Links (REG) (P)	300.0
Total WB Transport TA Projects	300.0
Islamic Development Bank (IsDB)	
Preparation of Feasibility Study for Kandahar-Spin Boldak Railway (AFG) (P)	400.0
Total IsDB Transport TA Projects	400.0
TOTAL TRANSPORT SECTOR PROJECTS (ADB, EBRD, UNDP, WB, IsDB)	6,410.0
TRADE FACILITATION	
Asian Development Bank (ADB)	
Promoting Regional Cooperation (AFG)	1,000.0
Integrated Regional Trade Facilitation Strategy (REG)	2,000.0
Regional Pension/Insurance Study (REG)	1,000.0
Regional Customs Modernization and Infrastructure Development II (TAJ)	500.0
Total ADB Trade Facilitation TA Projects	4,500.0
European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD)	
Trade Facilitation Programme	21.0
Total EBRD Trade Facilitation TA Projects	21.0
United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)	
Regional supply of goods, services and expertise in Central Asia (AFG)	400.0
Support to export promotion activities of AZPROMO (AZE)	50.0
Border Management in Central Asia (Regional)	3,782.0
Capacity Building and Strengthening Foreign Trade and Investment Promotion Institutions in Uzbekistan	100.0
Improving the System of Customs Administration in the Republic of Uzbekistan	64.3
Total UNDP Trade Facilitation TA Projects	4,396.3
World Bank (WB)	
Kazakhstan WTO Accession (JERP)	150.0
CAREC Border Trade Study	291.0
Expanding Trade by Connecting Central Asia Countries (KAZ, KGZ, TAJ)	150.0
Improving Distribution and Transit Services in Central Asia (KAZ, KGZ, TAJ)	150.0
Developing Strategies to Expand Exports in Low-Income CIS Countries	150.0
Trade and Transport Facilitation Corridor Performance Measurement Study	450.0
Total WB Trade Facilitation TA Projects	1,341.0
TOTAL TRADE FACILITATION SECTOR PROJECTS (ADB, EBRD, UNDP, WB)	10,258.3
TRADE POLICY	
United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)	
Capacity building support to MED to develop a competitive non - oil sector in Azerbaijan	45.0
Central Asia Trade and Human Development Impact Studies and A4T Needs assessment	30.0

List of Projects by MIs	2008
Trade and Human Development (MON)	15.0
Total UNDP Trade Policy TA Projects	90.0
TOTAL TRADE POLICY SECTOR PROJECTS (UNDP)	90.0
ENERGY	
Asian Development Bank (ADB)	
Power Transmission Enhancement Project Preparation	150.0
Total ADB Energy TA Projects	150.0
European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD)	
Strategic Planning for Small and Medium-sized Hydropower Development (KGZ) (A)	1,030.0
Preparing Small-Scale Hydropower Projects for Private Sector Participation (TAJ) (A)	1,030.0
Roadmap for Developing a Competitive Kazakh Generation Market (KAZ) (A)	1,030.0
Sustainable Coal Fired Power Generation – Technical Assistance to Improve Energy Efficiency and Environmental Performance (KAZ) (A)	128.0
Total EBRD Energy TA Projects	3,218.0
United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)	
Energy for Rural Development Afghanistan (AFG)	1,700.0
Promoting Development of Small Hydropower in Azerbaijan	500.0
Capacity Building for Clean Development Mechanism in Azerbaijan	104.0
Enabling activities for the preparation of the 2nd National Communication to the UNFCCC (AZE)	110.0
Removing Barriers to Energy Efficiency in Municipal Heat and Hot Water Supply (Full project) (KAZ)	1,405.0
Wind Power Market Development Initiative (KAZ)	1,380.0
Soft pipeline: Improving Energy Efficiency in Buildings and Heat and Hot Water Supply, PIF (KGZ)	345.0
Soft pipeline: Renewable Energy for Rural Development (KGZ)	67.0
Total UNDP Energy TA Projects	5,611.0
World Bank (WB)	
Uzbekistan Energy Dialogue	30.0
Total WB Energy TA Projects	30.0
TOTAL ENERGY SECTOR PROJECTS (ADB, EBRD, UNDP, WB)	9,009.0
MULTISECTOR	
Asian Development Bank (ADB)	
Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation Institute, 2009 – 2012	5,200.0
Total ADB Multisector TA Projects	5,200.0
GRAND TOTAL	30,967.3

Note: A = Approved; P = Planned

Table 2: CAREC Training and Knowledge Exchange Programs

Date & Location	Program
2007	
7 – 9 February / Bangkok, Thailand	Seminar on Implementation Challenges in Joint Customs Control, Risk Management and Post Entry Audit
29 – 30 March / Manila, Philippines	New Ventures in Regional Cooperation: Learning Program for CAREC Senior Officials
21 – 22 May / Istanbul, Turkey	6 th Energy Regulation and Investment Conference
23 May / Istanbul, Turkey	Energy Regulators Regional Association General Assembly
24 May / Istanbul, Turkey	Licensing/Competition Committee Meeting
25 May / Istanbul, Turkey	USAID Regional Energy Markets Assistance Program for Central Asia Workshop
23 – 25 May / Beijing, PRC	Customs Automation
27 June / Almaty, Kazakhstan	IMF: Trade Policy Challenges – Global and Regional Perspectives
2 – 5 July / Almaty, Kazakhstan	Pandemic Influenza – Rapid Containment International Workshop
6 – 10 August / Hue, Vietnam	The Benefits of Regional Cooperation: An Exchange Learning Program between CAREC and the GMS
22 – 24 August / Urumqi, PRC	Policy and Management Mechanisms for Economic Development Areas
10 – 14 September / Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia	CAREC Electricity Regulators Forum Energy Regulation Training Workshops
17 – 28 September / Beijing, Qingdao, Harbin, Urumqi, PRC	Workshop on Avian Influenza Control Technology for CAREC Countries
24 – 28 September / Hangzhou, PRC	Seminar on Cooperation with Central Asian Chambers of Commerce
1 – 3 October / Dushanbe, Tajikistan	Working with ADB-Government-NGO/CSOs: Strengthening Tripartite Partnerships for Development Results
14-23 November / Ankara, Turkey	Epidemiology of Infectious Diseases
20-29 November / Shanghai, PRC	CAREC Customs Training Course on Anti-Smuggling
2008	
4 March / Tokyo, Japan	Regional Cooperation and Integration in Central Asia under CAREC: The Road to Stability and Prosperity
5-7 March / Tokyo, Japan	Private Sector Participation and Investment in Physical Infrastructure for CAREC
3 April / Bishkek, Kyrgyz Republic	IMF: Multilateral Trade Liberalization: Recent Developments and Outstanding Issues
7-11 April / Baku, Azerbaijan	CAREC Electricity Regulators Forum Training: Regional Workshop on Tariff Setting Practices
23 April / Baku, Azerbaijan	Seminar on Trade Logistics
23 April / Baku, Azerbaijan	CAREC Corridor Performance Monitoring
2 May / Tashkent, Uzbekistan	Consultative Workshop on the Progress Report for the CAP
5 May / Dushanbe, Tajikistan	Consultative Workshop on the Progress Report for the CAP
13 May / Bishkek, Kyrgyz Republic	Consultative Workshop on the Progress Report for the CAP
3-12 June / Shanghai, PRC	CAREC Customs Training Course on Tariff Collection Supervision
17-18 June / Urumqi, PRC	Seminar on Trade Development of Regional Agricultural Products In Central Asia
24 June / Beijing, PRC	Consultative Workshop on the Progress Report for the CAP
27 June / Astana, Kazakhstan	Consultative Workshop on the Progress Report for the CAP
1 July / Baku, Azerbaijan	Consultative Workshop on the Progress Report for the CAP
5 July 2008 / Kabul, Afghanistan	Consultative Workshop on the Progress Report for the CAP
8-10 July / Singapore	Single Window Development for CAREC Trade Customs Officials
2-4 September / Tashkent, Uzbekistan	Workshop on Trade Logistics Development in CAREC Region
11 September / Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia	Consultative Workshop on the Progress Report for the CAP
15-19 September / Bishkek, Kyrgyz Republic	CAREC Electricity Regulators Forum Annual Meeting/Training
3 – 10 November / PRC	CAREC High-level Veterinary Officials Visit to PRC
11 – 12 November / Almaty, Kazakhstan	Regional Coordination Meeting for Communicable Disease Control
25 – 27 November / Dushanbe, Tajikistan	Workshop on Trade and Transport Facilitation Corridor Performance Measurement Study
15-18 December / Washington, USA	ADBI-WBI PPPI