

**CAREC WTO Accession Knowledge Sharing Program:
Managing WTO Accession Process - Strategies, Challenges and Practices**
(24 – 26 July 2012, Shanghai, People's Republic of China)

The main objective of the seminar is to help trade officials in non-WTO CAREC countries to better perform their key functions before, during and after the accession process in areas such as identification of goals; assessment of options based on model simulations; formulation of negotiating strategies and fall-back options; and management of the negotiating team and national committee. The seminar would also build or strengthen networking among the trade officials and facilitate sustainable peer-to-peer knowledge sharing and mentoring.

The seminar will be conducted in interactive format to encourage active participation and discussion. Officials from the WTO CAREC countries would present their experiences and lessons learned about selected topics. The non-WTO CAREC countries would have the opportunity to pose questions about how to manage specific issues during their own accession process. The WTO countries will provide advice from their experiences.

Towards end of the seminar, officials from non-WTO countries would be required to present individual country information papers (approximately 3-5 pages) which contain a summary of the knowledge acquired during the seminar, particularly on how it relates to their country's situation, and recommendations for how their country can address particular accession issues. The participants would be expected to submit the information papers to their respective trade ministries, along with holding briefing sessions for their colleagues to disseminate knowledge.

AGENDA

Tuesday, 24 July 2012

- 09:00 – 09:15** **Welcome and Introductory Remarks (AFDC and ADB)**
- 09:15 – 10:30** **Speeches by former WTO accession negotiators of CAREC countries followed by Q & A**
Speakers:
KGZ: Ms. Anarkan Rahmanova
Ukraine: Mr. Valeriy Pyatnytskiy
Moderator: Mr. David Kruger
- 10:30 – 11:00 *Group Photo followed by Coffee Break*
- 11:00 – 12:30** **Session I: Domestic Preparation and Coordination**
(Presentations followed by discussions on formulating consensus on national objectives, managing domestic pressures, diverse stakeholders' interests, multiple ministries and agencies; balancing the degree of liberalization before accession with leverage needed for negotiations)
Presenters:
Mr. Voroshilov Enkhbold (MON)
Mr. Mujeeb Ahmed Khan (PAK)
Moderator: Dr. Robert Rogowsky
- 12:30 – 14:00 *Lunch*

14:00 – 15:20 **Session I (Continued)**

15:20 – 15:40 *Coffee Break*

15:40 – 17:00 **Session II: Negotiation Process**

(Presentations followed by discussions on building up a negotiating team; formulating negotiation strategies; developing negotiating and communication strategies.)

Presenters:

Mr. Dayong Yu,

Mr. Changtian Han (PRC)

Mr. Voroshilov Enkhbold (MON)

Mr. Mujeeb Ahmed Khan (PAK)

Moderator: Mr. Dayong Yu

Wednesday, 25 July 2012

09:00 – 10:30 **Session II (Continued)**

10:30 – 11:00 *Coffee Break*

11:00 – 12:30 **Session III: Benefits/Impact of WTO Accession and Lessons Learned**

(Presentations followed by discussions on trade and investment gains, stability in external economic relationships, and long-term growth based on efficiency and economic reform.)

Presenters:

Dr. Robert Rogowsky,

Ms. Anarkan Rahmanova (KGZ),

Mr. Yiting Wan and Mr. Changtian Han (PRC),

Mr. Voroshilov Enkhbold (MON)

Mr. Nasim Qureshi_(PAK)

Moderator: Mr. Dayong Yu

12:30 – 14:00 *Lunch*

14:00 – 15:20 **Session III (Continued)**

15:20 – 15:40 *Coffee Break*

15:40 – 17:00 **Session IV: Post Accession Strategies and Challenges**

(Presentations followed by discussions on managing implementation challenges; minimizing structural adjustment costs and negative repercussions.)

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17:30 – 19:00 *Dinner hosted by ADB*

Thursday, 26 July 2012

- 09:00 – 10:30** **Session V: Concluding Discussions and Way Forward**
(Report by all non-WTO CAREC member countries on status of their country's accession process, and lessons learned from the seminar for their country to drive and conclude accession process in future.)
Country presentations by:
Afghanistan, Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan
Moderator: Mr. Wang Hong
- 10:30 – 11:00* *Coffee Break*
- 11:00 – 12:15** **Session V (Continued)**
- 12:15 – 12:30** **Closing Remarks (WTO and ADBI)**
- 12:30 – 14:00* *Lunch*
- 14:00 – 16:00** **Visit to Shanghai General Motors**