



Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation Program



## Roundtable Seminar on Ways Forward for Corridor-Based Transport Facilitation Arrangements in the CAREC Region

Beijing, People's Republic of China  
2–3 July 2012

### Seminar Objectives:

1. To take stock of and learn from transport facilitation arrangements that are existing (operational or otherwise) in the CAREC region, particularly those whose scope of application covers CAREC transport corridors.
2. To learn from international good practices on region/subregion-wide transport facilitation arrangements.
3. To come up with feasible and practical recommendations on moving forward on corridor-based transport facilitation in the CAREC region.

**Moderator:** Asian Development Bank (ADB)

### Day 1: Monday, 2 July 2012

0830–0900 *Registration*

### 0900–0930 **Opening Session**

#### **Welcome and Opening Remarks**

Vicky C.L. Tan

Director, Regional Cooperation and Operations Coordination Division  
Central and West Asia Department  
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#### **Overview of the CAREC Transport Sector**

Hong Wang (to be delivered by Ronald Antonio Butiong, Unit Head, CAREC)

Director, Transport and Communication Division  
Central and West Asia Department  
Asian Development Bank

### 0930–1300 **Session 1: Sharing of CAREC Countries' Experience on Transport Facilitation Arrangements**

*CAREC delegations will make brief presentations on bilateral, plurilateral, and/or multilateral agreements relating to transport facilitation in their respective countries. This will help take stock of what are available, what arrangements are working, benefits from such arrangements, and issues faced.*

*Discussion*

*(There will be coffee/tea break from 1030–1045.)*

1300–1430

Lunch

1430–1530

**Session 2: Key Impediments to Cross–Border Transport in the CAREC Region**

***CAREC Corridor Performance Measurement and Monitoring (CPMM)***

ADB Staff will present the summary findings of the CPMM, focusing on the time and costs associated with the lack of transport facilitation in the CAREC region.

***Key Constraints in the Conduct of Cross–Border Transport Operations along CAREC Corridors***

Captain Lin Zhong, Chairman, CAREC Federation of Carriers and Freight Forwarders' Associations, will present a summary of key constraints in the conduct of cross–border transport operations along the CAREC corridors.

Discussion

1530–1545

Coffee break

1545–1645

**Session 3: Ideas on Key Elements of a Transport Facilitation Agreement**

*International experts will present ideas on the elements and features of a transport facilitation agreement.*

1645–1800

**Session 4: Sharing of Experiences on Transport Facilitation Arrangements in Other Regions**

*Resource persons will speak about their knowledge of or experience on implementation of transport facilitation agreements in other regions so that lessons can be drawn for possible application in CAREC. Discussions will follow.*

**Cambodia–Viet Nam Bilateral Road Transport Agreement and the Thailand–Lao PDR–Viet Nam East–West Transport Corridor under the Greater Mekong Subregion Cross–Border Transport Agreement**

**Mr. Nguyen Van Thach**

Deputy Director General, International Cooperation Department, Ministry of Transport, Viet Nam

**International Land Transport Agreement Among the Southern Cone Countries of Latin America**

**Ms. Silvia Sudol**

Senior Advisor, Argentine National Senate and Director of the International Transport Department, Business National Federation of Road Freight Transport, Argentina

**Day 2: Tuesday, 3 July 2012**

**0900–1200**

**Session 5: Ways Forward on Transport Facilitation in CAREC Region**

*Based on the discussions on Day 1, Seminar participants will seek to reach agreement on recommendations to be made to the CAREC Senior Officials on ways to move forward transport facilitation in the region.*

*The ADB CAREC Secretariat will: (i) summarize the findings from Sessions 1–4; (ii) present lessons that could be useful for CAREC transport facilitation measures; and (iii) present possible approach(es) to transport facilitation in the CAREC region and next steps to be pursued by CAREC member countries. Detailed discussions will follow.*

*(There will be coffee/tea break from 1030–1045.)*

**1200–1230**

**Wrap-up and Closing**

**1230–1400**

*Lunch*