

17th CAREC Energy Sector Coordinating Committee Meeting
2-3 April 2014, Bishkek, Almaty

MEETING SUMMARY

Agenda Item	Action Taken
1. Session I.	
<p>Key Points from the 2013 CAREC Joint Ministerial Statement and Overview of the 2014 Calendar</p> <p>Presentation on the CAREC Development Effectiveness Review (DEfR) – The CAREC Secretariat presented an introduction to what needs to be done on how to better assess energy sector performance.</p>	<p>The ESCC noted the presentation.</p> <p>The meeting agreed to the concept of strengthening the effectiveness review methodology in the energy sector. The CAREC Secretariat was requested to provide the presentation on the DEfR (completed) and more details on the proposed concept.</p> <p>CAREC members requested that data on and methodology for the development of baseline and targets be provided. CAREC member countries will provide information and comments during drafting of review document and final review document for endorsement by CAREC member countries.</p>
2. Session II. Updates on the Energy Work Plan	
<p><u>Element 1: Developing the Central Asia – South Asia Energy Corridor</u> – WB and ADB presented updates on CASA 1000 and TUTAP, respectively.</p> <p>CASA 1000 – WB informed about the key elements and provided updates on latest developments in the project, the most important of which is the approval of the WB Board of the \$526.5M financing for the project. Construction is to commence in 2014 and scheduled to be completed by 2017.</p> <p>Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, Afghanistan, Pakistan (TUTAP) – ADB provided updates on its ongoing activities and initiatives. An addendum to the AFG Master Plan to be completed in May 2014 will look at integration of CASA 1000 and TUTAP concepts for maximum benefit to CAREC countries. TUTAP offers multiple opportunities for bilateral trading and synchronization of power systems. This topic was resumed in Session III.</p>	<p>The ESCC noted the presented updates on CASA 1000.</p> <p>The ESCC noted the updates presented on TUTAP. ADB to present on results of the addendum to the AFG Master Plan at the next meeting.</p>
<p><u>Element 2: Resolving Regional Energy Dispatch and Trade Issues</u> – WB presented on the conditions and options for cross border trading, and proposed next steps in the ESCC work program on regional power trade in Central Asia.</p>	<p>The ESCC supported the initiatives for bilateral discussions which were proposed. WB will present the outcomes of the bilateral discussions at the next ESCC meeting.</p>
<p><u>Element 3: Managing Energy-Water Linkages</u> – The WB provided updates on ongoing activities: knowledge network, Central Asia water and energy data portal, and model capacity strengthening and the Energy Vulnerability to Climate Change study. The Hydropower Sustainability Assessment Protocol was presented with the aim of informing CAREC members of the tool and possibilities for training.</p>	<p>The ESCC noted the presentation on the Energy Vulnerability to Climate Change study and Hydropower Sustainability Assessment Protocol and noted the updates on energy-water linkage activities.</p> <p>All development partners were encouraged to make available data/studies on energy vulnerability to climate change and related topics through the CAREC website.</p> <p>The WB to present further updates on its energy-water linkages activities at the next ESCC meeting. The WB invited further suggestions on capacity building/knowledge sharing on hydropower.</p>

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<p><u>Element 4: Mobilizing Funds for Building Energy Assets</u> – ADB presented the concept for the CAREC Power Sector Financing Roadmap Study.</p>	<p>The ESCC endorsed the concept of the study with updates to be reported at the subsequent ESCC meetings on a regular basis.</p>
<p><u>Element 5: Implementation of Energy Sector Priority Projects</u> – CAREC Secretariat proposed to continue updating the list of projects at the level of the ESCC with the aim of aiding the assessment of energy sector performance (results framework). The list, while to be updated regularly, will not be presented to the SOM/MC as a Medium Term Priority Projects list.</p>	<p>The ESCC agreed to maintain a working list of projects to be monitored at the ESCC level.</p> <p>The member countries will provide the CAREC Secretariat information to update the list of projects. The CAREC Secretariat will present the updated working list at the next ESCC meeting.</p> <p>The requested information will focus on the current workplan period of 2013-2015 and the next period of 2016-2020.</p>
<p><u>Element 6: Capacity Building and Knowledge Management</u></p> <p>USAID's Knowledge Based Activities in Energy-Water; USAID presented its completed, ongoing and future national and regional activities under the RESET project. USAID will continue working on Element 6 even after the completion of the RESET project in September 2014, coordinating its activities with the CAREC Institute.</p> <p>Energy Sector Capacity Building and Knowledge Framework Program (2013-2015) – CAREC Secretariat presented on its work program under Element 6 including three proposed capacity building/knowledge sharing events scheduled for 2014:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Workshop on Energy Saving Technology and Energy Efficiency Policies in Central and West Asia Region (28-30 May 2014, Almaty, KAZ); • Training Seminar on Regional Trade and Cooperation (August 2014, Manila, Philippines); and • Capacity building and knowledge sharing activity (Sept 2014) combined with the 18th ESCC Meeting in PRC. 	<p>The ESCC noted USAID's presentation.</p> <p>The ESCC noted the upcoming activities. Member countries were encouraged to actively participate in the upcoming activities and inform the CAREC Secretariat of proposed topics for capacity building.</p>
<p>3. Session III. Next Steps for the ESCC</p>	
<p>The CAREC Secretariat conducted a discussion among member countries on the ESCC 2016-2020 Work Plan priority areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identification of three priority areas. • Ways to eliminate obstacles in these priority areas. <p>It was noted that this discussion was the first of several sessions to develop the 2016-2020 Work Plan.</p>	<p>The CAREC Secretariat will incorporate comments provided by CAREC member countries and develop a discussion paper for distribution prior to the next ESCC meeting.</p>
<p>4. Session IV. The Republic of Kazakhstan Country Presentation</p>	
<p>The Republic of Kazakhstan presented on the development of its electricity market.</p>	<p>The ESCC noted the presentation made by the Republic of Kazakhstan and appreciated the readiness of the Republic of Kazakhstan to share the history and development of its electricity market.</p>
<p>5. Session V. The Kyrgyz Republic Country Presentation</p>	
<p>The Kyrgyz Republic presented the status of its energy system and future plans.</p>	<p>The ESCC noted the host country presentation.</p>

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6. Session VI. UN Initiatives on Subregional Energy Cooperation	
UNECE, UNESCAP and UNDP presented their energy initiatives and how these initiatives are beneficial to CAREC countries.	The ESCC noted the presentation by UNECE, UNESCAP and UNDP on their energy initiatives and encouraged further cooperation between UN agencies (UNECE, UNESCAP and UNDP) and the ESCC.