



**CAREC NATIONAL CONSULTATION WORKSHOP
TURKMENISTAN
1–2 September 2014**

Venue: Ministry of Economy and Development of Turkmenistan

Agenda

Objective: To enhance participants' awareness of and contributions to the CAREC Program

Participants: Representatives of ministries and agencies of Turkmenistan, as well as multilateral and bilateral development organizations

1 September, Monday: CAREC Program Update and Forward

8:30 – 9:00	Registration
9:00 – 9:15	Opening Remarks
9:00 – 9:10	Mr. Vepa Abdylhekimov, Minister of Economy and Development of Turkmenistan, CAREC National Focal Point, Chair of Sessions on Day 1
9:10 – 9:15	Mr. Plamen Bozakov, Resident Representative, ADB Turkmenistan Resident Mission
9:15 – 9:25	Introductory Speech
	Ms. Vicky Tan, Director, Regional Cooperation and Operations Coordination Division (CWRC), Central and West Asia Department (CWRD), ADB
9:25 – 9:40	CAREC Program Overview
	Mr. Wang Hong, CAREC Unit Head, CWRD, ADB
	Sector Review and Discussion
9:40 – 10:15	Transport: Implementation Progress and Prospects of Sector Plan and Priorities
	Mr. Begench Geldiyev, Deputy Minister of Railway Transport, CAREC Transport Sector Focal Point for Turkmenistan
9:40 – 10:00	Presentation on sector status and priorities
	Ms. Xiaohong Yang, Director, Transport and Communications Division (CWTC), CWRD, ADB

10:00 – 10:15	Discussion on next steps
10:15 – 10:30	Group Photo
10:30 – 10:45	Coffee and Tea Break
10:45 – 11:20	Energy: Implementation Progress and Prospects of Sector Plan and Priorities Mr. Dovran Rejepov, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Energy of Turkmenistan, CAREC Energy Sector Focal Point for Turkmenistan
10:45 – 11:05	Presentation on sector status and priorities Mr. Wang Hong, CAREC Unit Head, CWRD, ADB
11:05 – 11:20	Discussion on next steps
11:20 – 12:00	Trade Facilitation: Implementation Progress and Prospects of Sector Plan and Priorities Mr. Rovshen Nuryagdyev, Deputy Minister of Finance of Turkmenistan, CAREC Trade Facilitation Focal Point for Turkmenistan
11:20 – 11:40	Presentation on sector status and priorities Mr. Yuebin Zhang, Senior Regional Cooperation Specialist, Public Management , Financial Sector, and Regional Cooperation Division (EAPF), East Asia Department (EARD), ADB
11:40 – 12:00	Discussion on next steps
12:00 – 14:00	Lunch
14:00 – 14:30	Trade Policy: Implementation Progress and Prospects of Sector Plan and Priorities Ms. Ayna Kurbanova, Deputy Minister of Trade and Foreign Economic Relations of Turkmenistan, CAREC Trade Policy Focal Point for Turkmenistan
14:00 – 14:15	Presentation on sector status and priorities Mr. Wang Hong, CAREC Unit Head, CWRD, ADB
14:15 – 14:30	Discussion on next steps
14:30 – 14:45	CAREC Institute Mr. Wang Hong, CAREC Unit Head, CWRD, ADB
14:45 – 15:00	Closing Remarks Ms. Vicky Tan, Director, CWRC, CWRD, ADB

2 September, Tuesday: Regional Technical Assistance Projects for Trade Facilitation

08:30 – 09:00	Registration
09:00 – 09:15	Opening Remarks H.E. Yasushige Okimoto , Ambassador of Japan to Turkmenistan
09:15 – 10:15	Coordinated Border Management (CBM) for Results in CAREC Mr. Yuebin Zhang, Senior Regional Cooperation Specialist, EAPF, EARD, ADB Points to be discussed include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Time Release Study and its Application in CAREC • Joint Customs Control (JCC); its implementation in MON-PRC borders; preparation of case study • Improved interagency coordination for CBM Open Forum
10:15 – 10:45	Coffee and Tea Break
10:45 – 12:00	Aligning Customs Trade Facilitation Measures with Best Practice Ms. Cristina Lozano, Regional Cooperation Specialist, EAPF, EARD, ADB Points to be discussed include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revised Kyoto Convention (RKC) principles; benefits of accession to the RKC; status of accession of CAREC countries • Customs Risk Management Systems; assessment of existing systems; introduction of Authorized Economic Operators (AEO) program • Customs Information Exchange system for CAREC; development of a framework; pilot project to test single information space Open Forum
12:00 – 13:30	Lunch
13:30 – 14:15	Facilitation of Regional Transit Trade in CAREC Ms. Cristina Lozano, Regional Cooperation Specialist, EAPF, EARD, ADB Points to be discussed include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establishment of a single regional guarantee mechanism; pilot testing of transit regime • Assessment of legal and regulatory framework to streamline regional customs transit Open Forum
14:15 – 15:00	Sanitary and Phyto-Sanitary Measures for CAREC, Customs and Trade

Facilitation Capacity Building and Future Plans

Mr. Yuebin Zhang, Senior Regional Cooperation Specialist, EAPF, EARD, ADB

Points to be discussed include:

- Funding from PRC Fund to improve SPS Measure in CAREC; review of SPS regulatory regimes; inventory of SPS laboratory assets in the region; recommendations to pilot test specialized BCPs to handle perishables
- Capacity building for customs and trade facilitation; improving mobility of people in the CAREC region

15:00 – 15:15

Coffee and Tea Break

15:15 – 15:45

Discussions on how to implement the Trade facilitation program in Turkmenistan

Moderator: Mr. Wang Hong, CAREC Unit Head, CWRD, ADB

Representatives of the various government agencies will be requested to comment on the TF program and how their agencies can participate in the various projects.

15:45 – 16:00

Closing Remarks

Mr. Serdar Atayev, Deputy Minister of Economy and Development