



Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation Program

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ON CENTRAL ASIA REGIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION**

5-6 November 2014  
Bishkek, the Kyrgyz Republic

**PRELIMINARY AGENDA  
“Linking Connectivity with Economic Transformation in CAREC”**

**6 November 2014**

**CAREC Ministerial Meeting**

**0830–0900 Registration**

**0900–1530 CAREC Ministerial Meeting**  
*Venue: Shayr Ballroom, Hyatt Regency Bishkek (Lobby Level)*

*Participants: CAREC Ministers and Senior Officials from Afghanistan, Azerbaijan, the People’s Republic of China, Kazakhstan, the Kyrgyz Republic, Mongolia, Pakistan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan; representatives from partner multilateral institutions: 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 the World Bank (WB); representatives from Agence Française de Développement (AFD), Department for International Development (DFID), the European Union (EU), Japan Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), U.S. Department of State, United States Agency for International Development (USAID), World Trade Organization (WTO), CAREC Federation of Carrier and Forwarder Associations (CFCFA), and Eurasian Development Bank (EDB)*

Mr. Temir Sariev  
Minister, Ministry of Economy, the Kyrgyz Republic  
Chair of the Ministerial Meeting

To be assisted by the CAREC Secretariat:  
Mr. Wencai Zhang  
Vice President, ADB

<b>0900–0930</b>	<p><b>Session 1: Inaugural Session</b></p> <p>Welcome and Opening Address: The Honorable Djoomart Otorbaev Prime Minister of the Kyrgyz Republic</p> <p>Keynote Address: Mr. Takehiko Nakao President, ADB</p>
<b>0930–0940</b>	<p><b>Signing of the Memorandum of Understanding on Almaty-Bishkek Corridor Initiative by the Cities of Almaty and Bishkek</b></p>
<i>0940–1025</i>	<i>Group Photo followed by Coffee/Tea Break</i>
<b>1025–1055</b>	<p><b>Session 2: Special Session on Economic Outlook in CAREC Countries</b> <i>Presentation by the IMF</i></p>
<b>1055–1200</b>	<p><b>Session 3: Views of the CAREC Ministers on the Report of the Senior Officials’ Meeting</b> <i>CAREC Ministers will consider the Report of the SOM and give views on the Report, especially on the issues of the Almaty-Bishkek Corridor Initiative as pilot for the Economic Corridor Development Study, progress of the four sectors, and CAREC Institute.</i></p>
<b>1200–1330</b>	<p><i>Lunch Hosted by the Asian Development Bank Venue: Crostini Restaurant, Hyatt Regency Bishkek (Lobby Level)</i></p>
<b>1330–1430</b>	<p><b>Session 4: Views of CAREC Multilateral Institution (MI) Partners and Bilateral Donor Agencies</b> <i>Each CAREC MI Partner and bilateral donor agency representative will give a brief statement.</i></p>
<b>1430–1500</b>	<p><b>Session 5: Consideration of the Joint Ministerial Statement</b> <i>CAREC Ministers will consider the draft Joint Ministerial Statement including the draft Ministerial Announcement on CAREC Institute, with a view to finalizing and endorsing it.</i></p>
<b>1500–1530</b>	<p><b>Session 7: Closing</b></p> <p>Closing Remarks: Mr. Temir Sariiev Minister, Ministry of Economy, the Kyrgyz Republic Chair of the Ministerial Meeting</p>