



Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation Program

AGENDA

MEETING OF THE CAREC NATIONAL FOCAL POINTS ON THE PHYSICAL ESTABLISHMENT OF THE CAREC INSTITUTE (CI) 9–10 April 2014

Day 2, Wednesday, 9 April

1430–1730 **Physical Establishment of the CAREC Institute (CI)**
Venue: Ballroom 1, 2nd Floor

1430–1440 Opening Remarks
Klaus Gerhaeusser
Director General
Central and West Asia Department (CWRD), ADB

1440–1630 **Session 1: Introduction of the draft Discussion Paper on CI**

Chair:
Klaus Gerhaeusser
Director General, CWRD, ADB

1440–1450 Presentation by the PRC representative

1450–1515 Comments and responses by the CAREC Secretariat

1515–1600 Discussions

1600–1630 *Coffee Break*

1630–1730 **Session 2: CI Preparations**

Chair:
Ayumi Konishi
Director General, EARD, ADB

1630–1640 Presentation by the PRC representative: Explanation on the Legal Status
of the CAREC Institute

1640–1730 Comments by all NFPs

Day 3, Thursday, 10 April

0900–1200 **Physical Establishment of the CI (Cont.)**
 Venue: Ballroom 1, 2nd Floor

0900–1030 **Session 3: Finalization of Discussion Paper on CI**

Chair:
 Klaus Gerhaeusser
 Director General, CWRD, ADB

0830–0930 Presentation of Revised Discussion Paper
 Vicky C.L. Tan
 Director, CWRC/CWRD, ADB

0930–1030 NFPs will consider and endorse the Discussion Paper on the CI

1030–1100 *Coffee/Tea Break*

1100–1200 **Session 4: Way Forward and Closing**

Chair:
 Ayumi Konishi
 Director General, EARD, ADB

1100–1115 Presentations on Way Forward by PRC representative

1115–1145 Discussions by NFPs

1145–1200 Wrap-up and Next Steps

Klaus Gerhaeusser
 Director General, CWRD, ADB

1200 *Lunch*
 Venue: *Serena Brasserie*

POSSIBLE ISSUES	PROPOSED RESPONSES
(i) Most feasible option for establishing the legal status of CI.	CAREC Institute (CI) is expected (a) to be established, participated and owned by all CAREC countries (not ADB) and (b) to be based in PCR. Thus, the issues regarding the legal form and status of the CI need to be discussed and agreed upon among the hosting country and all countries participating in the CI. To find "the most feasible option for the legal status" these countries should seek advice from their legal teams and take into consideration requirements of their national laws.
(ii) Authorization by CAREC countries for the designated person/team conduct required preparatory activities on behalf of the CI until such time that CI management team have assumed their positions.	No authorization can be issued and no action can be taken <u>in the name or on behalf of the CI or any of its bodies</u> until the CI has been formally established and the constitutive documents are made effective.
(iii) Establishment of the CI's Governing Council before the joint ministerial declaration in place.	Same as above.
(iv) Early recruitment of CI staff by CAREC Secretariat/ADB on behalf of the CI.	ADB <u>shall not</u> recruit CI staff on behalf of the CI. At this stage, the CI does not exist as a legal entity. As CAREC Secretariat (the role that CI should assume upon its formal establishment), ADB provides consultants to support CAREC.
(v) Decision by CI's Governing Council on the basis of consensus.	The decision rule to be followed by the Governing Council of CI should follow the decision rule of the CAREC overall institutional framework, which is by consensus.
(vi) Estimated amount of ADB funding available to support CI's program costs?	ADB policies do not allow it to finance salaries or operating budgets. ADB can only finance program costs. ADB as CAREC Secretariat is committed through its TAs to cover a significant portion of the program costs during initial years of CI operation.

P.S. Mr. Liang visited KAZ and UZB this week. He is trying to talk with other CAREC countries over the phone before going to KL.

According to Ken, PRC delegation met with MrBaitenov, Deputy Director of MEBP on Tuesday in Astana. During the meeting PRC side shared the timetable of establishment of CI and sought opinions of KAZ on the Discussion Paper. MEBP asked PRC to report all details during the upcoming KL meeting and told them that all comments on Discussion paper have been sent to the Secretariat and will be discussed further at the KL meeting.