



Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation Program

**13th MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE
ON CENTRAL ASIA REGIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION**
5–6 November 2014
Bishkek, the Kyrgyz Republic

DETAILED AGENDA

“Linking Connectivity with Economic Transformation in CAREC”

5 November 2014

CAREC SENIOR OFFICIALS’ MEETING

0830–0900 **Registration**

0900–1700 **CAREC Senior Officials’ Meeting (SOM)**
Venue: Shayr Ballroom, Hyatt Regency Bishkek (Lobby Level)

Participants: CAREC Senior Officials from Afghanistan, Azerbaijan, the People’s Republic of China, Kazakhstan, the Kyrgyz Republic, Mongolia, Pakistan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan; and 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).

Chair:

Mr. Sanjar Mukanbetov
CAREC National Focal Point (NFP) for the Kyrgyz Republic

To be assisted by the CAREC Secretariat:

Mr. Klaus Gerhaeusser
Director General, Central and West Asia Department (CWRD), ADB

Mr. Ayumi Konishi
Director General, East Asia Department (EARD), ADB

0900–0915 Opening

0900–0910 Welcome and Opening Remarks
Mr. Sanjar Mukanbetov
CAREC NFP for the Kyrgyz Republic

0910–0915 Welcome Remarks and Introduction of the Agenda
Mr. Klaus Gerhaeusser
Director General, CWRD, ADB

0915–1015 Session 1: CAREC Economic Corridor Development (ECD) and the Almaty-Bishkek Corridor Initiative (ABCI)

ADB representative will present updates of the CAREC ECD, the ABCI and next steps. This will be followed by discussion of the Senior Officials.

0915–0945 Presentation
Mr. Pradeep Srivastava
Principal Economist, Regional Cooperation and Operation Coordination Division (CWRC), CWRD

0945–1015 Discussion

1015–1050 *Coffee/Tea Break*

1050–1230 Session 2: CAREC Sectors of Cooperation–Results-Based Progress Reports and Key Issues

Updates and key issues in the four priority sectors of CAREC (transport, energy, trade facilitation, and trade policy) will be presented. This will be followed by discussion of the Senior Officials.

Discussion of Key Issues in Transport Sector (25 min)
(25 minutes: 10 minutes presentation followed by 15 minutes discussion)

Discussion of Key Issues in Energy Sector (25 min)
(25 minutes: 10 minutes presentation followed by 15 minutes discussion)

Discussion of Key Issues in Trade Facilitation (25 min)
(25 minutes: 10 minutes presentation followed by 15 minutes discussion)

Discussion of Key Issues in Trade Policy (25 min)
(25 minutes: 10 minutes presentation followed by 15 minutes discussion)

1230–1400 Lunch
Venue: *Crostini Restaurant, Hyatt Regency Bishkek (Lobby Level)*

1400–1530 Session 3: Physical Establishment of the CAREC Institute (CI)

A representative of the PRC will present progress made with regard to the physical establishment of the CAREC Institute. The SOM will consider and endorse the updated draft Ministerial Announcement on the Physical Establishment of the CAREC Institute (CI) as well as the proposal for establishment of CI's Governing Council to be considered by the Ministerial Conference (MC).

1400–1430 Presentation:

Mr. Cheng Zhijun, Deputy Director General, International Department, Ministry of Finance, the PRC

1430–1530 Discussions on ways forward and considerations of the draft Ministerial Announcement on the Physical Establishment of the CAREC Institute and the proposal for establishment of CAREC Institute's Governing Council

1530–1600 *Coffee/Tea Break*

1600–1645 Session 4: Finalization of Key Documents

The SOM will consider and agree on the Report of the SOM to the 13th MC, the Ministerial Announcement on the Physical Establishment of the CI, and the Joint Ministerial Statement of the 13th MC.

1645–1700 Session 5: Closing

Closing Remarks

Chair:

Mr. Sanjar Mukanbetov
CAREC NFP for Kyrgyz Republic

1900–2100

Welcome Dinner

*Hosted by the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic
Venue: Dasmia Restaurant*