

# **High Level Planning Workshop on CAREC 2015**

# 29 January 2015 **Best Western Hotel** Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia

### **Agenda**

Objective: To brief senior officials of Mongolia on the progress of the CAREC priority sectors; exchange view on how Mongolia can potentially benefit more from CAREC and now Mongolia should take best advantage of being the Chair of CAREC in 2015; identify planning issues for organizing the 2015 CAREC Ministerial Conference and related meetings; and agree on key next steps.

Participants: Representatives of ministries and agencies of Mongolia, and ADB.

Co-Chaired by: Mr. O. Chuluunbat Adviser to the Prime Minister of Mongolia

Mr. Ying Qian, Director, Public Management, Financial Sector, and Regional Cooperation Division (EAPF), East Asia Regional Department

(EARD), ADB

# 29 January 2015, Thursday

09:30 - 10:00Registration

10:00 - 10:10 **Opening Session** 

- Welcome Remarks by Mr. O. Chuluunbat, Economic Advisor to the Prime Minister of Mongolia and National Focal Point for Mongolia
- Welcome Remarks by Mr. Ayumi Konishi, Director General, East Asia Regional Department, ADB

#### 10:10 - 10:30**Session 1: CAREC Overview**

How Mongolia can potentially benefit more from CAREC? How Mongolia should take best advantage of being the Chair of CAREC 2015?

- Mongolia's Priorities and Strategies of Regional Cooperation by Mr. E. Bulgan, Deputy Director, Department of Neighboring Countries of Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- CAREC Program Overview by Mr. Wang Hong, CAREC Unit Head, CWRD, ADB

**Questions and Answers** 

#### 10:30 - 11:45 **Session 2: Priority Sector Updates**

The discussion of the four priority sectors will follow the common structure: progress in the sector to date for the whole CAREC and activities involving Mongolia; planned future activities and those for Mongolia; what Mongolia may wish to do using CAREC, and how Mongolia may wish to take a lead as Chair in 2015.

10:30 - 10:50

 Energy: Implementation Progress and Prospects of Sector Plan and Priorities

# Presentation on sector status and priorities

Ms. Lin Lu, Energy Specialist, Energy Division (EAEN), EARD, ADB

Feedback from CAREC Energy Sector Focal Point for Mongolia

**Questions and Answers** 

10:50 - 11:10

 Trade Facilitation: Implementation Progress and Prospects of Sector Plan and Priorities

Presentation on sector status and priorities

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

Feedback from CAREC Trade Facilitation Focal Point for Mongolia

**Questions and Answers** 

11:10 – 11:30 **Group Photo** 

**Coffee and Tea Break** 

11:30 - 11:50

 Trade Policy: Implementation Progress and Prospects of Sector Plan and Priorities

Presentation on sector status and priorities

Mr. Rajesh Vasudevan, Economist (Regional Cooperation), CWRD, ADB

Feedback from CAREC Trade Policy Focal Point for Mongolia

**Questions and Answers** 

11:50 - 12:10

 Mongolia – People's Republic of China Regional Cooperation Initiatives by Mr. Yuebin Zhang, Senior Regional Cooperation Specialist, EAPF, EARD, ADB

**Questions and Answers** 

12:10 - 12:30

Transport: Implementation Progress and Prospects of Sector Plan and Priorities

Presentation on sector status and priorities

Mr. Raushanbek Mamatkulov, Sr. Transport Economist, Transport Division, EARD

# Feedback from CAREC Transport Sector Focal Point for Mongolia

### **Questions and Answers**

# 12:30 – 13:30 **Session 3: Mongolia as Host for the 2015 CAREC Ministerial Conference**

12:30 - 12:50

 Major Events and Proposed Schedule (Sector Meetings, Senior Officials' Meetings and/or National Focal Points Meetings, Ministerial Conference, and side events, etc.)
Mr. Ayumi Konishi, Director General, East Asia Regional Department, ADB

### **Questions and Answers**

12:50 - 13:10

Key Deliverables for 2015 CAREC Ministerial Conference
Mr. Jeff Procak, Regional Cooperation Specialist, EAPF, EARD, ADB

### **Questions and Answers**

# 13:10 – 13:30 **Closing Session**

 Closing Remarks by Mr. Robert Schoellhammer, Country Director of ADB in Mongolia

### 13:30 **Lunch**