



Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation Program



CENTRAL ASIA REGIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION PROGRAM TRANSPORT WEEK

15th Transport Sector Coordinating Committee Meeting

**20-22 April 2016
Bangkok, Thailand**

AGENDA

20-22 Apr: 15th Transport Sector Coordinating Committee Meeting

Venue: Anantara Siam Bangkok Hotel, Room Pimarnman

Background

CAREC countries are working together to implement the refined Transport and Trade Facilitation Strategy (TTFS) 2020. TTFS 2020 continues to prioritize the completion of the six strategic multimodal transport corridors, and introduced extensions to these.

Objectives

The TSCC will review the implementation progress of the CAREC TTFS 2020 and the Transport Sector Work Plan (2015-2017); and discuss issues of key importance to the transport sector including railways, road safety, asset management and transport facilitation. It will provide necessary direction to the ongoing preparation of the draft Railway Strategy and Road Safety Strategy. It will also discuss the work of the TSCC in the context of a rapidly changing world.

Day 1 (20 April)

0830 – 0900	Registration
0900 – 0910	Welcome Remarks: Mr. Syed Mazhar Ali Shah, Director General (Planning), Ministry of Railways Ms. Xiaohong Yang, Director, Transport and Communication Division, CWRD
0910 – 0915	Objectives of the Meeting Mr. Ko Sakamoto, Transport Economist, CWRD, ADB
0915	Session 1: Implementing TTFS 2020 – progress and remaining challenges Facilitator: Ms. Xiaohong Yang, Director, Transport and Communication Division, CWRD
0915 – 0930	TTFS in the context of emerging developments Ms. Xiaohong Yang, Director, Transport and Communication Division, CWRD
0930 – 0940	Progress made to date Mr. Ko Sakamoto, Transport Economist, CWRD <i>Endorsement of Progress Report for SOM</i>
0940 - 1000	Photo session and coffee break
1000 – 1130	Country Action Plans 5 minute presentations from each CAREC country delegate and Georgia Facilitator: Mr. Juan Gaviria, Sector Manager – Transport, Sustainable Development Department, Europe and Central Asia Region (ECSSD), World Bank
1130 – 1200	Feedback from development partners 5 minute interventions by each development partner Facilitator: Ms. Ekaterina Miroshnik, Director for Infrastructure-Russia and Central Asia, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD)
1200 – 1400	Lunch - Room Ratanakosin Session 2: Looking beyond: The work of the TSCC in the wider context of the changing world
1400 – 1420	Transport in the context of Sustainable Development Goals Mr. Tyrrell Duncan, Technical Advisor, ADB
1420 -1500	CAREC Strategy 2020 Mid-term Review Facilitators:

Ms. Vicky Tan, Director, CWRC, ADB
Mr. Robert Wihtol, Consultant, ADB

Objective: To reach a shared understanding with the participants on strategic aspects of the CAREC program over the medium term. Discussions will address issues such as (i) the implications for CAREC of a weak and volatile global economy; (ii) opportunities due to new resource mobilization for infrastructure in the region and the emergence of mega frameworks for regional cooperation and integration; (iii) challenges as well as opportunities posed by the changing regional cooperation landscape in Central Asia; and (iv) changes in overlap or divergences between country or sector priorities and CAREC program and sector strategies. The presentation will also review what strategies and initiatives have worked well for strengthening regional cooperation and should be sustained, what need to be modified.

1500-1515

Coffee break

1515-1600

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1830 – 2030

**Dinner: Anantara Siam Bangkok Hotel, Room Ratanakosin
(Venue: Anantara Hotel)**

Day 2 (21 April)

- 0830 – 0900 **Registration**
- 0900 **Session 3: CAREC Railway Strategy**
Facilitator: Mr. Takeshi Fukayama, Transport Specialist, CWRD, ADB
- 0900 – 0930 Brief introduction to CAREC Railway Strategy 2030 and report on progress made by the Railway Working Group to date
Mr. Takeshi Fukayama, Transport Specialist, CWTC, ADB and Mr. Jurgen Sluijter, Transport Economist, EATC, ADB
- 0930 – 1015 Roundtable discussion seeking feedback from TSCC members and observers on the draft CAREC Railway Strategy
Facilitated by Mr. Takeshi Fukayama, Transport Specialist, CWTC, ADB and Mr. Jurgen Sluijter, Transport Economist, EATC, ADB
- 1015– 1030 Coffee break
- 1030 – 1145 Plenary discussion: Matching regional needs with national needs

Moderated plenary discussion among selected countries and development partners on their efforts to improve railways in their countries in due consideration of regional needs.
- 1145 – 1200 Summary of key actions moving forward
Facilitated by Ms. Xiaohong Yang, Director, CWTC, ADB
- 1200 – 1330 **Lunch - Room Ratanakosin**

Session 4: Road safety strategy for safer CAREC corridors
Facilitator: Ko Sakamoto, Transport Economist, CWRD
- 1330 – 1340 Progress made by CAREC countries on road safety in 2015
Mr. Ko Sakamoto, Transport Economist, CWRD
Mr. Lhagva Erdene, Curator, Global Shapers Ulaanbaatar Hub
- 1340 – 1400 Initial progress on the CAREC Road Safety Strategy, Road Safety Manuals and Capacity Building
Presenter: Charles Melhuish, Ian Hughes, Philip Jordan
- 1400 – 1445 Roundtable session: Feedback from countries and observers on the draft Road Safety Strategy
Facilitators: Ko Sakamoto, Transport Economist, CWTC, ADB
- 1445 – 1500 Summary of next steps on road safety
Facilitator: Mr. Juan Gaviria, Sector Manager – Transport, Sustainable Development Department, Europe and Central Asia Region (ECSSD), World Bank

- 1500 – 1515 Coffee Break
- 1515 **Session 5: Sustaining road assets: Toward durable CAREC corridors**
 Facilitators:
 David Fay, Transport Specialist, EARD, ADB
 Paul Vallely, Program Leader for Connectivity and Infrastructure, Central Asia, World Bank
- 1515 – 1525 RAM in the context of CAREC: the magnitude of the challenge and work we set out to do in 2015
 Presenter: David Fay, Transport Specialist, EARD, ADB
- 1525 – 1555 Performance Based Contracts: Enabling better RAM
 Presenter: Gunter Zietlow, PBC Expert
- 1555 – 1615 Compendium of best practices and common challenges
 Presenter: Serge Cartier van Dissel, Road Asset Management Expert
Presentation followed by short inputs from the floor
- 1615 – 1700 Facilitated discussion: Formulating RAM projects
An interactive session for countries to formulate projects and programs to help move the RAM agenda further forward in their countries. Development partners will be asked to comment on how they can best support such projects and programs.
 Facilitator: Paul Vallely, Program Leader for Connectivity and Infrastructure, Central Asia, World Bank
- 1700 – 1715 Discussion on next steps to scale up road asset management in CAREC countries
 Facilitator: David Fay, Transport Specialist, EARD
- 1830 – 2030 **Cocktail Reception: Anantara Siam Bangkok Hotel, Poolside Terrace**

Day 3 (22 April)

Session 6: Trade Logistics and Transport Facilitation: Toward efficient CAREC corridors

Facilitators: Mr. Oleg Samukhin, Transport Specialist, CWRD, ADB and Mr. Jeff Procak, Regional Cooperation Specialist, EARD, ADB

- 0900 – 0915 Progress made on trade logistics and transport facilitation in 2015
Presenter: Oleg Samukhin, Transport Specialist, CWTC, ADB
Reporting back from the progress in 2015 on trade logistics and transport facilitation, including aspects of cross-border road transport agreements, CAREC corridor monitoring, UN Transport Conventions, TIR System, etc.
- 0915 – 0930 Results of the Corridor Performance Measurement and Monitoring (CPMM)
Mr. Jeff Procak, Regional Cooperation Specialist, ADB
- 0930 – 0945 Progress made to reboot the Quadrilateral Traffic in Transit Agreement (QTTA)
Presenter: Mr. Mohammad Shoaib, Director, Road Transport, Ministry of Communications, Pakistan
- 0945 – 1000 Opportunities from the TIR Convention for cross-border transport facilitation in CAREC
Ms. Tatiana Rey-Bellet, International Road Transport Union
- 1000 – 1030 Discussion and next steps
- 1030-1100 **Coffee break**
- 1100-1150 **Summary of Discussions and next steps**

Mr. Asim Amin, GM (Design), National Highway Authority, Pakistan
Facilitator: Ms. Xiaohong Yang, Director, CWTC, ADB
- The year ahead
 - Upcoming meetings and events
 - Deliverables for SOM and Ministerial Conference
- 1150-1200 **Closing Remarks:**

Ms. Xiaohong Yang, Director, CWTC, ADB
Mr. Asim Amin, GM (Design), National Highway Authority, Pakistan
- 1200 - 1330 **Lunch – Room Ratanakosin**

22 Apr (PM) Development Partners' Forum

Venue: Anantara Siam Bangkok Hotel, Room Montathip 1

- 1330 – 1340 **Welcome and introduction**
- Mutual introduction of all participants
- Objectives of the Forum, and expected outputs: Ms. Xiaohong Yang, Director, CWTC, ADB
- 1340 – 1500 **Updates from development partners and observers**
- Short updates (max 10 min each) by:
- CAREC Institute
 - European Bank for Reconstruction and Development
 - European Investment Bank
 - United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific
 - World Bank
- Short statements by observer technical organizations:
- International Road Transport Union (IRU)
 - International Union of Railways (UIC)
 - Organisation for Co-operation between Railways (OSJD)
- 1500 – 1520 **Discussion on working arrangements moving forward**
- Facilitated by Mr. Ko Sakamoto, Transport Economist, ADB
- How to align support for CAREC
 - Ideas on how to further improve coordination and communication
- 1520 – 1530 **Summary of discussions and next steps**
- Mr. Tyrrell Duncan, Technical Advisor (Transport), ADB