



Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation Program



## **CENTRAL ASIA REGIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION PROGRAM**

### **SECOND MEETING OF THE RAILWAY WORKING GROUP**

**18-19 April 2016  
Bangkok, Thailand**

*Generously co-hosted by  
United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific*

### **AGENDA**

## **18-19 Apr: Second Meeting of the Railway Working Group**

**Venue: United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific**

### **Background**

Over the past 20 years, economies in most Central Asian Regional Economic Cooperation (CAREC) member countries have changed dramatically. However, railway operations and institutions have not kept pace with these changes. As a result, CAREC railways are experiencing decreases in market share and are in need of both investments in physical capacity and in institutional restructuring. Unless strong measures are taken to reverse this trend, the future will be a continuation of losing market share and a weakening of the railway sector. Recognizing these challenges, CAREC countries have decided to develop a strategy that will serve as a blueprint for addressing challenges and maximize the contribution of railways to sustained economic growth. Following decisions at the 14th CAREC Transport Sector Coordinating Committee meeting in April 2015, a Railway Working Group was formed in order to guide the development of this strategy. The first meeting of the RWG took place in Tokyo Japan in November 2015, which (i) shared the main issues facing railways in the CAREC region, (ii) reviewed progress toward development of the CAREC railway strategy and (iii) agreed on priority actions moving forward for the full development of the strategy.

### **Objectives of the Second Meeting of the RWG**

The main objective of the Second Meeting of the RWG is to discuss and agree on key actions to achieve the goal of the strategy. The output of the meeting will be the overall action plan, which will be indicated in the results-based framework of the CAREC railway strategy, for subsequent endorsement by the 15<sup>th</sup> TSCC (scheduled for 20-22 April 2016, immediately following the Second Meeting of the RWG). To this effect, the Meeting will receive further inputs from CAREC member countries and development partners on the draft CAREC railway strategy.

## Day 1 (18 April)

- 0800 Participants to leave the hotel, guided by ADB staff  
(Registration inside bus)
- 0900-0910 **Welcome remarks**  
Mr. Li Yuwei, Director, Transport Division, UNESCAP  
Mr. Anjum Pervaiz, Adviser, Ministry of Railways, Pakistan
- 0910-0915 **Introduction to objectives and agenda of the RWG**  
Ms. Xiaohong Yang, Director, Transport and Communications Division,  
Central and West Asia Department (CWRD), ADB
- 0915 **Session 1: The Need for Regional Action on Railways**  
*As a start of the meeting, the discussion will be focused on the role of the railways in the regional context.*  
  
Moderator: Ms. Xiaohong Yang, Director, Transport and Communications  
Division, CWRD, ADB
- 0915-0945 UNESCAP activities in the field of railway transport  
Mr. Pierre Chartier, Chief, Transport Infrastructure Section, UNESCAP
- 0945-1030 Panel Discussion: Assessment of CAREC railways for regional  
development  
Facilitator: Ms. Xiaohong Yang, Director, CWTC, ADB  
- Mr. Sandeep Raj Jain, Economic Affairs Officer, UNESCAP  
- Mr. Anar Ismail, Land Transport Expert, TRACECA  
- Mr. Akaki Saghirashvili, Head of Operations Management  
Department, JSC Georgian Railway
- 1030-1045 Coffee break and group photo
- 1045-1230 **Session 2: Proposed CAREC Railway Strategy 2030: Country views**  
*Prior to the RWG meeting, participants will receive the second draft of CAREC railway strategy. The moderator will introduce the content of the draft. Each CAREC Country will be requested to offer short (5 min) presentations covering (i) updates from the presentations offered at the First CAREC RWG in Tokyo, Japan in November 2015, (ii) comments/views on the draft CAREC Railway Strategy, and (iii) proposed next steps for the RWG in completing the Strategy*  
  
Introductory presentation: Ms. Xiaohong Yang, Director, Transport and  
Communications Division, CWRD, ADB
- 1230-1400 **Lunch (UNESCAP)**

- 1400                   **Session 3: Focus on Infrastructure Aspects**  
*RWG is to discuss and agree on key actions on infrastructure aspects (i.e. new construction, renovation/electrification/signalization, intermodal facilities, rolling stocks, etc.). The RWG secretariat will propose the Designated Rail Corridors of CAREC and summarize infrastructure needs, as well as ways in which such infrastructure needs can be prioritized*
- Moderators: Mr. Takeshi Fukayama, Transport Specialist, CWRD, ADB  
                  Mr. Jurgen Sluijter, Transport Economist, EARD, ADB
- 1400-1430           Results of corridor analysis  
                  Takeshi Fukayama, Transport Specialist, CWRD
- 1430-1515           Traffic demand model for corridor projects in CAREC  
                  Dr. Hironori Kato, University of Tokyo and Mr. Satoshi Tanabe, PADECO
- 1515-1530           Coffee break
- 1530-1630           Prioritizing investment needs: Multi-criteria analysis  
                  Mr. Jurgen Sluijter, Transport Economist, EATC, ADB
- 1630-1640           Video message: Toward evidence-based decision-making for railway projects  
                  Dr. Naoyuki Yoshino, Dean, Asian Development Bank Institute (ADBI)
- 1640                   Move to the hotel
- 1830-2030           Dinner: Anantara Siam Bangkok Hotel, Room Montathip 3  
                  (Hosted by ADB)

## Day 2 (19 April)

- 0800 Participants to leave the hotel by bus to the UNESCAP building, guided by ADB staff
- 0900-0930 **Reflection of Day 1**
- 0930 **Session 4: Focus on Soft Components (commercial capabilities, legal and regulatory frameworks)**  
*RWG is to discuss and agree on key actions on soft components (i.e., Development of robust commercial capabilities, improvement of legal and regulatory frameworks, etc.).*
- Moderator: Mr. Tyrrell Duncan, Technical Advisor, ADB
- 0930-1000 Introductory presentation: CAREC soft strategic initiatives  
Mr. John Winner, Railway Policy Consultant
- 1000-1030 Discussion Case Study: Integrated logistics service  
Mr. Oleg Samukhin, Transport Specialist, CWRD, ADB
- 1030-1045 Coffee break  
Video by UIC
- 1045-1115 CAREC CPMM: Monitoring of CAREC corridors—lessons for cross-border transport improvement  
Mr. Jeff Procak, Regional Cooperation Specialist, EARD, ADB
- 1115-1130 Discussion: Improving speed of freight train  
Mr. Oleg Samukhin, Transport Specialist, CWRD, ADB
- 1130-1200 Improving multimodality to make rail a mode or choice  
Ms. Irina Petrunina, Representative, Asia-Pacific in CIS countries, UIC
- 1200-1230 Wrap-up of Session 4: Discussion on the Result-based framework
- 1230-1400 **Lunch (UNESCAP cafeteria)**
- 1400-1515 **Session 5: Wrap-up session**  
*RWG is to discuss and agree on the overall action plan, which is indicated in the results-based framework of the CAREC railway strategy.*
- Moderator: Ms. Xiaohong Yang, Director, CWRD, ADB  
Rapporteurs: Mr. Takeshi Fukayama, Transport Specialist, CWRD, ADB  
Mr. Jurgen Sluiter, Transport Economist, EARD, ADB
- 1515-1530 **Closing Remarks**  
Mr. Tyrrell Duncan, Technical Advisor, ADB  
Mr. Li-Yuwei, Director, Transport Division, UNESCAP  
Mr. Anjum Pervaiz, Adviser, Ministry of Railways, Pakistan

1530-1545

Coffee

1545-1645

Move to the hotel

1830-2030

Dinner: Anantara Siam Bangkok Hotel, Room Montathip 1  
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