



Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation Program

**15th MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE
ON CENTRAL ASIA REGIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION**

25–26 October 2016
Islamabad, Pakistan

AGENDA

“Linking Connectivity with Economic Transformation in CAREC”

26 October 2016

CAREC MINISTERIAL MEETING

0800–0830 **Registration**

0900–1300 **CAREC Ministerial Meeting**

Venue: Serena Hotel

- *Inaugural Session–Shamadan Hall*
- *Business Session–Sheesh Mahal Ballrooms*

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 of partner multilateral institutions: Asian Development Bank (ADB), International Monetary Fund (IMF), Islamic Development Bank (IsDB), United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), and the World Bank (WB); representatives from the Government of Georgia; representatives from CAREC Institute, CAREC Federation of Carrier and Forwarder Associations, Department for International Development, Japan Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Japan International Cooperation Agency, U.S. Department of State, United States Agency for International Development, and World Trade Organization.

Mr. Mohammad Ishaq Dar
Minister for Finance, Revenue, Economic Affairs, Statistics &
Privatization, ADB Governor for the Islamic Republic of Pakistan
Chair of the Ministerial Meeting

To be assisted by the CAREC Secretariat:
Mr. Wencai Zhang
Vice President, ADB

0900–0945	Session 1: Inaugural Session
0900–0905	Recitation of the Holy Quran
0905–0915	Welcome Address: Mr. Mohammad Ishaq Dar Minister for Finance, Revenue, Economic Affairs, Statistics & Privatization, ADB Governor for the Islamic Republic of Pakistan Chair of the Ministerial Meeting
0915–0930	Special Address: Mr. Takehiko Nakao President, ADB
0930–0945	Keynote Address: His Excellency Muhammad Nawaz Sharif Prime Minister of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan
<i>0945–1030</i>	<i>Group Photo followed by Coffee/Tea Break</i>
1030–1100	Session 2: Special Session on Global and Regional Economic Outlook <i>IMF representative will present the global economic outlook and its implications on the CAREC countries. Participants may then give their views and insights in this regard.</i> Presentation by the IMF
1100–1150	Session 3: Views of the CAREC Ministers on the Report of the Senior Officials' Meeting (SOM) <i>SOM Chair will present the Report of the SOM and CAREC Ministers will consider the Report and give their views and guidance.</i>
1150–1230	Session 4: Views of CAREC Multilateral Institution (MI) Partners and Bilateral Donor Agencies <i>Each CAREC MI Partner and bilateral donor agency representative will give a brief statement in response to the Report of the SOM.</i>
1230–1245	Session 5: Consideration of the Joint Ministerial Statement <i>CAREC Ministers will consider the draft Joint Ministerial Statement with a view to finalizing and endorsing. Upon endorsement, a representative from the Government of Georgia will make a statement as a new CAREC member.</i>
1245–1300	Session 6: Closing Closing Remarks Mr. Mohammad Ishaq Dar Minister for Finance, Revenue, Economic Affairs, Statistics & Privatization, ADB Governor for the Islamic Republic of Pakistan Chair of the Ministerial Meeting

1300–1400

Lunch Hosted by the Asian Development Bank

Venue: Kehkashan Rooms 1 & 2, Serena Hotel

1830–2230

**Dinner Reception, Visit of Art Gallery and Cultural Show
Hosted by the Government of Pakistan**

Venue: Pakistan National Council of the Arts