

Almaty-Bishkek Economic Corridor (ABEC)

Formulating the *Implementation Plan*

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IP: From ABCI to the ABEC

- **ABCI: *Conceptual Development Plan.***
 - Develop macro level development vision, opportunities and challenges for corridor development;
 - Develop a Strategic Framework for corridor development, outlining priority sectors, big picture, and potential policy and capacity areas;
 - Take stock of infrastructure, industries and policies relevant to the identified sectors;
 - Stocktaking of each country for selected sectors and potential for sector integration;
 - Identify preliminary actions – policies, projects, institutions

IP: Regional Development Plan

- Micro-level assessment of policy barriers and gaps to integration in priority sectors;
- Assessment of locational impact of increased integration by sectors, and of impact on trade – bilateral, in region and rest of world;
- Develop integrated matrix of priority policy actions by national and provincial governments; sequencing;
- Develop integrated matrix of sector investment projects; sequencing;
- Undertake resource mobilization, partnerships, dissemination/marketing;
- Organizational and institutional arrangements.

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- High-level endorsement and commitment to ABEC to strengthen JSC processes;
- Sector-level discussion and negotiation on integrated policy matrix;
- Government (national, regional) and sector-level discussion and negotiation on integrated investment program;
- Need for smaller sector and province-level groups under JSC to discuss and negotiate;
- Additional technical analysis by ADB on policy reforms and design, content and costing of investments projects;
- Negotiation by JSC on organizational and governance of ABEC to start;
- Dissemination, marketing activities