

# **Almaty-Bishkek Economic Corridor (ABEC)**

**FROM ABCI TO ABEC:  
Introduction to the SPM**

**STRATEGIC PLANNING MEETING**  
Kuala Lumpur  
1-2 March 2017

# The Starting Line...

- Fourth JWG and SC meetings Sep 26-28, Almaty
- Endorsed the ABCI IF; 15<sup>th</sup> CAREC MC
- Prioritized a select list of projects and initiatives for early implementation; part of SPM agenda
- Requested a detailed Implementation Plan
- Institutionalize development of A-B Corridor

# SPM Objectives

- ***Strategic direction***
  - Implementation Plan*: agree on work plan and responsibilities across the teams from the two countries and cities, supported by the ADB, for developing the *Implementation Plan*;
  - Conceptualize the preliminary design for the institutional arrangements for managing and implementing ABEC development
- ***Priority areas and projects***
  - Agree on work plan and responsibilities for investment projects, supporting policy and regulatory reforms in areas already prioritized: agribusiness and tourism
  - Identify further priority areas for policy reforms and investment projects, based on the IF: transport, tertiary education, tertiary health