



Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation Program

**16th MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE
ON CENTRAL ASIA REGIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION
Dushanbe, Tajikistan; 27 October 2017**

AGENDA

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CAREC MINISTERIAL MEETING

“Theme: CAREC 2030: Connecting the Region for Shared and Sustainable Development”

0700–0745 Registration

**0900–1615 CAREC Ministerial Meeting
Venue: *Kokhi Navruz***

Participants: CAREC Senior Officials from Afghanistan, Azerbaijan, the People’s Republic of China, Georgia, Kazakhstan, the Kyrgyz Republic, Mongolia, Pakistan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan; and representatives of partner multilateral institutions: Asian Development Bank (ADB), European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD), International Monetary Fund (IMF), Islamic Development Bank (IsDB), United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), and the World Bank (WB); representatives from Asian Development Bank Institute, Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB), CAREC Institute, Department for International Development (DfID), Eurasian Development Bank, European Commission, European Union, German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), German Society for International Cooperation (GIZ), Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), Japan Ministry of Foreign Affairs, United States Agency for International Development (USAID), US State Department, and World Trade Organization (WTO).

Mr. Nematullo Hikmatullozoda
Minister of Economic Development and Trade
Alternate Governor for Republic of Tajikistan in the ADB
CAREC National Focal Point
Chair of the Ministerial Meeting

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

0900–0930 Inaugural Session

- 0900–0905 **Welcome Address**
Mr. Nematullo Hikmatullozoda
Minister of Economic Development and Trade
- 0905–0920 **Keynote Address**
His Excellency Emomali Rahmon
President
Republic of Tajikistan
- 0920–0930 **Special Address**
Mr. Takehiko Nakao
President, ADB
- 0930–1000 *Group Photo followed by Coffee/Tea Break*
- 1000–1230 Roundtable Discussion**
The New CAREC: An Open and Inclusive Platform to Connect People, Policies and Projects
- 1000–1020 *ADB Chief Economist will set the context of CAREC 2030 by presenting the global and regional economic outlook and its implications on the CAREC countries*
- 1020–1030 *CAREC Secretariat will report progress and request endorsement of the CAREC 2030 Long-Term Strategic Framework*
- 1030–1230 *CAREC Ministers will provide a brief statement (4 min. per country) with a view to endorsing the new CAREC strategic framework. Other participants may also provide their views and insights*
- 1230–1400 Lunch**
Hosted by the Asian Development Bank
Venue: Hyatt Regency Ballroom
- 1400–1545 Panel Discussion**
Regional Approaches on SDGs and COP21 Climate Agreement in CAREC Countries
- All CAREC countries are signatories to the 2030 global development agenda. This session will discuss how CAREC can help member countries achieve the SDGs and COP21 climate targets by promoting regional initiatives and concerted approaches that complement national actions.*
- High Level Panel Discussion**
Moderator: Mr. Sean O’ Sullivan, Director General, Central and West Asia Department, ADB
- Panelists:
- Mr. Nematullo Hikmatullozoda, Minister of Economic Development and Trade, Republic of Tajikistan
 - Mr. Wencai Zhang, Vice President, ADB

- Mr. Luky Eko Waryanto, Vice President and Chief Administration Officer, AIIB
- Ms. Natalia Khanjenkova, Managing Director for Central Asia and Russia, EBRD
- Mr. Robert Saum, Director, Regional Integration and Partnerships, South Asia Region, World Bank
- Dr. Pratibha Mehta, UN Resident Coordinator/UNDP Resident Representative, Tajikistan

The moderator will deliver short remarks to introduce the theme of the open forum. Panelists will provide their views and insights, followed by an interactive session with the audience and subsequent questions to the panelists.

1545–1600

Consideration of the Dushanbe Declaration

CAREC Ministers will consider the draft Dushanbe Declaration with a view to endorsing

1600–1615

Closing Session

Closing Remarks

Mr. Nematullo Hikmatullozoda
Chair of the Ministerial Meeting

1830–2030

Dinner Reception

Hosted by the Government of Tajikistan
Venue: Kokhi Navruz