



CAREC SENIOR OFFICIALS' MEETING
20–21 June 2017
Tbilisi, Georgia

AGENDA

Day 1, Tuesday, 20 June 2017

0830–0900 Registration

0900–1715 CAREC Senior Officials' Meeting (SOM)
Venue: Iveria Ballroom 1–3, Radisson Blu Iveria Hotel

Chair:

Ms. Gulru Kayumova
Deputy Minister
Ministry of Economic Development and Trade
Tajikistan

To be assisted by the CAREC Secretariat:

Mr. Sean O' Sullivan
Director General, Central and West Asia Department (CWRD), ADB

Mr. Ayumi Konishi
Director General, East Asia Department (EARD), ADB

Participants: CAREC country delegations; and representatives of partner multilateral institutions: ADB, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, International Monetary Fund, Islamic Development Bank, United Nations Development Programme, and The World Bank.

0900–0920 Opening

Welcome Remarks

Mr. Genadi Arveladze
Deputy Minister
Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development
CAREC National Focal Point (NFP) for Georgia

Opening Remarks

Ms. Gulru Kayumova
Deputy Minister
Ministry of Economic Development and Trade
Tajikistan

Introduction of the Agenda

0920–1050	<p>Session 1: CAREC Long-Term Strategy <i>The CAREC Secretariat will present the progress made to date and seek further guidance from the Senior Officials.</i></p> <p>Presentation and Discussion</p>
1050–1115	<i>Group photo/Coffee break</i>
1115–1200	<p>Session 1: CAREC Long-Term Strategy (continued)</p> <p>Discussion</p>
1200–1400	<p>Lunch Reception hosted by the Asian Development Bank <i>Venue: Filini Restaurant, 1st floor, Radisson Blu Iveria Hotel</i></p>
1400–1445	<p>Session 2: CAREC Sectors of Cooperation – Recent Developments and Key Issues <i>Updates and key issues in the four priority sectors of CAREC (transport, energy, trade facilitation, and trade policy) will be presented. This will be followed by discussion of the Senior Officials.</i></p> <p><u>Presentation and Discussion on Transport</u> including <i>preparation of the Scoping Study "Toward Connected Skies in CAREC"</i></p>
1445–1530	<u>Presentation and Discussion on Trade Facilitation</u> including <i>highlights of the 2016 CPMM Annual Report</i>
1530–1545	<i>Coffee break</i>
1545–1630	<p>Session 2: CAREC Sectors of Cooperation – Recent Developments and Key Issues (continued)</p> <p><u>Presentation and Discussion on Energy</u> including <i>the Energy Investment Forum to be held in conjunction with the Astana Expo 2017 and the CAREC New Technology Roadmap</i></p>
1630–1715	<u>Presentation and Discussion on Trade Policy</u> including <i>development of the post-2017 TPCC agenda</i>
1830–2030	<p>Welcome Dinner hosted by the Government of Georgia <i>Venue: Guramishvili's Marani, Saguramo, Georgia</i></p>

Day 2, Wednesday, 21 June 2017

0900–1215 CAREC Senior Officials' Meeting (SOM)
Venue: Iveria Ballroom 1–3, Radisson Blu Iveria Hotel

0900-0945 **Session 3: CAREC Institute – Salient features of 2017 Work Program, Update on IGA Effectiveness and Think Tanks Forum**
The CAREC Institute will present the highlights of the 2017 work program and preparation of the Inter-Governmental Agreement (IGA) Effectiveness Celebration and Second CAREC Think Tanks Development Forum to be held on 5-6 September 2017 in Urumqi, Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region, PRC. This will be followed by discussion of the Senior Officials including update of the IGA signing and ratification progress by each country.

Presentation and Discussion

0945–1030 **Session 4: Structure and Theme of the 16th CAREC Ministerial Conference**
The TAJ delegation will present the structure and theme of the 16th CAREC Ministerial Conference, including expected deliverables

Presentation and Discussion

1030–1045 **Session 5: Other Matters**

1045–1115 *Coffee Break*

1115–1200 **Session 6: Summary of Proceedings**

1200–1215 **Wrap-Up and Closing**

1215–1330 **Lunch**
Venue: Filini Restaurant, 1st floor, Radisson Blu Iveria Hotel