

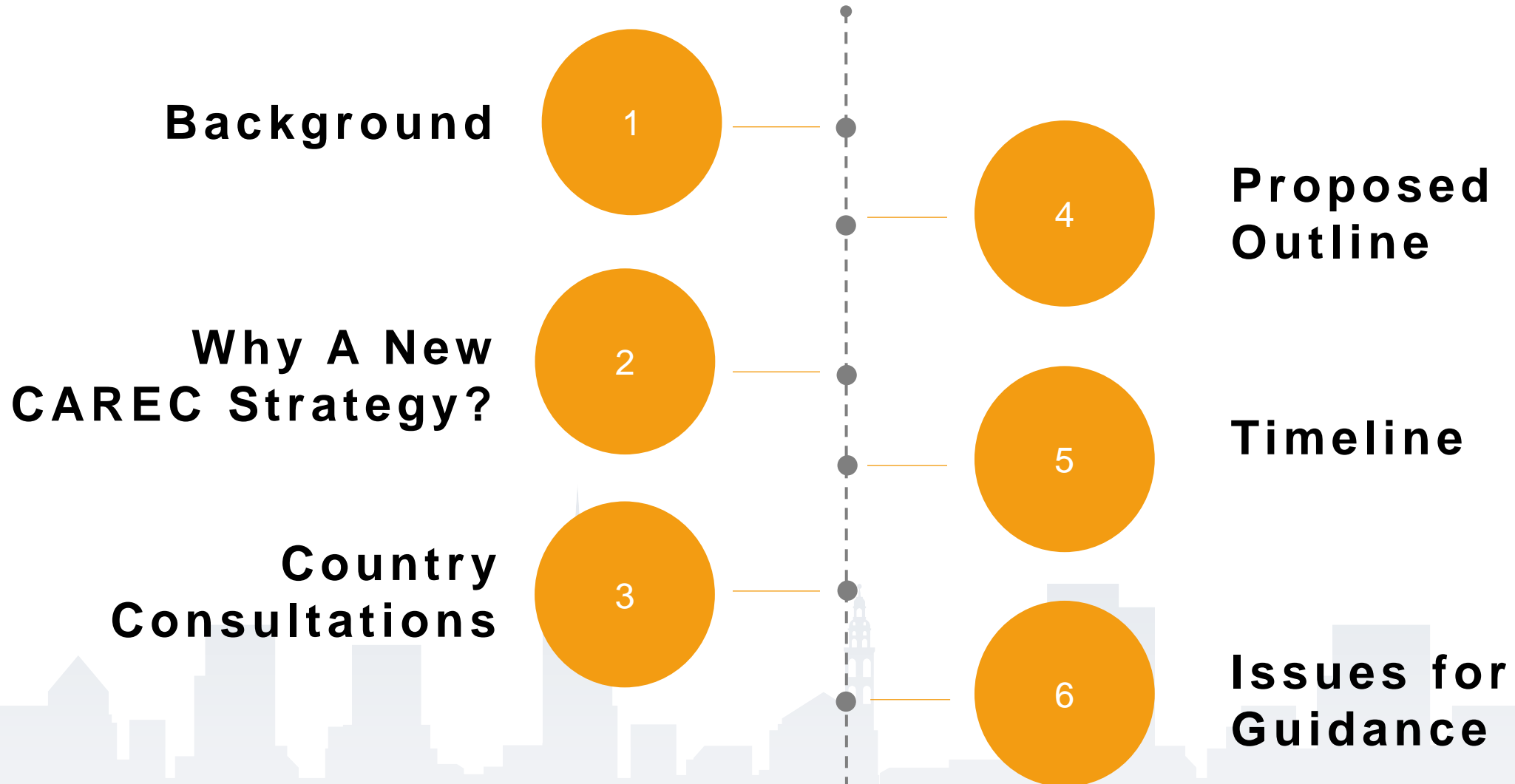


# CAREC 2030 Strategy

*--Connecting People, Policies and  
Projects for Shared Development*

Proposed Outline

# Presentation Topics





## **15<sup>th</sup> CAREC Ministerial Conference**

- Endorsed the mid-term review report of CAREC Strategy 2020
- Tasked the CAREC Secretariat to prepare a new strategy

## **MTR recognized the need to review:**

- CAREC's strategic coherence
- CAREC program's relevance

## **MTR recommended to:**

- Complete the CAREC 2020 agenda
- Revisit CAREC's objectives
- Broaden the CAREC agenda
- Prepare a new long-term strategy

# Motivations for Preparing a New CAREEC Strategy

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NEW  
DEVELOPMENT  
GOALS

SDG & COP21

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MACROECONOMI  
C CONTEXT

THE NEED TO  
PROMOTE REFORMS  
AND STRENGTHEN  
POLICY DIALOGUE

3

EXTERNAL  
TRADE  
ENVIRONMENT

GLOBAL AND  
REGIONAL TRADE IN  
THE CHANGING  
GLOBAL CONTEXT

4

NEW  
REGIONAL  
PLAYERS

NEW REGIONAL  
FRAMEWORK AND  
MULTILATERAL  
INITIATIVES

# Country Consultations

Fully Consultative and Participatory Process



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Countries

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350

Key stakeholders

- Government Agencies
- Multilateral and bilateral development partners
- Think tanks and civil society
- Private sector and business associations

# CAREC 2030's Driving Principles

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**Aligning** with national strategies and supporting SDGs and COP21



Maintaining CAREC's **honest broker role** and informal nature



**Staying focused** in **selective expansion** of operational priorities



Integrating the role of the **private sector** and **civil society**



Developing **knowledge services** and **policy dialogue** as a key pillar of CAREC support



CAREC as an **open, inclusive platform**

## Proposed CAREEC Mission

CAREEC 2030: *“A Regional Cooperation Platform to Connect People, Policies and Projects for Shared and Sustainable Development”*



# CAREC 2030's Operational Priorities



**Economic and Financial  
Stability Cluster**



**Trade, Investment,  
Economic Corridors and  
Tourism Cluster**



**Infrastructure and  
Economic Connectivity  
Cluster**



**Agriculture and Water  
Cluster**



**Social Services  
Cluster**



# CAREC 2030's Operational Priorities

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## Economic and Financial Stability Cluster

### **Economic and Financial Stability**

- Regional learning and knowledge sharing on economic and financial stability, with focus on sector linkages and policy responses
- Financial and monetary cooperation
  - ✓ Information exchange forum among central banks & capital market regulators
  - ✓ Developing common approaches to international standards, leading to eventual cross-listing of securities

# CAREC 2030's Operational Priorities



Trade,  
Investment,  
Economic  
Corridors,  
and Tourism  
Cluster

## Trade Facilitation and Trade Policy

- Support for WTO TFA
- Single window and coordinated border management
- Mitigating non-tariff barriers: SPS&TBT
- Trade in services (e-commerce, etc.)
- Regional trade agreements

## Investment

- A sound investment climate and stronger cross-border investment
- Economic diversification through increased private sector participation

## Economic Corridors

- Regional and global value chains
- Complete the ABEC
- Lesson learning for possible extension of corridor development
- Supportive urban policies and programs

## Tourism

- Promoting people-to-people contact
- Community-based, eco-, and urban-tourism
- Harmonization of visa regimes

# CAREC 2030's Operational Priorities



Infrastructure  
and Economic  
Connectivity  
Cluster

## Transport

- Multimodal and sustainable transportation systems
- Railway management and improving railway infrastructure
- Liberalization of civil aviation and open-skies agreements
- Dry ports to facilitate transport in landlocked countries
- Road safety and road asset management

## Energy

- Clean & renewable energy by leapfrogging technologies to curb carbon emission; consider emission trading systems
- Integrating energy markets through TUTAP, TAP and TAPI

# CAREC 2030's Operational Priorities

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## Agriculture and Water Cluster

### **Agriculture**

- Food safety
- Agricultural value chains
- Regional knowledge sharing on adaptation and agricultural technologies
- Conservation of bio-resources through cross-country ecosystem

### **Water Management**

- Address water scarcity, water productivity, water efficiency, and transboundary water resource management
- “Early harvest” areas could include irrigation efficiency, flood risk management and water contamination reduction

# CAREC 2030's Operational Priorities

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## Social Services Cluster

### **Education**

- Integrated labor market information system development
- Cross-border higher education and TVET program offerings
- Mutual recognition of skills and qualifications

### **Health**

- Communicable diseases control and pandemic risk management
- Health-related surveillance systems
- Cross-learning in prevention and treatment protocols

# Refined Institutional Framework

## Operational Priorities

- Economic and financial stability
- Trade, investment, economic corridors, and tourism
- Infrastructure and economic connectivity
- Agriculture and water
- Social services

### CAREC Secretariat

Coordination and Support

### Ministerial Conference

- Policy and strategic dialogue
- Decision body

### Senior Officials' Meeting

- Projects / initiatives approval, and coordination
- Oversight and approval authority

### Coordinating Committees and Sub-Committees

Ad-hoc expert groups

### Development Partners

Technical assistance and financing support

### CAREC Institute

Knowledge Support

# Results and Resources

## Results Framework

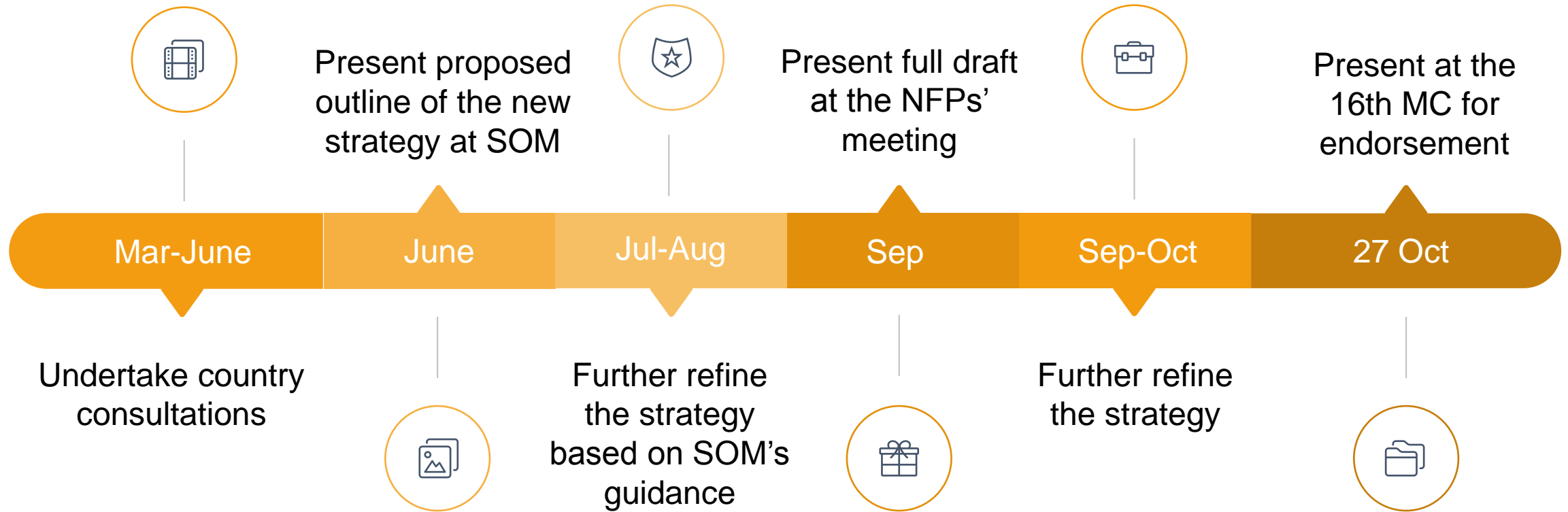
- **Monitoring** and performance **evaluation**
- An **implementation plan** to operationalize the new strategy

## Greater Resources

- ✓ Strengthen **CAREC Secretariat** in staffing and human resources
- ✓ Enhance **development partners'** operational and financing support
- ✓ Seek greater **private sector** financing
- ✓ Increased contribution from **member countries** to support expanded operations and activities



# Timeline



# Issues For Guidance

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**CAREC's Vision and Mission**



**Role of Development Partners**



**Operational Clusters and Areas of Focus**



**Coordination with other regional cooperation bodies**



**Refined Institutional Arrangements**

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