



**CAREC SENIOR OFFICIALS' MEETING
27–28 June 2018
Bangkok, Thailand**

AGENDA

Day 1, Wednesday, 27 June 2018

0830–0900 Registration

0900–1700 CAREC Senior Officials' Meeting (SOM)
Venue: 1st Floor Ballroom, Anantara Siam Bangkok Hotel

Chair:

Mr. Ezizgeldi Annamuhammedov
Deputy Minister of Finance and Economy
Turkmenistan

To be assisted by the CAREC Secretariat:

Mr. Werner Liepach
Director General, Central and West Asia Department (CWRD), ADB

Ms. M. Teresa Kho
Deputy Director General, East Asia Regional Department (EARD), ADB

Mr. Hong Wei
Deputy Director General, CWRD, ADB

Participants: CAREC country delegations and representatives of development partner institutions.

0900–0910 Opening Remarks
Mr. Ezizgeldi Annamuhammedov
Deputy Minister of Finance and Economy
Turkmenistan

0910–0920 Introduction of the Agenda
Mr. Werner Liepach
Director General, CWRD, ADB

0920–1000 Session 1: CAREC 2030 Moving Forward: General Overview
The CAREC Secretariat will present the overall progress made to date in the implementation of the CAREC 2030 strategy since its endorsement last year at the 16th CAREC Ministerial Conference.

Presentation

1000–1045

Session 2: Advancing Cooperation in CAREC Operational Cluster 1

The IMF will present the initial thinking in advancing cooperation under Operational Cluster 1: Macroeconomic and financial stability. This will be followed by discussion of the Senior Officials.

Presentation and Discussion

1045–1115

Group photo/Coffee break

1115–1200

Session 3: Advancing Cooperation in CAREC Transport and Energy Sectors

Progress updates, key issues, and work program for 2018 will be presented in various areas of cooperation under CAREC 2030. This will be followed by discussion of the Senior Officials.

Transport including highlights from the 4th Road Safety Workshop and progress on transport priority areas such as railways, road asset management, aviation, and cross-border transport and logistics.

Presentation and Discussion

1200–1400

Lunch Reception hosted by the Asian Development Bank
Venue: Montathip1, 1st Floor, Anantara Siam Bangkok Hotel (tbc)

1400–1445

Session 3: Advancing Cooperation in CAREC Transport and Energy Sectors (continued)

Energy including progress on the development of the CAREC High Technology Roadmap and the 3rd Energy Investment Forum to be held in September in Georgia.

Presentation and Discussion

1445–1530

Session 4: CAREC Integrated Trade Agenda (CITA) 2030

The session will discuss the working paper on the CITA 2030 including its embedded 3-year Rolling Strategic Action Plan (RSAP) 2018-2020 which incorporates outcomes of stakeholders consultations held with government agencies, development partners and the private sector. The SOM will be also apprised on the agreements reached on the terms of reference of the Regional Trade Group (RTG) at its inaugural meeting. Senior Officials will provide further guidance on the way forward.

Presentation and Discussion

1530–1545

Coffee break

1545–1630

Session 4: CAREC Integrated Trade Agenda (CITA) 2030 (continued)

Discussion

1630–1700 **Wrap up of Day 1**

Day 2, Thursday, 28 June 2018

0900–1200 **CAREC Senior Officials' Meeting (SOM)**
Venue: 1st Floor Ballroom, Anantara Siam Bangkok Hotel

0900–1000 **Session 5: Advancing Cooperation in CAREC Trade Sector**
Trade including progress made in customs cooperation, integrated trade facilitation, implementation of the World Trade Organization-Trade Facilitation Agreement, results of the Regional Sanitary and Phytosanitary Workshop, highlights of the Regional Trade Group inaugural meeting, and the proposed regional initiative to set up a CAREC Food Safety Network.

Presentations and Discussion

1000–1030 *Results Framework, including progress made on the development of results framework in transport and trade to be better aligned with CAREC 2030.*

Presentation and Discussion

1030–1045 *Coffee Break*

1045–1130 **Session 6: Theme and Structure of the 17th CAREC Ministerial Conference**
The CAREC Secretariat will present the theme, structure of the 17th CAREC Ministerial Conference, including expected deliverables. The TKM delegation will present on the preparations for the 17th CAREC Ministerial Conference.

Presentation and Discussion

1130–1150 **Session 7: Other Matters**

1150–1200 **Wrap-Up and Closing**

1200–1400 **Lunch**
Venue: Montathip 1, 1st Floor, Anantara Siam Bangkok Hotel