



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: Anantara Siam Bangkok Hotel (ballroom tbc)

Chair:

Mr. Batyr Bazarov (tbc)
Minister
Ministry of Finance and Economics
Turkmenistan

To be assisted by the CAREC Secretariat:

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

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

0900–0910 **Opening Remarks**
Mr. Batyr Bazarov
Minister
Ministry of Finance and Economic
CAREC National Focal Point (NFP) for 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 and Discussion

1000–1030 **Session 2: CAREC Integrated Trade Agenda (CITA) 2030**
The session will present the progress made on the formulation of the CITA

2030, including regional consultations held with government agencies and the private sector, and will seek further guidance from the Senior Officials.

Presentation

1030–1100 *Group photo/Coffee break*

1100–1200 **Session 2: CAREC Integrated Trade Agenda (continued)**

Discussion

1200–1400 **Lunch Reception** hosted by the Asian Development Bank
Venue: Anantara Siam Bangkok Hotel (tbc)

1400–1430 **Session 3: Advancing Cooperation in CAREC Operational Areas**

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.

1430–1515 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.

1515–1530 *Coffee break*

1530–1615 **Session 3: Advancing Cooperation in CAREC Operational Areas (continued)**

Trade including assessment of countries' readiness to implement the WTO-TFA, and pilot launch of the CAREC Advance Transit System and Customs Information Common Exchange.

1615–1645 Results Framework, including initial work on the development of a transport results framework aligned with CAREC 2030 which can serve as a reference model for other operational areas.

1645–1700 **Wrap up Day 1**

1830–2030 **Welcome Dinner** hosted by the Asian Development Bank
Venue: Anantara Siam Bangkok Hotel (tbc)

Day 2, Thursday, 28 June 2018

0900–1200 **CAREC Senior Officials' Meeting (SOM)**
Venue: Anantara Siam Bangkok Hotel (ballroom tbc)

0900-0945 **Session 4: 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

0945–1030 **Session 5: CAREC Food Safety Network**
The ADB will introduce the proposed regional initiative to set up a CAREC food safety network to support harmonization of standards, technical regulations, and sharing of information to build capacity in food inspection and certification.

Presentation and Discussion

1030–1100 *Coffee Break*

1100–1130 **Session 6: Structure and Theme of the 17th CAREC Ministerial Conference**
The TKM delegation will present the structure and theme of the 17th CAREC Ministerial Conference, including expected deliverables.

Presentation and Discussion

1130–1145 **Session 7: Other Matters**

1145–1200 **Wrap-Up and Closing**

1200–1330 **Lunch**
Venue: Anantara Siam Bangkok Hotel (tbc)