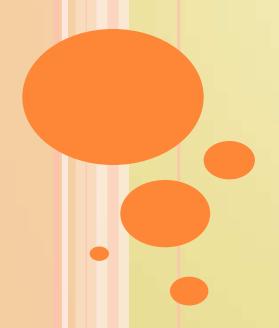
CAREC THINK TANKS FORUM AND NETWORK (CTTN): WAY FORWARD





3rd CAREC Think Tanks Development Forum 17-18 July 2018 Bishkek, Kyrgyz Republic

WHY A REGIONAL NETWORK

A NORMATIVE FRAMEWORK

Reduce duplication of effort in research

Multidisciplinary, cross-sector and crossnational collaboration

Challenges complex and interdependent

Over 500 think tanks in the CAREC region

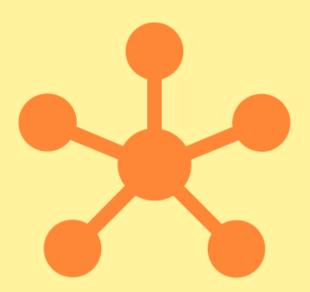
Bilateral collaboration between individual think tanks

Absence of region-wide collaboration

WHY A REGIONAL NETWORK - A PURPOSE BUILT POLICY COMMUNITY

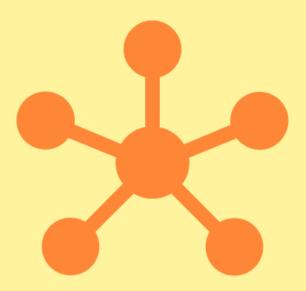
The core value of CTTN is regionalism and promotion of regional policy agenda

- Acting collectively as a Policy Community
- Acting collectively as Policy 'Advocacy Coalition'
- Informing policy action through research and data exerting policy influence (nationally- regionally)



WHY A NETWORK - RATIONAL CHOICE

- Access to sources of Data, Information and Knowledge
- Organizational Projection from national to regional to global
- Organizational Influence from national to regional to global

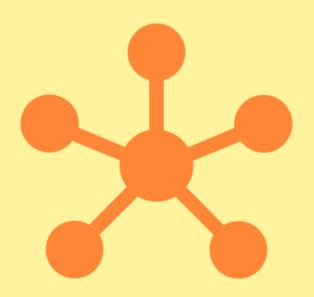


ESTABLISHING CAREC THINK TANKS NETWORK (CTTN)

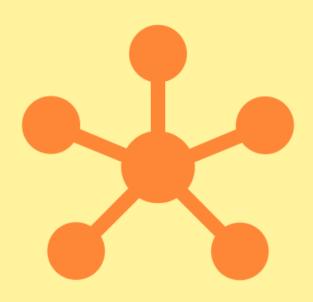
Urumqi Declaration – September 2017

27 Think Tanks participating in the 2nd CAREC Think Tanks Development Forum 2017 declared establishment of CAREC Think Tanks Network (CTTN) to:

"Analyze and effectively provide innovative solutions for promoting economic cooperation by recognizing the importance of developing regional perspectives on emerging issues and challenges facing member countries"

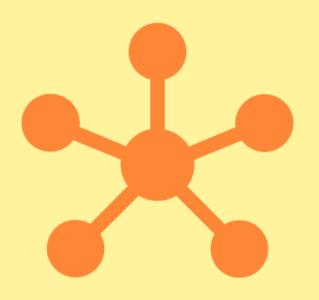


DEFINING CTTN



CTTN is a regional network of research institutes in the CAREC region to promote regionalism through sharing of ideas, data, information and joint research.

ADDED VALUE FOR THE REGIONAL NETWORK



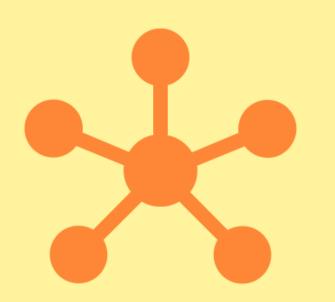
Adapt to the fastchanging regional context Bring together capacity on priority topics and move on new topics

Regionalism

Support learning and innovation by bringing new talent and resources together

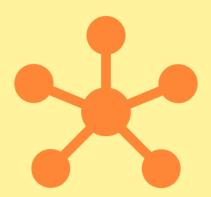
Cross fertilization of ideas

CTTN: OBJECTIVES



Think Tanks Network to promote regional economic cooperation and integration

- Enhance systemic regional knowledge sharing and integration
- Foster Policy research and knowledge solutions to support governments
- Enable better policy advice and fill gap between research and policy
- Enhance collective intelligence to consolidate development resources for effective cooperation, better services and improved performance



CTTN: Scope of Activities

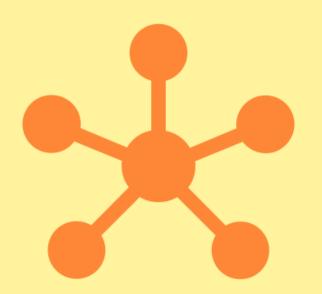
Research
Capacity Building
Knowledge Sharing
Cooperation and
Collaboration

CAREC 2030 Priority Clusters

- Macroeconomic and Financial Stability
- Trade, Investment, Economic Corridors and Tourism
- Infrastructure and Economic Connectivity
- Agriculture and Water
- Social Services (education and health)

Regionalism Centrality

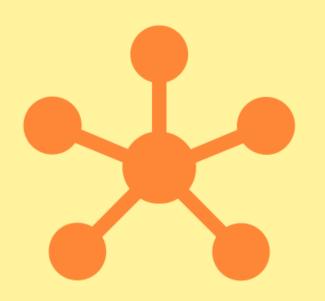
The CTTN will facilitate flow of data, information and knowledge through demand-led KM activities in 4 main application areas:



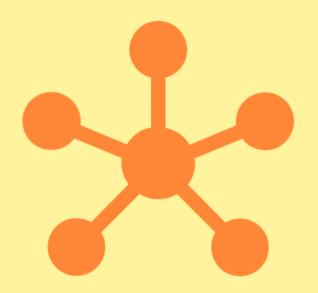
1. Data and Information Management

Data and Information Management activities providing online access to data, research publications, expert and project information, and news and events using a web portal with advanced search and navigation tools.

2. Policy Development / Project Management (Research)



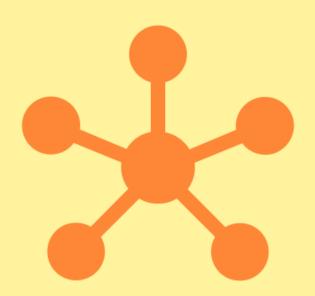
In this area activities will range from support in policy planning and project management to providing research overviews and tools for planning.



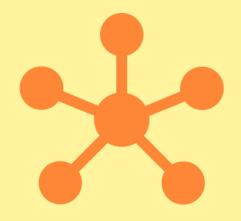
3. Collaboration and Networking

Activities will include support for collaboration and networking through a social web portal for online group work and discussions next to the traditional networking.

4. Learning and Innovation



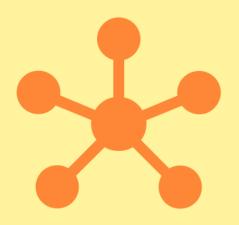
In this area the activities will facilitate online and face-to-face knowledge sharing and learning, and foster new ideas, research and solutions.



CTTN THE NETWORK

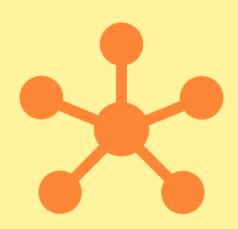
- A membership-based Network
- For Think Tanks
- Non-binding
- No liability

GENERAL BODY



- Highest platform for deliberation, resolutions and decision-making
- Comprises all members of the Network
- Will meet at least once a year Annual Forum

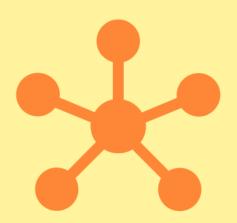
ADVISORY PANEL



Expected Role of the Panel

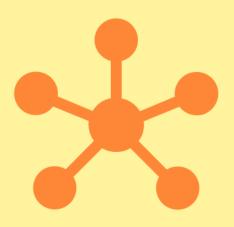
- Provide leadership
- Support in developing governance framework and effective organizational structure of the CTTN;
- Provide insights and ideas about pressing regional issues;
- Advise on finding innovative solutions for promoting regional economic cooperation
- Provide vision for selecting topics for research grants, and themes and content of annual development forum;
- Encourage and support the exploration of new ideas generating opportunities for regional cooperation;
- Work with CTTN secretariat for institutional strengthening of member think tanks; and
- Advise on devising strategies for collaborative research and capacity building initiatives focusing on regional needs and priorities

ADVISORY PANEL PROPOSED STRUCTURE



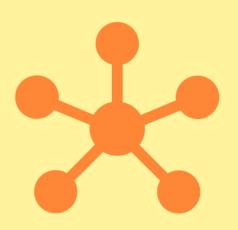
- Membership: (14 members)— one member from each country plus CI Director, Secretary of the Secretariat and Chair of the Advisory Panel as members – three years
- o Duration: 3 Years
- Chair: an accomplished and eminent person from CAREC member country with demonstrated experience in strategic thinking, leadership, regional or international experience.
- Meetings: the panel will meet annually through in-person participation or using other inter-net based means depending on the situation

SECRETARIAT



- CI will serve as the permanent secretariat of the CTTN.
- Responsible for day-to-day management of the CTTN arranging meetings, workshops, and the Annual Forum; implementing resolutions and decisions of the Forum; and raising and managing funds for CTTN;
- Secretariat will be headed by a Secretary, nominated by CI among its officials who will be responsible to the CTTN.

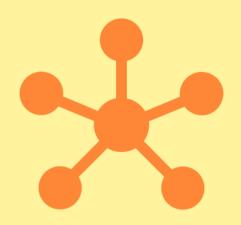
EXPECTED ENGAGEMENT OF MEMBERS



How to Engage

- Active participation in the Network
- Contribute with ideas, data, information and knowledge
- Mutual Support

CI SUPPORT TO CTTN



Proposed Support

- Research Grants
- Call for proposals
- Collaboration for Regional Integration Index

CTTN: GOING FORWARD

Activity	Timeline
Membership Form	Q4 2018
CTTN Website & Blog	Q4 2018
Advisory Panel Meeting	Q4 2018
Research Grant	Q1 2019
Call for Proposals	Q1 2019
4 th Think Tanks Forum	Q3 2019



Next Forum Venue