



**18th MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE
ON CENTRAL ASIA REGIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION
Tashkent, Uzbekistan**

AGENDA

14 November 2019

CAREC MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE

“A New CAREC – Expanding Horizons of Regional Cooperation”

0800–0845 Registration

**0900–1645 CAREC Ministerial Meeting
Venue: Regency Ballroom, Hyatt Regency Tashkent**

Participants: CAREC senior officials from Afghanistan, Azerbaijan, the People’s Republic of China, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Mongolia, Pakistan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan; and representatives from: Asian Development Bank (ADB), Agence Française de Développement (AFD), Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB), CAREC Federation of International Logistics and Commerce Associations (CFILCA), CAREC Institute, Department for International Development (DFID), Eurasian Fund for Stabilization and Development (EFSD), European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD), European Union (EU), International Monetary Fund (IMF), Islamic Development Bank (IsDB), Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), Japan Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO), United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP), U.S. State Department, United States Agency for International Development (USAID), U.S. Overseas Private Investment Corporation, UN World Tourism Organization (UNWTO), World Bank (WB), and World Customs Organization (WCO).

Mr. Sardor Umurzakov
Minister of Investments and Foreign Trade
Chair of the Ministerial Conference

To be assisted by the CAREC Secretariat:
Mr. Shixin Chen
Vice President, ADB

0900–0935	Inaugural Session
0900–0905	Welcome Address Mr. Sardor Umurzakov Minister of Investments and Foreign Trade Republic of Uzbekistan
0905–0910	Special Message from His Excellency, the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan His Excellency Ravshan Gulyamov Advisor to the President Republic of Uzbekistan
0910–0925	Keynote Address His Excellency Elyor Ganiev Deputy Prime Minister Republic of Uzbekistan
0925–0935	Special Address Mr. Takehiko Nakao President, ADB
0935–1000	<i>Coffee/Tea Break</i>
1000–1300	Roundtable Discussion <i>Topic: The New CAREC Transport and Energy Strategies and CAREC 2030 Implementation</i>
1000–1030	<i>ADB, IMF and WB will set the context by sharing views of the global and regional economic outlook and its implications on the CAREC countries</i>
1030–1045	<i>CAREC Secretariat will present an update on CAREC 2030 implementation progress on the five operational clusters</i>
1045–1115	<i>CAREC Secretariat will present and request endorsement of the CAREC Transport Strategy 2030 and the CAREC Energy Strategy 2030</i>
1115–1125	<i>WCO Secretary General will present on “Towards SMART Borders for Seamless Trade, Travel and Transport in CAREC”</i>
1125–1300	<i>CAREC Ministers will provide a brief statement (4 min. per country) with their insights and guidance on CAREC 2030 implementation and the endorsement of the CAREC Transport Strategy 2030 and the CAREC Energy Strategy 2030. Other participants may also provide their views and insights.</i>
1300–1430	Lunch hosted by the Asian Development Bank <i>Venue: Tashkent, Samarkand and Fergana Rooms, Ground Floor, Hyatt Regency</i>

1430–1615 High-Level Public-Private Dialogue

Topic: Promoting Sustainable Tourism Development in the CAREC region through Public–Private Partnerships

Tourism can be a powerful tool for promoting inclusive and sustainable economic growth and generating employment and business opportunities. Creating an enabling policy environment for attracting tourism investments and enhancing private sector engagement in the tourism sector is vital in this process. This session will aim at generating dialogue between public and private tourism stakeholders on key opportunities and challenges for regional initiatives and collaborative actions in the tourism sector and the role that CAREC can play in supporting this process.

Moderator: Mr. Werner Liepach, Director General, Central and West Asia Department, ADB

Panelists:

- Mr. Aziz Boolani, CEO, Serena Hotels South and Central Asia
- Mr. Mario Hardy, CEO, Pacific Asia Travel Association
- Ms. Helena Egan, CEO and Co-Founder, Planet Egan Ltd.
- Ms. Feruza Nazarova, Founder and Director, Advantour LLC
- Ms. Sue Badyari, CEO, World Expeditions
- Mr. Muhammad Hammad Azhar, Minister, Economic Affairs Division, Pakistan
- Mr. Abdulaziz Akkulov, Acting Chairman, State Committee for Tourism Development, Uzbekistan

The moderator will deliver short remarks to introduce the theme of the high-level dialogue. Panelists will provide their views and insights, followed by an interactive session with the audience and subsequent questions to the panelists.

1615–1630 Consideration of the Joint Ministerial Statement

CAREC Ministers will consider the draft Joint Ministerial Statement with a view to endorsement

1630–1645 Closing Session

Closing Remarks

Mr. Sardor Umurzakov
Minister of Investments and Foreign Trade
Republic of Uzbekistan
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1930–2100 Dinner Reception

*Hosted by the Government of Uzbekistan
Venue: International Hotel*

