

**THIRD ALMATY–BISHKEK ECONOMIC CORRIDOR SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING  
BETWEEN THE KYRGYZ REPUBLIC AND THE REPUBLIC OF KAZAKHSTAN  
21–22 February 2019  
Bishkek**

**I. Introduction**

The Governments of the Kyrgyz Republic and the Republic of Kazakhstan, Bishkek City administration and the *Akimat* of Almaty City with support of the Asian Development Bank (ADB), initiated work on the Almaty–Bishkek Economic Corridor (ABEC) in 2013. A Memorandum of Understanding was signed between the two cities during the 13th CAREC Ministerial Conference, held in Bishkek in October 2014. The Kyrgyz Republic – Kazakhstan Intergovernmental Council, chaired by the prime ministers of the Kyrgyz Republic and Republic of Kazakhstan, established the ABEC Subcommittee in November 2016. The ABEC Subcommittee is responsible for all aspects related to the development and implementation of ABEC projects, as well as for the appointment of representatives to this Subcommittee. The first meeting of ABEC Subcommittee was held on 25 September 2017 in Bishkek and the second meeting was held in Almaty on 11 June 2018 with direct support and participation of ADB. During the last meeting the following issues had been reviewed: implementation of the first protocol, progress in the implementation of ongoing ABEC projects through ADB’s technical assistance, and new areas for development and identification of further specific ABEC projects in the fields of agriculture, regional tourism, modernization of border crossing points and procedures, Almaty–Issyk-Kul road, and further institutionalization of ABEC.

The third joint ABEC Subcommittee meeting shall have the following three objectives:

- (i) Assess the implementation status of the second ABEC Subcommittee protocol;
- (ii) Review current ABEC projects and initiatives based on the meeting protocol of sector working groups; develop pipeline, and priority projects;
- (iii) Reach agreement on short- and medium-term steps towards further development of ABEC and formulating the third ABEC Subcommittee protocol.



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**21– 22 February 2019, Hotel Orion, Bishkek, Kyrgyz Republic**

**AGENDA**

<b>Day 1</b>	<b>Experts Meetings, Thursday, 21 February 2019</b>
<b>09:30–10:00</b>	<b>Registration</b>
<b>10:00–13:00</b>	<b>Expert Meetings of Subcommittee and Sector Working Group members: Discussion of ongoing projects in ABEC sectors: development of tourism, healthcare, transport and border crossing issues</b>
10:00–10:30	<b>Session I: Expert Meeting on Agriculture Sector</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Introduction from KGZ, KAZ, and ADB experts</li> <li>2. Review of the protocol of the Second Subcommittee meeting</li> <li>3. Review of draft protocol for Third Subcommittee Meeting</li> <li>4. Discussion and revision of draft protocol</li> </ol>
10:30–11:00	<b>Session II: Expert Meeting on Health/Regional Reference Laboratories</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Introduction and status update from KGZ, KAZ, and ADB experts</li> <li>2. Summary of ABEC reports on medical and pharma testing</li> <li>3. Review of the protocol of the Second Subcommittee meeting</li> <li>4. Review of draft protocol for Third Subcommittee Meeting</li> <li>5. Discussion and revision of draft protocol</li> </ol>
11:00–12.30	<b>Session III: Expert Meeting on Tourism Sector</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Introduction from KGZ, KAZ, and ADB tourism experts</li> <li>2. Review of the protocol of the Second Subcommittee meeting</li> <li>3. Review of sector working group protocols and protocol of the joint sector working group meeting on 12 December 2018</li> <li>4. Review of draft protocol for Third Subcommittee Meeting</li> </ol>
<b>12:30–14:00</b>	<b>Lunch</b>

<b>14:00–16:00</b>	<p><b>Session IV: Expert Meeting on Connectivity</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Introduction and status update from KGZ, KAZ, and ADB experts (Ministries of Transport/Investment/Economy/Tourism, Border Service)</li> <li>2. Review of the protocol of the Second Subcommittee meeting regarding border crossing point modernization, Almaty-Issyk-Kul alternative road, direct bus services</li> <li>3. Review of draft protocol for Third Subcommittee Meeting</li> <li>4. Discussion and revision of draft protocol</li> </ol>
<b>16:00–16:30</b>	<b>Coffee break</b>
16:30-17:30	Summary of discussions of the expert meetings

<b>Day 2</b>	<b>Third Subcommittee Meeting, Friday, 22 February 2019</b>
<b>11:30–12:00</b>	<b>Registration</b>
<b>12:00–12:40</b>	<b>Session I: Introduction to the agenda and review of implementation of the second protocol</b>
	<i>Moderator: Co-Chairman, Mr. Avtandil Alybaev, Deputy Minister of Economy, the Kyrgyz Republic</i>
12:00–12:10	<b>Welcome speech</b> <i>Co-Chairman: Mr. Avtandil Alybaev, Deputy Minister of Economy/CAREC National Focal Point, the Kyrgyz Republic</i>
12:10–12:20	<b>Welcome speech</b> <i>Co-Chairman: Mr. Ruslan Dalenov, First Vice Minister of National Economy/CAREC National Focal Point, the Republic of Kazakhstan</i>
12:20–12:30	<b>Introduction to the agenda</b> <i>Presenter: Ms. Candice McDeigan, Country Director, KYRM, ADB</i>
12:30–12:40	<b>Review of the Implementation of the Second Protocol</b> <i>Presenter: Mr. Kristian Rosbach, ABEC Team Leader, CWRC, CWRD, ADB</i>
<b>12:40–12:50</b>	<b>Photo Session</b>
<b>12:50–14:00</b>	<b>Lunch hosted by ADB</b>
<b>14:00–17:00</b>	<b>Session II: Review of progress in the implementation of ongoing ABEC projects and initiatives</b>
	<i>Moderator: Mr. Avtandil Alybaev, Deputy Minister of Economy, the Kyrgyz Republic</i>
14:00–14:30	<b>Development of Regional Potential in Agriculture: Modern Agriculture Wholesale Markets Master Plan, Project Concept and Transaction Technical Assistance</b> <i>Presenter: Kristian Rosbach, ADB, ABEC WSM Project co-team leader</i>
14:30–14:40	Discussion and review of draft protocol, agriculture section
14:40–15:30	<b>Tourism: Development of ABEC Mountain Cluster: Status of Tourism Master Plan Preparation</b> <i>Presenters (time limit – 10 minutes per each):</i> 1. Mr. Maksat Damir uulu, Deputy Minister/Director of Tourism Department, Ministry of Culture, Information and Tourism, the Kyrgyz Republic 2. Mr. Carlos Faria, ADB International consultant 3. Mr. Nurlan Iskakov, Director of the Department of Tourist Destinations, “Kazak Tourism” National Company, Republic of Kazakhstan 4. Ms. Karlygash Altayeva, Director of Tourism Department, National Chamber of

	<p>Entrepreneuers “Atameken” , Republic of Kazakhstan</p> <p>Discussion and review of draft protocol, tourism development</p>
<b>15:30–16:00</b>	<b>Coffee Break</b>
<b>16:00–17:00</b>	<p><b>Connectivity: Modernizing Border Crossing Points and Procedures, Almaty–Issyk-Kul Economic Impact Study, Direct Bus Connection</b></p> <p><i>Presenters (time limit – 10 minutes per each):</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Mr. Steven Lewis-Workman, Unit Head Project Administration, ADB KYRM</li> <li>2. Mr. Kylychbek Djakypov, ABEC coordinator in the Kyrgyz Republic</li> <li>3. Mr. Jenishbek Nogoybayev, Deputy Minister of Transport and Roads, the Kyrgyz Republic</li> <li>4. Mr. Kurmanbek Isakov, Deputy Chairman of Border Control Services, the Kyrgyz Republic</li> <li>5. Mr. Gabit Shymyrbayev, Head of the Division, Road Committee, Ministry of Industry and Infrastructure Development, the Republic of Kazakhstan</li> </ol>
<b>17:00–17:20</b>	<b>Discussion and review of draft protocol, connectivity</b>
<b>17:20–18:00</b>	<p><b>Health Sector: Pre-feasibility study on Regional Reference Laboratories</b></p> <p><i>Presenter (time limit – 10 minutes per each):</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Ms. Aliya Beissegul, ABEC health consultant</li> <li>2. Ms. Zhanar Suleimenova, Head of Scientific Practical Center, Ministry of Health, the Republic of Kazakhstan</li> <li>3. Mr. Madaminjan Karatayev, Deputy Minister of Health, the Kyrgyz Republic</li> </ol>
<b>17:40–18:00</b>	<b>Discussion and review of draft protocol, health sector</b>
<b>18:00–19:00</b>	<b>Session III: Summarizing the discussion, decisions on next steps and use of ABEC technical assistance grant, and signing of the protocol</b>
	<i>Moderator: Mr. Safdar Parvez, Director, CWRC, CWRD, ADB</i>
<b>18:00–18:10</b>	<p><b>Key Remarks</b></p> <p>Mr. Safdar Parvez, Director, CWRC, CWRD, ADB</p>
<b>18:10–18:30</b>	<p><b>Closing Remarks:</b></p> <p><i>Co-Chairman:</i> Mr. Ruslan Dalenov, First Vice Minister, MNE, CAREC NFP, RoK</p> <p><i>Co-Chairman:</i> Mr. Avtandil Alybaev, Deputy Minister, ME/CAREC NFP, KR</p>
<b>18:30–18:40</b>	<b>Signing of the Subcommittee Protocol</b>
<b>19:00–21:30</b>	<p><b>Dinner hosted by ADB</b></p> <p><i>Venue: Orion Hotel</i></p>