



**CAREC SENIOR OFFICIALS' MEETING**  
**27–28 June 2019**  
**Tashkent, Uzbekistan**

**AGENDA**

**Day 1, Thursday, 27 June 2019**

**0830–0900 Registration**

**0900–1700 CAREC Senior Officials' Meeting (SOM)**

*Venue: Regency Ballroom I, Ground Floor, Hyatt Regency Tashkent*

**Chair:**

Mr. Laziz Kudratov  
Deputy Minister  
Ministry of Investments and Foreign Trade  
Uzbekistan

**To be assisted by the CAREC Secretariat:**

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

Mr. Nianshan Zhang  
Deputy Director General, CWRD, ADB

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

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

**0900–0910 Opening Remarks**

Mr. Laziz Kudratov  
Deputy Minister  
Ministry of Investments and Foreign Trade  
Uzbekistan

**0910–0920 Introduction of the Agenda**

Mr. Werner Liepach  
Director General, CWRD, ADB

**0920–0950 Session 1. CAREC 2030 Implementation Progress**

*The CAREC Secretariat will present the overall progress made to date in the implementation of the CAREC 2030 strategy, including recent initiatives and work program for 2019 in new areas of cooperation such as tourism, education, and cross-border community development.*

Presentation and Discussion

0950–1030

**Session 2. CAREC Operational Cluster 1: Progress and Future Plans**

*The CAREC Secretariat will report on the progress made on Cluster 1, followed by a presentation by IMF on the outcomes of the CAREC forum on “Balancing Infrastructure Investments with Debt Sustainability” held in Nur-Sultan, Kazakhstan in May 2019, and the Securities and Exchange Commission of Pakistan (SECP) will present the proposed CAREC Capital Market Regulators’ Forum to be held in the second half of the year. This will be followed by discussion of the Senior Officials.*

Presentation and Discussion

1030–1100

*Group photo/Coffee break*

1100–1230

**Session 3. CAREC Transport Sector: Progress and Vision Towards 2030**

*This session will discuss (i) recent development in CAREC transport priority areas such as railways, road asset management, road safety, cross-border transport facilitation and aviation; and (ii) the draft CAREC Transport Strategy 2030, including recommendations from the 18<sup>th</sup> CAREC Transport Sector Coordinating Committee Meeting held in April 2019 in Tashkent, Uzbekistan. Senior Officials will provide further guidance on the way forward.*

Presentation and Discussion

1230–1400

**Lunch** hosted by the Asian Development Bank  
*Venue: Regency Ballroom II, Ground Floor, Hyatt Regency*

1400–1515

**Session 4. CAREC Integrated Trade Agenda (CITA) 2030: Implementation Progress and Future Plans**

*This session will discuss the progress made in the implementation of the CITA 2030 since last year’s endorsement at the 17th CAREC Ministerial Conference held in November 2018 in Ashgabat, Turkmenistan. Senior Officials will also be apprised of the highlights and agreements reached at the 2nd meeting of the Regional Trade Group (RTG), the 18th Customs Cooperation Committee (CCC) Meeting and the CAREC Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) Regional Working Group Meeting. Discussion will be followed.*

Presentations and Discussion

1515–1545

*Coffee break*

1545–1645

**Session 4 (continued)**

*CAREC Regional Food Safety Network: the session will discuss the draft concept on the establishment of a CAREC regional food safety network, and highlights and agreements reached at the regional workshop held on May 2019 in Tashkent, Uzbekistan. Senior Officials will provide further guidance on the way forward.*

Presentation and Discussion

1645–1700

**Wrap-up of Day 1**

1900–2100

**Dinner Reception** hosted by the Government of Uzbekistan  
*Venue: Regency Ballroom II, Ground Floor, Hyatt Regency*

**Day 2, Friday, 28 June 2019**

**0900–1200**      **CAREC Senior Officials' Meeting (SOM)**  
*Venue: Regency Ballroom 1, Ground Floor, Hyatt Regency*

0900–1015      **Session 5. CAREC Energy Sector: Progress and Vision Towards 2030**  
*This session will discuss (i) progress made in the implementation of regional energy projects; (ii) programs and plans for 2019, including the 4<sup>th</sup> Energy Investment Forum to be held in Uzbekistan in the second half of the year; and (ii) the draft outline of the CAREC Energy Strategy 2030, including recommendations from the 29<sup>th</sup> CAREC Energy Sector Coordinating Committee Meeting held in April 2019 in Tashkent, Uzbekistan. Senior Officials will provide further guidance on the way forward.*

Presentation and Discussion

**1015–1030**      *Coffee Break*

1030–1115      **Session 6. CAREC Institute: 2018 Achievements and 2019 Work Program**  
*The CAREC Institute (CI) will present key achievements of 2018, including the outcomes of the 8<sup>th</sup> CI Governing Council Meeting held in Uzbekistan in December 2018, and its work program for 2019.*

Presentation and Discussion

1115–1140      **Session 7. Theme and Structure of the 18th CAREC Ministerial Conference**  
*The CAREC Secretariat will present the theme, structure of the 18th CAREC Ministerial Conference, including expected deliverables. The UZB delegation will present on the preparations for the 18th CAREC Ministerial Conference.*

Presentation and Discussion

1140–1150      **Session 8. Other Matters**

1150–1200      **Wrap-Up and Closing**

**1200–1400**      **Lunch**  
*Venue: Regency Ballroom II, Ground Floor, Hyatt Regency*