



**CONSULTATION MEETING WITH THE CAREC NATIONAL FOCAL POINTS  
24–25 September 2019  
Tashkent, Uzbekistan**

**AGENDA**

<b>Day One</b>	<b>24 September 2019, Tuesday</b>
<b>0830–0900</b>	<b>Registration</b>
<b>0900–1700</b>	<b>Consultation Meeting with the CAREC National Focal Points</b> <i>Venue: Regency Ballroom I, Ground Floor, Hyatt Regency</i>
	<b>Chair:</b> Mr. Shukhrat Vafaev Deputy Minister of Investments and Foreign Trade / CAREC National Focal Point, Uzbekistan
	<b>To be assisted by the CAREC Secretariat:</b> Mr. Werner Liepach Director General, Central and West Asia Department (CWRD), ADB  Ms. Amy Leung Director General, East Asia Department (EARD), ADB  Mr. Muhammad Ehsan Khan Senior Advisor, CWRD
0900–0910	<b>Welcome Remarks</b> Mr. Shukhrat Vafaev Deputy Minister of Investments and Foreign Trade / CAREC National Focal Point, Uzbekistan
0910–0915	<b>Overview of the Agenda</b> Mr. Werner Liepach Director General, CWRD, ADB
0915–1045	<b>Session 1: CAREC Transport Strategy 2030</b>  <i>The session will discuss the refined draft of the CAREC Transport Strategy (CTS) 2030 building upon the discussions at the Senior Officials' Meeting (SOM). The session will also seek further guidance from the CAREC National Focal Points (NFPs) on finalization of the CTS 2030, prior to its submission for endorsement at the 18<sup>th</sup> Ministerial Conference (MC) on 14 November.</i>  Presentation and Discussion

1045–1115	<i>Group Photo and Coffee/ Tea Break</i>
<b>1115–1230</b>	<b>Session 2: CAREC Energy Strategy 2030, 1st Energy Ministers Dialogue and 4th Energy Investment Forum</b>
	<i>The session will further deliberate on the refined draft of the CAREC Energy Strategy 2030 based on the discussions at the Senior Officials' Meeting (SOM). Further guidance will be sought from the CAREC National Focal Points (NFPs) on finalization of the CAREC Energy Strategy 2030, prior to its submission for endorsement at the 18<sup>th</sup> Ministerial Conference (MC) on 14 November. The session will also present the outcomes of the 1st CAREC Energy Ministers Dialogue and the 4th Energy Investment Forum held on 20-21 September in Tashkent.</i>
	Presentation and Discussion
1230–1400	<b>Lunch</b> <i>Hosted by the Asian Development Bank Venue: Regency Ballroom II, Ground Floor, Hyatt Regency</i>
<b>1400–1500</b>	<b>Session 3: Progress of CAREC 2030 for the Ministerial Conference</b>
	<i>The CAREC Secretariat will brief the CAREC NFPs on the structure of the presentation to the Ministers at the 18th MC on the overall implementation progress of the CAREC 2030 strategy.</i>
	Presentation and Discussion
<b>1500–1700</b>	<b>Session 4: Updates on Other Sector Deliverables</b>
1500–1600	<u>Trade</u> : <i>presentation and discussion on the implementation progress of the CAREC Integrated Trade Agenda 2030, including the CAREC Advance Transit System and Information Common Exchange pilot project and the WTO-Trade Facilitation Agreement workshop to be held in October 2019.</i>
1600–1630	<i>Coffee/Tea Break</i>
1630–1700	<u>Economic and Financial Stability</u> : <i>presentation and discussion on the outcomes of the first CAREC Capital Market Regulators' Forum held in August 2019 in Islamabad, Pakistan.</i>
1830–2030	<b>Dinner</b> <i>Hosted by Uzbekistan Government (tbc) Venue: Regency Ballroom II, Ground Floor, Hyatt Regency</i>
<b>Day Two</b>	<b>25 September 2019, Wednesday</b>
0900–1000	<b>Session 5: CAREC Gender Strategy</b>
	<i>The CAREC Secretariat will present the progress made to date on the formulation of the first CAREC Gender Strategy, including preliminary results</i>

*of the CAREC gender assessment and draft outline of the operational strategy for gender mainstreaming in the five operational clusters of CAREC 2030. The session will seek guidance from the CAREC NFPs on the way forward.*

1000–1030

**Session 6: CAREC Institute 4th Think Tanks Forum**

The CAREC Institute (CI) will brief the NFPs on the outcomes of the 4th think tanks forum organized in August 2019 in Xi'an, People's Republic of China.

1030–1100

*Coffee/Tea Break*

1100–1200

**Session 7: Preparations for the 18th Ministerial Conference**

*The UZB Government will provide updates regarding the preparations for the 18th MC. The CAREC Secretariat will present the MC agenda and the draft outline of the Joint Ministerial Statement for inputs and feedback.*

1200–1215

**Session 8: Other Matters**

1215–1230

**Wrap-up and Closing**

1230–1400

**Lunch**

*Hosted by the Asian Development Bank*

*Venue: Regency Ballroom II, Ground Floor, Hyatt Regency*