



VIRTUAL 19th MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE

People-Centered Regional Cooperation in the Post-COVID Environment

7 December 2020 (1400-1615, Manila time)

AGENDA

Monday, 7 December 2020

1330–1400 Registration

1400–1615 CAREC Ministerial Conference (MC)

Chair:

Mr. Abdul Hadi Arghandiwal, Minister of Finance
Islamic Republic of Afghanistan

Mr. Shixin Chen
Vice President, ADB

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

1402–1412 **Special Message from His Excellency, the President of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan**
Mr. Mohammad Ashraf Ghani
Islamic Republic of Afghanistan

1412–1420 **Welcome Address**
Mr. Abdul Hadi Arghandiwal, Minister of Finance
Islamic Republic of Afghanistan

1420–1428 **Keynote Address**
Mr. Masatsugu Asakawa
President, ADB

1428–1440 **Macroeconomic Prospects of CAREC Countries in the Post-COVID Environment**
Mr. Subir Lall
Deputy Director of the Middle East and Central Asia Department, IMF

1440-1443 **Statement by World Bank**
Mr. Hartwig Schafer
Vice President for South Asia, World Bank

1443–1453

2020 CAREC Deliverables for Endorsement

- CAREC Tourism Strategy 2030
- CAREC Gender Strategy 2030
- CAREC 2030 Program Results Framework

The CAREC Secretariat will present the three main deliverables for Ministers' endorsement.

1453–1600

CAREC Ministers Endorsement

CAREC Ministers will provide a brief statement (3 min. per country) with their insights and guidance on CAREC 2030 implementation and the endorsement of the following: CAREC Program Results Framework, CAREC Tourism Strategy 2030, and CAREC Gender Strategy 2030. Development Partners will be invited to provide their views time permitting.

1600–1610

Consideration of the Joint Ministerial Statement

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

1610–1615

Closing Remarks

Mr. Abdul Hadi Arghandiwal, Minister of Finance
Islamic Republic of Afghanistan