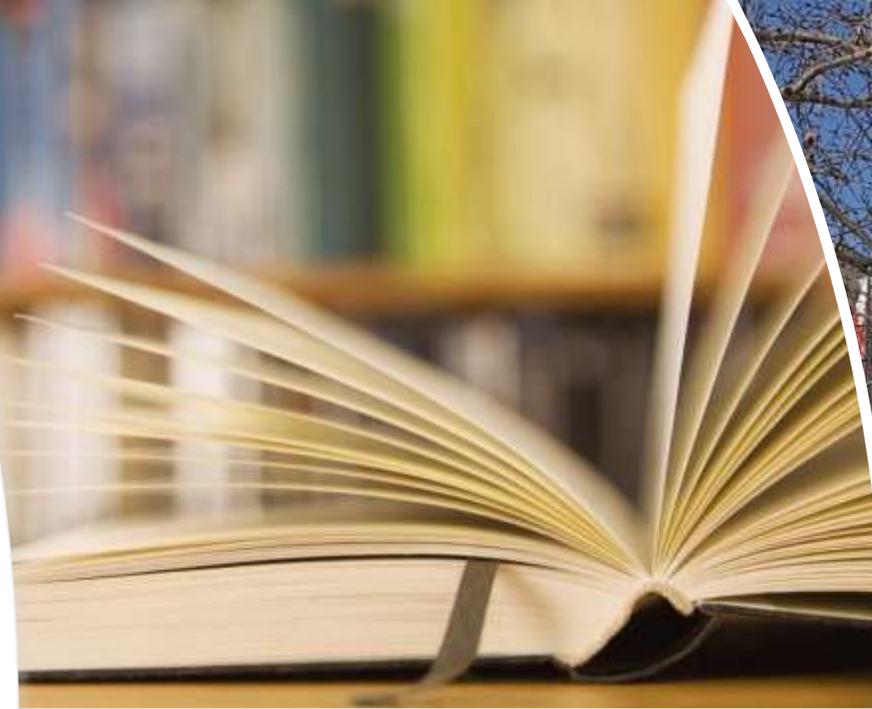




CAREC Institute Progress Update

CAREC Senior Officials' Meeting (SOM) October 20, 2020

Syed Shakeel Shah
Director



Research Portfolio 2020

1. Trade

➤ Completed:

- **Regulatory Framework for E-commerce development in the CAREC - Phase I**
- **Developing a Framework for Mutual Recognition and Electronic Exchange of Phytosanitary Certificates in CAREC**
- **Exploring Exports Driven Growth Through Free Trade Agreements among CAREC Members: Learning from Pakistan-China Free Trade Agreement (FTA)**
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➤ Planned / under way

- **Framework for E-commerce Development in CAREC Countries – Focus on Infrastructure Development Phase II**
- **Financial Inclusion in the CAREC Region: Promoting Fintech to Meet Underserved Needs in Trade Finance**

Research Portfolio 2020

Transport / Energy/Tourism

➤ **Transport**

- **Infrastructure in Central Asia and Caucasia (ADBI Book Chapter)**
- **Identification and Spatial Mapping of Economic Clusters Across the CAREC Region. A GIS-based Analysis for China (XUAR), Pakistan, and Tajikistan**

➤ **Energy**

- **Regional Cooperation in Promoting Low-carbon Energy Development in CAREC: Challenges and Opportunities**

➤ **Tourism**

- **Prospects of Tourism Sector Development in the Framework of Implementation of Almaty–Bishkek Economic Corridor (ABEC) Activities**



Other Researches Related to CAREC Program Clusters

➤ **Water and Agriculture**

- **Assessing the Economic Impact of Climate Change on Agriculture in Central Asia**
- **Case Studies and Analysis of Technology Innovations and Diffusion for High-Value Crops in CAREC Region**
- **Climate Insurance, Infrastructure and Governance in CAREC Region (Water , Agriculture, Energy)**

➤ **Human Development**

- **Reviewing Migration and Development: The Role of Local Authorities in Central Asia”**
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Capacity Building – Transformation



From

To

Traditional –Face to Face



Hybrid – Physical
& Virtual

Dependent on partners'
research and experts



CAREC Institute
research-based
and expert-led

Bottom end of Ideas /
Streams



At the top end of the
stream

CB Trainings in 2020

➤ **Trade**

- Regulatory Framework for E-Commerce Development in CAREC (Conducted)
- Trans-Caspian Transport Corridor: Infrastructure and Trade (Planned)

➤ **Transport / Energy**

- Improving Road Safety Engineering in CAREC Countries (Mongolia) – 7 webinars
- Road Asset Management and RAM System- 4 webinars (Conducted)
- Meeting Environmental Objectives Through Energy Sector Reforms in Asia and the Pacific: Role of Energy Pricing in Reforms and Emissions Reduction (Conducted)
- Unlocking Private Investment for Sustainable Infrastructure in CAREC Region: a dialogue (Conducted)
- Unlocking Private Investments in Sustainable Infrastructure in Asia: Lessons from Central Asia: Book Presentation – 4 webinars (Conducted)
- Regional Improving Border-Crossing Services (Planned)

➤ **Others**

- Climate Change Regional Policy Dialogue (Conducted)
- International Symposium for Aral Sea Restoration (Planned)
- Silk Road of Knowledge Scientific-Practical Online Conference (Planned)

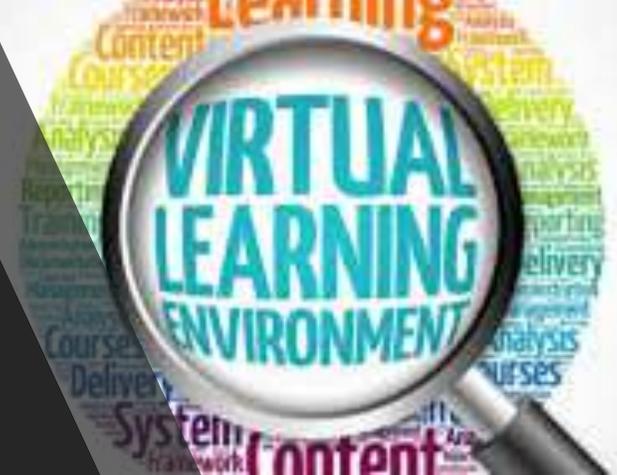
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multiplied

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types of learning materials

Pre, during and post-workshop
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complete cycle of capacity
building

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of interested
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Knowledge Sharing ..

- Monthly Newsletter
- 14 Policy , Economic , CPMM Briefs
- Publication of content at Development Asia blog of ADB
- Use of LinkedIn and Other Platforms





Response to Covid19

➤ Economic Briefs

- **The Covid-19 / Economic Implications for the CAREC Region**
- **Global Uncertainty / Potential Effects on Capital Inflows into the CAREC Region**
- **The Covid-19 / Government Measures to Mitigate the Economic Impact**
- **Covid-19 and the economy / Prospects, shocks, and measures**
- **Covid-19 / Reaction Functions, Paradoxes, and Latest Economic Data**
- **Covid-19 / Resurgence of the Pandemic and Economic Uncertainties: the Global Scramble for a Vaccine**

Response to Covid19

➤ CAREC Institute Webinars ..

- **Measures And Experiences Of The People's Republic Of China (PRC) In Fighting The COVID-19.**
- **The Economic Impact Of Covid-19 : Mitigation Measures Taken By The Carec Governments Covid19: The Outlook For The Global Economy**
- **The Role Of Multilateral Development Partners (MDP) In Response To COVID-19**
- **High-quality Development, Modernization, And Policy Nexus Induced By The covid-19.**

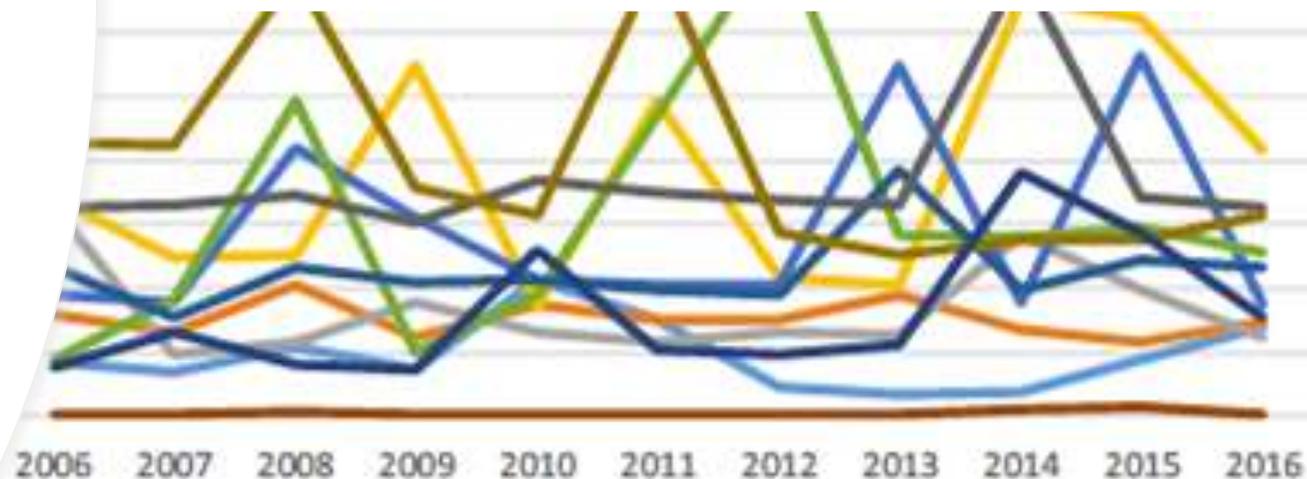
➤ CAREC Institute Researches (Ongoing)

- **"The Covid-19 And MSME In CAREC Region: Impacts And Policy Lessons"**
- **Analysis Of Public Attitudes Towards COVID-19 Vaccinations In Selected CAREC Countries**
- **The Covid-19 And Tourism Sector In CAREC Region: Harnessing Role Of Technology In Promoting Safe Tourism Destination**



Flagship Events / Reports

- CAREC Regional Integration Index
- 5th Think Tanks Forum – “Economic Corridors: Pathways to Regional Growth”
- Corridor Performance Measurement and Monitoring
- CAREC Institute Annual Research Conference



— Azerbaijan — Georgia — Kazakhstan
— Kyrgyz Republic — Tajikistan — Turkmenistan
— Uzbekistan — PRC — Mongolia



Mid-term Review of CI Strategy 2018-2022 and Work on Financial Sustainability

➤ Mid-term review

- Progress Vs Targets
- New Challenges and Opportunities
- Utilization of New Capacities
- During and Post Covid19 Realignments

➤ Financial Sustainability

- Narrow Financing Base- PRC and ADB
- Need for Systematic and Sustained Funding Mechanism
- Consultant Report and Working Group Meeting

**Thank
You**

