



CAREC Trade

Webinar on Facilitating Diversification and Economic Recovery through Services

2 September 2020, Wednesday
1400-1600H (Manila time) via zoom

Agenda

The webinar will discuss how the services sector can facilitate economic diversification and support economic recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic in CAREC countries. The outcomes of the study – *Advancing Economic Diversification in CAREC Countries by Developing the Services Sector* will be presented. The discussions will feed into an action plan for services trade and activities for the CAREC Integrated Trade Agenda 2030's Rolling Strategic Action Plan 2020-2022.

14:00-14:10 **Opening Session**

Abdul Karim Malikyar, Acting Minister, Ministry of Industry and Commerce, Afghanistan

Emma Fan, Director, Public Management, Financial Sector, and Regional Cooperation Division (EAPF), East Asia Department, Asian Development Bank (ADB)

Moderator: **Dorothea Lazaro**, Regional Cooperation Specialist, EAPF, ADB

14:10-14:40 **Presentation:** Advancing Diversification in CAREC Countries by Developing the Services Sector

Patrick Low, Former Chief Economist, World Trade Organization Secretariat

Bahodir Ganiev, Senior Advisor, Center for Economic Development, Uzbekistan

14:40-15:05 **Discussions**

Mia Mikic, Director, Trade Investment and Innovation Division, United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific

Matthias Helble, Economist, Economic Research and Regional Cooperation Department, ADB

15:05-15:40 **Around the Table**

Interventions from CAREC members in the form of clarifications, comments, and proposals based on the outcomes of the study and discussions as well as progress and priorities of their respective countries.

15:40-16:00 **Open Forum and Concluding Session**

Emma Fan, Director, Public Management, Financial Sector, and Regional Cooperation Division (EAPF), East Asia Department, Asian Development Bank (ADB)