

## **24-25 May 2023: 20th Transport Sector Coordinating Committee Meeting**

**Venue: Courtyard by Marriott Hotel, Tbilisi, Georgia**

### **Background and objectives**

COVID-19 pandemic slowed down the global economic development and impacted regional logistics systems. During the two pandemic years, the CAREC Transport program produced reports and manuals under all pillars of the CAREC Transport Strategy 2030, focusing on the most important transportation issues and decision in: (i) road asset management, (ii) road safety, (iii) cross-border transport and logistics, (iv) railways and (v) aviation. Since March 2020 all training activities and discussions were done online. With significant reduction of the pandemic risks, the first post-pandemic meeting of the CAREC transport authorities and development partners, the 19<sup>th</sup> Transport Sector Coordinating Committee (TSCC) was held in Almaty in October 2022. The meeting set direction for priority work under the CAREC Transport framework and approved key priority tasks for 2023.

The 20<sup>th</sup> Transport Sector Coordinating Committee (TSCC) meeting will review status of reports and manuals completed under all five pillars of the CAREC Transport Strategy 2030 and will set the objectives for the 2023-2024 work program. The meeting will discuss plans for dissemination and implementation of recommendations of multiple reports completed during 2020-2023 period.

Responding to the climate agenda, CAREC Development Member Countries and Development Partners prioritized the Paris Agreement Alignment (PAA) agenda in their transport programs. The CAREC Transport Secretariat will propose to introduce the PAA in the CAREC Transport Strategy 2023 as the cross-pillar initiative and to develop a scoping study to guide the program in promoting the PAA agenda in the CAREC Transport program.

The TSCC meeting will also discuss achievements and challenges all transport pillars under the CAREC Transport Strategy 2030 such as railways, road asset management, road safety, cross-border transport and logistics, and aviation. Following discussions, the meeting will approve a draft action plan of the CAREC Transport activities for 2023-2024.

**Day 1 (24 May 2023)**

- 0830 – 0900      **Registration**
- 0900 – 0915      **Welcome Remarks**  
Head of Delegation, Georgia (2023 CAREC host)
- Mr. Zheng Wu, Officer-in-Charge, Transport and Communications Division,  
Central and West Asia Department, ADB
- Session 1: Transport Priority Areas – Progress and Action Plan**
- 0915 – 0930      **Progress and Challenges in the CAREC Transport Sector**  
Mr. Oleg Samukhin, Senior Transport Specialist, ADB
- 0930 – 1030      **Railways**  
Facilitated by Mr. Jurgen Sluijter, Senior Transport Specialist, ADB
- Summary of the 7th RWG Meeting
- 1030 - 1100      *Coffee break and group photo*
- 1100 – 1230      **Cross-border Transport and Logistics**  
Facilitated by Mr. Oleg Samukhin, Senior Transport Specialist, ADB
- Summary of activities under the Cross-border Transport and Logistics pillar
- Presentation by Mr. Adrian Sammons, Ports and Logistics consultant
- Unlocking the Middle Corridor (CAREC Corridor 2) and Caspian Sea potential: summary of recent analytical reports and recommendations
  - Discussion
- Presentation by Mr. Bakhtiyor Faiziev, Senior Banker, EBRD
- Sustainable EU – Central Asia transport connections – key findings and recommendations
  - Discussion
- Presentation by Dr. George Daborjginidze, Logistics consultant
- Improving cross-border transportation between Azerbaijan and Georgia
- 1230 – 1330      *Lunch*
- 1330 – 1430      **Air Cargo and Aviation**  
Facilitated by Mr. Ganesh Kailasam, Senior Transport Specialist, ADB
- Presentation by Mr. Frederic Horst, Air Cargo consultant
- CAREC Air Cargo Report: Findings and Recommendations
  - Discussion of Air Cargo Report (part of the Cross-border Transport and Logistics pillar)
- Presentation by Brendan Sobie, Senior Aviation Specialist for CAREC
- CAREC Aviation - recent developments and what's next

- Discussion on the future role of the aviation program and pillar

1430 – 1530

**Road Asset Management Systems (RAMS)**

Facilitated by Mr. Thomas Herz, Senior Transport Specialist, ADB

- Summary of the RAM session at HWW

Presentation by Mr. Serge Cartier van Dissel, RAMS consultant

- Brief on Performance based contracts in the CAREC region

Presentation by Mr. Michael Anyala

- Monitoring of road asset management in the CAREC region
- Mapping the Future of Road User charging for sustainable roads

1530 – 1545

*Coffee break*

1545 – 1645

**Road Safety**

Facilitated by Ms. Ritu Mishra, Transport Specialist, ADB

- Summary of the RS session of HWW

Presentation by Mr. Phil Jordan, Road Safety consultant

- Series of CAREC RSE Manuals
- Importance of Traffic Crash Data and Analysis

Presentation by Mr. Soames Job, Road Safety consultant

- Speed Management for the CAREC Region

1645 – 1715

**Special session: Paris Agreement Alignment in Transport**

Presentation by Mr. Charles Melhuish, Transport Strategy consultant

- Decarbonization in Transport – opportunities for CAREC countries

1830-1900

Welcome cocktails

**Day 2 (25 May 2023)**

0830 – 0900

**Registration**

0900 – 0910

**Summary of Day 1**

Mr. Oleg Samukhin, Senior Transport Specialist, ADB

**Session 2: Country Transport Priority Programs***Countries are requested to report by cluster (10-15 minutes per country), followed by the panel discussion*

0910 – 1030

**Cluster 1: Caucasus and Caspian Region****Georgia, Azerbaijan, Turkmenistan**

Moderator: EFSD

1030 - 1045

*Coffee break*

1045 - 1200	<b>Cluster 2: Connecting East and Central Asia</b> <b>People's Republic of China, Mongolia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic</b> Moderator: EBRD
1200 – 1330	<i>Lunch</i>
1330 - 14450	<b>Cluster 3: Connecting South and Central Asia</b> <b>Pakistan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan</b> Moderator: TBD
1445 – 1500	<i>Coffee break</i>
1500 – 1700	<b>Session 3: CAREC Development Partners' Response to Regional Transport and Logistics Challenges</b> <i>10-15 minutes per development partner</i> Moderator: EBRD
1700 –1710	<b>Session 4: Summary of Proceedings</b> Mr. Oleg Samukhin, Senior Transport Specialist, ADB
1710 – 1720	<b>Closing Remarks</b> Mr. Zheng Wu, Officer-in-Charge, CWTC/CWRD, ADB  Head of Delegation, Georgia