



# Senior Officials Meeting

## Transport

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# 20<sup>th</sup> CAREC TSCC Meeting

- The 20<sup>th</sup> CAREC Transport Sector Coordinating Committee (TSCC) meeting was held in Tbilisi, Georgia (24-25 May 2023) along with the associated transport events: 7<sup>th</sup> Railways Working Group (RWG) and the CAREC Highways Workshop
- The TSCC meeting was held in 2 days: Day 1 was to discuss the transport pillars, on Day 2 – countries and development partners shared information about their priority projects and initiatives
- The meeting discussed acquisition, dissemination, and implementation of knowledge under 5 pillars of the CAREC Transport Strategy 2030
- The overall transport corridor management, and specifically – improvement of the Middle Corridor (CAREC 2 Corridor) received a lot of attention in the TSCC and the RWG meetings
- The cross-pillar theme of decarbonization in transport was first time introduced in the TSCC discussion. CAREC Transport will conduct a comprehensive examination of the decarbonization opportunities to develop CAREC responses in the transport sector to the challenges of the global climate change

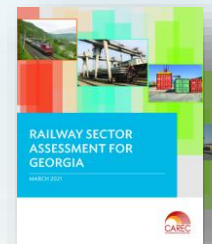
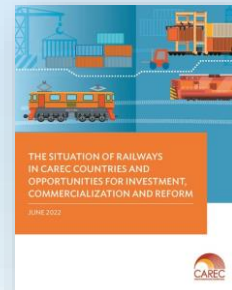


# Key priorities for 2023-2024

- Completing the ongoing knowledge products
- Significantly increased knowledge dissemination activities, through national and regional training workshops, especially on Railways, RAMS and Road Safety
- Launching full-scale scoping study on decarbonization of the CAREC Transport
- Increase attention to the border crossing points procedures and infrastructure, carry out scoping studies and concept designs for new Border Crossing Points, including Joint Border Crossing Points
- Continued analytical and investment support to improve regional transport corridors:
  - Middle corridor (CAREC Corridor 2)
  - Central Asia to East Asia (PRC, Mongolia)
  - North-South Corridors
- Increase attention to digitalization of transport operations
- Implementation of recommended actions through the IFI-financed investment projects

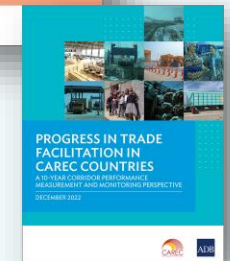
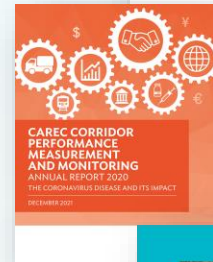
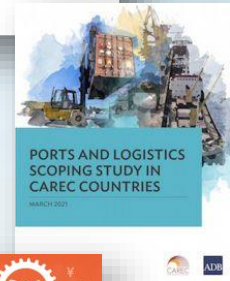
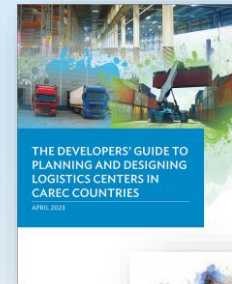
# Railways

- CAREC overall and 11 national railway assessments (completed)
- Traffic Model – tool to support prefeasibility studies
- Management support to Kyrgyz and Tajik Railways (completed)
- PRC-KGZ-UZB Railway: operational and commercial assessment (ongoing)
- Pre-feasibility studies:
  - Uzbekistan-Turkmenistan Block Train and Ferry Services
  - Uzbekistan Northwestern International Freight Corridor
- Knowledge and capacity development (KCD) support for:
  - Establishing and operating a railway sales and marketing functions
  - Establishing accounting standards and systems for railway commercialization
  - Analytical study for development of rolling stock financing schemes (leasing)



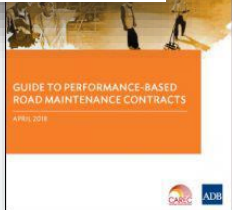
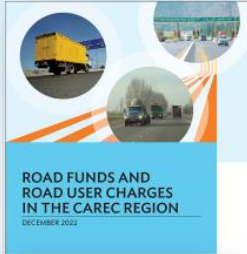
# Cross-border Transport and Logistics

- Recently completed, ongoing and new projects to improve border crossing points (BCP) in Pakistan, the Kyrgyz Republic, Mongolia, Tajikistan
- CAREC reports and manuals: Ports and Logistics scoping study, Guide on Logistics Centers development
- Concept development and design for the first joint Border Crossing Point (JBCP) between Georgia and Azerbaijan. Other countries expressed interest in the JBCP concept
- CAREC Corridor Management and Monitoring, annual reports and in-depth analysis
- Corridor management studies, including assessment of the Middle Corridor



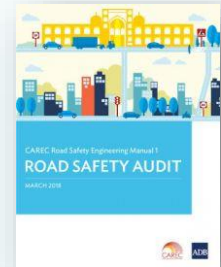
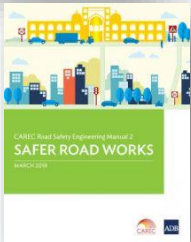
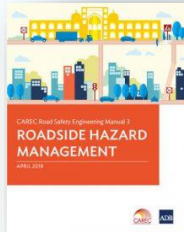
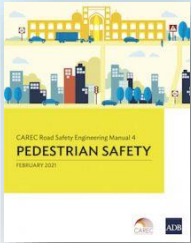
# Road Asset Management Systems (RAMS)

- Compendium of manuals and reports, regional and national training activities completed, ongoing and planned
- Competency in RAMS significantly improved in the CAREC countries, RAMS components are integrated and successfully implemented in many IFI-financed road projects
- Basic RAMS data collection and analysis is improving, but progress by country varies greatly – benchmarking and assessment of data collection practices across the countries will continue
- Road maintenance remains underfunded, but objective tools for determining right allocation of public funds vs their efficient usage is yet emerging. Knowledge products for the benefit of national policy regulators (including Ministries of Economy, Finance) will be developed and disseminated
- Performance-based Maintenance Contracts (PBC) gives good promise of “value-for-money” in road maintenance. Analytical work to learn from exiting PBC contracts and dissemination of best practices will continue.



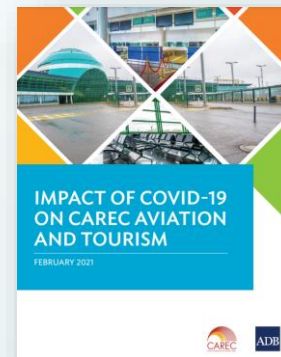
# Road Safety

- Compendium of manuals and reports focusing on Road Safety Engineering (RSE) completed
- Ongoing development of the RSE manuals VI (Speed Management) and VII (Black Spot management)
- Regional and national training activities with support of the CAREC Institute completed, ongoing and planned
- Crash data collection and reporting tools will be prioritized
- Integration of best practices in road safety engineering, including safety audits and black spot investigations will be supported by the IFI-financed projects



# Aviation

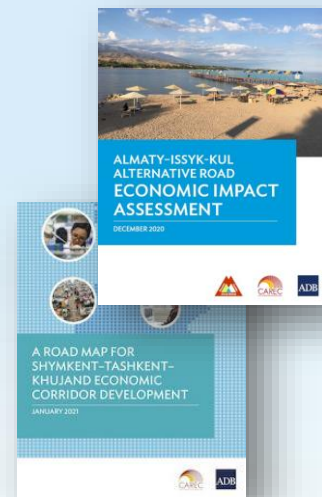
- In response to the COVID-19 impact on aviation operations, CAREC program conducted the updated aviation study, which pointed at Low-Cost Carrier (LCC) aviation operations and aviation cargo as two potential growth sectors of aviation
- The CAREC LCC study was completed and circulated for comments, the draft Aviation Cargo study has been completed before the TSCC meeting and soon will be circulated to the CAREC partners for review and comments
- CAREC development partners supported selected CAREC countries with financing airport development projects and master planning of the aviation sector development





# Subregional initiatives

- Almaty-Bishkek Economic Corridor (ABEC) development program:
  - ABEC Regional Improvement of Border Services project
  - Almaty – Issyk-Kul alternative road
  - ABEC e-buses
- Shymkent-Tashkent-Khujand Economic Corridor (STKEC) development program:
  - Feasibility studies for trade logistics facilities in Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan and Tajikistan
- South Caucasus Gateways project
  - Regional multimodal transport assessment
  - Traffic modelling and mapping of various South Caucasus transportation system scenarios
  - Scoping new transport projects
  - Traffic study and process analysis for the Joint Border Crossing Point (JBCP) *Silk Road* between Georgia and Azerbaijan



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## Transport



### 20th CAREC Transport Sector Coordinating Committee Meeting

Objectives The 20th 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. [...]

#### AT A GLANCE

##### Connecting CAREC Countries and People

More than \$30 billion invested in 146 projects along the six CAREC transport corridor routes

Infrastructure work focused on construction and upgrade of roads and rail lines

Further measures aim to overcome nonphysical barriers to cross-border movement of goods, vehicles and people

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