Next steps

- Finalizing scoping study based on comments and observations received from member countries, development partners, university representatives and skills training institutions and providers
- Preparing <u>summary of discussions</u> of the regional workshop and circulate to workshop participants
- Further continuing dialogue and shaping the cooperation agenda in skills development and higher education through the formation of <u>expert groups</u>
- Identifying <u>partnerships</u> and sources of financing to support the initial work of the expert groups



Next steps

Overall objective: Improve movement of faculty, students and skilled workers across countries and enhance responsiveness to rapidly evolving regional labor market needs

Skills development and labor market

- Mutual recognition of skills
- Labor market information and services



Higher education

- Quality assurance and harmonization of standards
- Student and faculty mobility
- Define scope of work / terms of reference of expert groups
 Define composition (government, academia, private sector)

Issues for Guidance

- Should CAREC take forward and institutionalize regional cooperation efforts in education?
- If so, should CAREC form <u>expert groups</u>? What should be the composition?
- Are the <u>initial areas</u> identified relevant and <u>in line with</u> <u>needs and priorities</u> of your respective countries?

□ Are there <u>any other areas</u> that should be supported?

