



Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation Program

## **19-20 October 2022: 19th Transport Sector Coordinating Committee Meeting**

**Venue: Solis Conference Room, Double Tree by Hilton, Almaty, Kazakhstan**

### **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, a window of opportunity emerged to have the first post-pandemic meeting of the CAREC transport authorities and development partners.

The 19<sup>th</sup> Transport Sector Coordinating Committee (TSCC) meeting will dedicate special attention to the post-COVID recovery in transport and logistics services. The topic of the 19<sup>th</sup> CAREC TSCC is *Improving CAREC transport connectivity through efficient logistics infrastructure and services*. Pertaining to the main theme, the CAREC Transport Secretariat will present completed and ongoing studies and manuals in ports and logistics, design of logistics centers, and aviation freight service; while CAREC Developing Member Countries and development partners will present their achievements and plans in developing multimodal logistics facilities and services.

The TSCC meeting will also discuss achievements and challenges other transport pillars under the CAREC Transport Strategy 2030: in 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.

### **Day 1 (19 October 2022)**

0830 – 0900      **Registration**

0900 – 0915      Welcome Remarks

Ms. Yan Yan, Deputy Director, Department of International Cooperation, Ministry of Transport, People's Republic of China (2022 CAREC host)

Mr. Hideaki Iwasaki, Director, Transport and Communications Division, Central and West Asia Department, ADB

### **Session 1: Overview of the CAREC Transport Sector Development during the Pandemic Years And Priorities for the Post-COVID Recovery**

0915 – 0930      **Progress and Challenges in the CAREC Transport Sector**  
Mr. Oleg Samukhin, Senior Transport Specialist, ADB

- 0930 - 1030 **Country Transport Priority Programs (Part 1)**  
*Countries are requested to report by cluster (10-15 minutes per country), followed by the panel discussion*
- Cluster 1: Caucasus and Caspian Region**  
**Georgia, Azerbaijan, Turkmenistan**  
Moderator: TBD
- 1030 - 1100 *Coffee break and group photo*
- 1100 - 1230 **Country Transport Priority Programs (Part 2)**
- Cluster 2: Connecting East and Central Asia**  
**People's Republic of China, Mongolia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic**  
Moderator: AIIB
- 1230 – 1330 *Lunch (Venue: Aurum)*
- 1330 - 1430 **Cluster 3: Connecting South and Central Asia**  
**Pakistan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan**  
Moderator: Mr. Alexander Tatianin, EBRD
- 1430 – 1500 *Coffee break*
- 1500 – 1700 **Session 2: CAREC Development Partners' Response to Regional Logistics and Transport Challenges**  
Moderator: Mr. Alexander Tatianin, EBRD
- 1830 – 2100 Welcome cocktails (Venue: Foyer)

## **Day 2 (20 October 2022)**

- 0830 – 0900 **Registration**
- Session 3: Transport Priority Areas – Progress and Action Plan**
- 0900 – 0910 **Summary of Day 1**  
Mr. Oleg Samukhin, Senior Transport Specialist, ADB
- 0910 - 1030 **Road Asset Management Systems (RAMS)**  
Introduction by Mr. Thomas Herz, Senior Transport Specialist, ADB
- Presentations by Mr. Serge Cartier van Dissel, RAMS consultant
- Road Asset Management Systems and Performance-based Road Maintenance Contracts
  - Road Funds and User Charges
- 1030 - 1045 *Coffee break*
- 1045 -1115 **Railways**  
Facilitated by Mr. Jurgen Sluijter, Senior Transport Specialist, ADB
- Summary of the 6th RWG Meeting
  - Country Railway assessments

- 1115 – 1200      **Aviation**  
Facilitated by Mr. Ganesh Kailasam, Senior Transport Specialist, ADB
- Presentations by Brendan Sobie, Aviation consultant
- Impact of COVID-19 on the Aviation Sector
  - Low-Cost Carrier Study
- 1200 – 1330      *Lunch (Venue: Aurum)*
- 1330 – 1445      **Road Safety**  
Facilitated by Mr. David Shelton, Senior Transport Specialist and Ms. Ritu Mishra, Transport Specialist, ADB
- Presentation by Ms. Ritu Mishra, Transport Specialist, ADB
- CAREC road safety efforts
- Presentation by Mr. Greg Smith, iRAP (online)
- CAREC RSE Manual 5: Star Ratings for Road Safety Audit
- Presentation by Mr. Johan Strandroth, Road Safety consultant
- Road Safety Report Card for the CAREC Region
  - Results focused and proactive road safety management
- Presentation by Mr. David Shelton, Senior Transport Specialist, ADB
- APRSO recommended national and regional road safety indicators
- Presentation by Mr. Jonathon Passmore, Programme Manager, Road Safety, Injury & Violence Prevention, WHO
- Global Plan for the DOA and the Global Road Safety Status Report
- 1445 – 1500      *Coffee break*
- 1500 –1600      **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 Ms. Zulfia Karimova, Principal Regional Cooperation Specialist, ADB
- CAREC Corridor Monitoring and Transit Facilitation
- Presentation by Mr. Ignasi Ragas, Logistics consultant
- Developers' Guide to Planning and Design of Logistics Centers
- Presentation by Mr. Adrian Sammons, Ports and Logistics consultant
- Middle Corridor (CAREC Corridor 2) Logistics Assessment
- 1600 –1620      **Session 4: Summary of Proceedings**  
Mr. Oleg Samukhin, Senior Transport Specialist, ADB
- 1620 – 1630      **Closing Remarks**  
Mr. Hideaki Iwasaki, Director, CWTC/CWRD, ADB

