

## 22-23 April 2024: 21st Transport Sector Coordinating Committee Meeting

Venue: Rixos Hotel, Almaty, Kazakhstan

### Background and objectives

During 2022-2023, following the end of the COVID-19 pandemic, the CAREC developing member countries succeeded in mitigating negative impacts of the pandemic but encountered new challenges in the global and regional logistics and transport operations. Despite the recent ongoing geopolitical instability, the regional transportation system demonstrated strong resilience and adaptability to new challenges. The CAREC member countries and development partners continued converging their priorities and advanced coordinated work towards achieving regional targets under all pillars of the CAREC Transport Strategy 2030: (i) road network development and road asset management, (ii) road safety, (iii) cross-border transport and logistics, (iv) railways and (v) aviation.

The upcoming 21<sup>st</sup> CAREC Transport Sector Coordinating Committee (TSCC) meeting will discuss the ongoing and planned investment projects and policy actions of the CAREC development member countries (DMC) and their needs for financial and technical assistance from the international development community. The CAREC development partners will respond by summarizing their technical assistance activities and investment priorities, aligned with the CAREC DMC's needs. The meeting will all discuss key initiatives and knowledge products completed and ongoing under all five pillars of the CAREC Transport Strategy 2030 and will set the objectives for the 2024-2026 work program.

Day 1 (22 April 2024)	
0830 – 0900	<b>Registration</b>
0900 – 0915	<b>Welcome Remarks</b> Satzhan Ablaliev, Vice Minister of Transport and Head of Delegation, Republic of Kazakhstan (2024 CAREC program host country)  Hiroaki Yamaguchi, Senior Sector Director, Transport Sector Office, Sectors Group (SG-TRA), ADB  Mirzo Iskandar Gulamov, Officer-in-Charge, Kazakhstan Resident Mission, ADB
0915 – 0945	<b>Session 1: CAREC Program: focus areas and priority actions</b>  <i>CAREC program priorities and plans</i> by Lyaziza Sabyrova, Regional Head, Regional Cooperation and Integration Unit, Central and West Asia Department  <i>CAREC Transport Sector Overview 2024</i> <i>CAREC Railway Sector Development</i> by Oleg Samukhin, Senior Transport Specialist, ADB
0945 – 1045	<b>Cross-border Transport and Logistics</b> Facilitated by Oleg Samukhin, Senior Transport Specialist, ADB  <i>Summary of activities under the pillar</i> by Oleg Samukhin, Senior Transport Specialist, ADB

	<i>Global logistics challenges in 2023-2024, their impacts on the CAREC Transport Corridors, and coordinated responses by the CAREC community,</i> by Mr. Adrian Sammons, Ports and Logistics consultant
1045 - 1115	<i>Coffee break and group photo</i>
1115 – 1215	<b>Aviation</b> Facilitated by Woo Hyun Kwon, Senior Transport Specialist, ADB  <i>Recent developments and future investment opportunities in the CAREC aviation industry</i> by Brendan Sobie, Aviation consultant  <i>Operations of a regional low-cost aviation company</i> by Adrian Hamilton-Manns, FlyArystan
1215 – 1330	<i>Lunch at Brasserie Restaurant</i>
1330 – 1445	<b>Road Network Planning and Road Asset Management Systems (RAMS)</b> Facilitated by Thomas Herz, Senior Transport Specialist, ADB  <i>ADB and Road Asset Management</i> by Thomas Herz, Senior Transport Specialist, ADB  <i>Summary of RAMS capacity development activities</i> by Michael Anyala, Senior RAMS Specialist, ADB  <i>Overview of CAREC activities in the road sector</i> by Serge Cartier van Dissel, RAMS consultant  <i>Climate-resilient RAM action plan</i> by Michael Anyala, Senior RAMS Specialist, ADB  <i>Big data-assisted transport network modeling</i> by Dr. Travis Waller, Transport Planning and Big Data Specialist
1445 – 1500	<i>Coffee break</i>
1500 – 1600	<b>Road Safety</b> Facilitated by Ritu Mishra, Transport Specialist, ADB  <i>Road safety ongoing activities</i> by Ritu Mishra, Transport Specialist, ADB  <i>Crash data review in the CAREC region</i> by Antonino Tripodi, FRED Engineering  <i>Interactions of road safety with climate change</i> by Erik Hedman, Road Safety consultant, Ramboll  <i>Effective investment modalities for road safety</i> by David Shelton, Senior Transport Specialist (Road Safety), ADB
1600-1730	<b>Transport in CAREC – Future areas</b> Facilitated by Ritu Mishra, Transport Specialist, ADB

	<p><i>CAREC plans for Transport Emerging areas</i> by Ritu Mishra, Transport Specialist, ADB</p> <p><i>Big Data, Artificial Intelligence and Digitalization</i> by Travis Waller, Transport Planning and Big Data Specialist</p> <p><i>CAREC Transport Observatory</i> by Thomas Herz and Michael Anyala</p>
1800	Welcome cocktails (Fun Center)
<b>Day 2 (23 April 2024)</b>	
0830 – 0900	<b>Registration</b>
0900 – 0910	<b>Summary of Day 1</b> Thomas Herz, Senior Transport Specialist, ADB
	<b>Session 2: Country Transport Priority Programs</b> <i>Countries are requested to report by cluster (10-15 minutes per country), followed by the panel discussion</i>
0910 – 1100	<b>Cluster 1: Connecting East and Central Asia</b> <b>People’s Republic of China, Mongolia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic</b> Moderator: Chen Chen, Director, Central and West Asia, East Asia, and the Pacific Team, Transport Sector Office, Sectors Group (SG-TRA), ADB
1100 - 1115	<i>Coffee break</i>
1115 – 1230	<b>Cluster 2: Caucasus and Caspian Region</b> <b>Georgia, Azerbaijan, Turkmenistan</b> Moderator: TBD
1230 – 1330	<i>Lunch at Brasserie Restaurant</i>
1330 - 1445	<b>Cluster 3: Connecting South and Central Asia</b> <b>Pakistan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan</b> Moderator: Yongkeun Oh, Sr. Transport Specialist, ADB
1445 – 1500	<i>Coffee break</i>
1500 - 1600	<b>Session 3: CAREC Development Partners’ Response to Regional Transport and Logistics Challenges</b> <i>10 minutes per development partner</i> Facilitated by Askar Namazbayev, Deputy Head of Kazakhstan, EBRD
1600 – 1615	<b>Session 4: Summary of the Meeting</b> Thomas Herz, Senior Transport Specialist, ADB
1615 –1630	<b>Closing Remarks</b> Chen Chen, Director, Central and West Asia, East Asia, and the Pacific Team, Transport Sector Office, Sectors Group (SG-TRA), ADB  Satzhan Ablaliev, Vice Minister of Transport and Head of Delegation, Republic of Kazakhstan (2024 CAREC program host country)