



**SENIOR OFFICIALS' MEETING ON
CENTRAL ASIA REGIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION
Baku, Azerbaijan: 24–25 April 2008**

23 April (Wednesday)

Two related seminars will be presented on 23 April

- Seminar on CAREC Trade Logistics Studies
- Seminar on Approaches to Corridor Performance Monitoring

An Energy Sector Coordinating Committee meeting will be held on 23 April

24 April (Thursday)

0830–0900 Registration

0900–0920 Opening Session

0900–0910 Welcome remarks

Samir Veliyev, Executive Director, Ministry of Economic Development, Azerbaijan

0910–0920 Opening remarks and introduction of the Agenda

Sean O'Sullivan, Deputy Director General, Central and West Asia Department, Asian Development Bank

0920–1230 Session 1: Program Update and Sector Strategies

0920–0930 [Program Update and 2008 Objectives: Recap of Decisions by 6th Ministerial Conference and Overview of 2008 Outputs](#) ~~PICD/PI~~

Robert Siy, Jr., Director, Country Coordination and Regional Cooperation Division, ADB

0930–1110 [Transport and Trade Facilitation Strategy \(TTFS\) Update](#) ~~PICD/PI~~

- Progress toward finalization of Transport Sector Strategy Study and introduction of [draft TTFS Implementation Action Plan](#) ~~PICD/PI~~ by Haruya Koide, Principal Infrastructure Finance Specialist, ADB
- Development of Trade Facilitation work program by Ying Qian, Principal Economist (Financial Sector), ADB
- Approaches to national committee on transport and trade

facilitation by [Sanjar Mukanbetov, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Economic Development and Trade, Kyrgyz Republic](#) ~~РУССКИЙ~~;
and
[Ayush Togosbold, Senior Advisor, Transport Department, Ministry of Road, Transport and Tourism, Mongolia](#) ~~РУССКИЙ~~

- Country comments and discussion

1110–1130 *Tea Break*

1130–1230 Trade Policy Strategic Action Plan Update

- [Draft Action Plan](#) ~~РУССКИЙ~~
- [Introduction of draft Trade Policy Strategic Action Plan](#) ~~РУССКИЙ~~ and process/timeline for finalization by Sena Eken, Assistant Director, Middle East and Central Asia Department, International Monetary Fund
- Country comments and discussion

1230–1400 *Lunch*

1400–1515 Session 1: Program Update and Sector Strategies (Cont'd)

1400–1515 Energy Sector Strategy Update

- [Draft Strategy](#) ~~РУССКИЙ~~
- [Update on draft Energy Sector Strategy](#) ~~РУССКИЙ~~ and process/timeline for finalization by World Bank
- Country comments and discussion

1515–1540 *Tea Break*

1540–1700 Session 2: CAREC Institute Update and Work Plan

- **1540–1700** • [CAREC Institute Update](#) ~~РУССКИЙ~~ and Work Plan Session moderated by Johannes Linn, Special Advisor, CAREC Program
- [Update on CAREC Institute 2008 Work Plan](#) ~~РУССКИЙ~~ by Robert Siy, Jr.
- Introduction of selected studies
- Country comments and discussion

1845 **Dinner**

25 April (Friday)

0900–0945 Session 3: Preparations for 7th Ministerial Conference

- Proposed theme and key messages, and organizational arrangements for the 7th Ministerial Conference by Samir Veliyev

- Potential approaches for [CAREC Development Partners' Forum](#) ~~proceed~~ by David Kruger, Senior Regional Cooperation Specialist, ADB
- Country comments and discussion

0945 –1000 *Tea Break*

1000–1145 Session 4: Country Views and Discussion

1000–1145 Country statements (10 min each):

- Afghanistan
- Azerbaijan
- People's Republic of China
- Kazakhstan
- Kyrgyz Republic
- Mongolia
- Tajikistan
- Uzbekistan

Discussion

1200–1300 *Lunch*

1300–1345 Session 5: Closing Session

1300–1330 Review of Summary of Proceedings

Robert Siy, Jr.

1330–1345 Wrap up and closing remarks

Samir Veliyev