



22nd CAREC Ministerial Conference

30 November 2023, 10:00–16:40 (Tbilisi, Georgia)

Reinvigorating Regional Cooperation in Times of Change

Co-Chairs:

Mr. Levan Davitashvili
Vice Prime Minister
Minister of Economy and Sustainable
Development of Georgia

Mr. Scott Morris
Vice-President (East and Southeast Asia, and the
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09:00–10:00	Registration
10:00–10:15	Inaugural Session
10:00–10:05	Welcome Address Mr. Levan Davitashvili Vice Prime Minister Minister of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia
10:05–10:10	Keynote Addresses Mr. Irakli Garibashvili Prime Minister of Georgia
10:10–10:15	Mr. Masatsugu Asakawa President Asian Development Bank (ADB)
10:15–10:30	Group Photo of Country Heads of Delegation
10:30–13:00	Session 1: CAREC Climate Change Vision and Implementation Progress of CAREC 2030 Moderator: Ms. M. Teresa Kho, Director General, East Asia Department, ADB
10:30–10:45	<i>IMF will set the context by sharing views on global and regional economic developments, including climate-related issues, emerging challenges, and impacts on the CAREC countries.</i> Presenter: Mr. Andrew Jewell, IMF Resident Representative in Georgia
10:45–10:55	<i>CAREC Secretariat will present an update on CAREC 2030 implementation progress in the five operational clusters.</i> Presenter: Ms. Lyaziza Sabyrova, Regional Head, Regional Cooperation and Integration (RCI), Central and West Asia Department (CWRD), ADB
10:55–11:05	<i>CAREC Secretariat will present the CAREC Climate Change Vision and the Concept for the CAREC Climate and Sustainability Project Preparatory Fund (CSPPF).</i> Presenter: Ms. Lyaziza Sabyrova, Regional Head, RCI, CWRD, ADB

11:05–11:20	Coffee Break
11:20–13:00	<p>Country Statements and Development Partners Interventions Moderator: Mr. Scott Morris, Vice-President (East and Southeast Asia, and the Pacific), ADB</p> <p><i>CAREC Heads of Delegation will provide a brief statement [4 minutes per country] with their feedback on CAREC 2030 implementation, including the endorsement of the CAREC Climate Change Vision and support for the CSPPF. Development Partners may also provide their views and insights [4 minutes each].</i></p>
13:00–14:30	Lunch Break
14:30–16:00	<p>Session 2: Diversifying Trade Flows and Transport and Transit Routes in the CAREC Region Moderator: Mr. Yevgeniy Zhukov, Director General, Central and West Asia Department (CWRD), ADB Presenter: Mr. Roman Mogilevskii, Senior Economist, RCI, CWRD, ADB</p> <p><i>ADB will present a draft study on Diversifying Trade Flows and Transport and Transit Routes in the CAREC Region, which highlights the need to improve linkages with major production and trade hubs including via the Middle Corridor and other transport and transit routes.</i></p> <p>Open Discussion: Views and Insights from the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CAREC Country Delegates • Development Partners • Trans-Caspian International Transport Route Association • Private Sector Representatives
16:00–16:15	Coffee Break
16:15–16:40	<p>Concluding Session Moderator: Mr. Genadi Arveladze, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia</p>
16:15–16:30	Adoption of the Joint Ministerial Statement
16:30–16:35	Statement by the 2024 CAREC Chair Country CAREC National Focal Point from Kazakhstan
16:35–16:40	Closing Remarks Senior Official from Georgia
19:00–21:00	Dinner Reception Hosted by the Government of Georgia Departure from the hotel at 18:00.