



Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation Program

CAREC SENIOR OFFICIALS' MEETING
6-7 June 2012
Hohhot, Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region
People's Republic of China

DETAILED AGENDA (As of 31 May 2012)

Day 0, Tuesday, 5 June 2012

1900 – 2100 **Dinner Reception Provided by the Government of the People's Republic of China**
Venue: To be determined (TBD)

Day 1, Wednesday, 6 June 2012

0830 – 0900 **Registration**

0900 – 1800 **CAREC SENIOR OFFICIALS' MEETING**

Chair:

Mr. Zhang Wencai

Deputy Director General, International Department, Ministry of Finance, and National Focal Point for the People's Republic of China (PRC)

To be assisted by the CAREC Secretariat:

Mr. Klaus Gerhaeusser

Director General, Central and West Asia Department (CWRD)
Asian Development Bank (ADB)

Mr. Robert Wihtol

Director General, East Asia Department, ADB

Mr. Sean O'Sullivan

Deputy Director General, CWRD, ADB

Participants: CAREC country delegations; and representatives of partner multilateral institutions - Asian Development Bank (ADB), European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, International Monetary Fund, Islamic Development Bank, United Nations Development Programme, and World Bank.

- 0900 – 0915** **Opening**
- Welcome and opening remarks
Mr. Zhang Wencai, PRC
- 0915 – 1100** **Session 1: Key Developments on CAREC 2020**
Each delegation will be requested to give a brief (at most 8 minutes) report on national actions that have been carried out to prepare for implementation of CAREC 2020. These could include, among other things: (i) awareness-raising for officials and other key stakeholders; (ii) review of national development plans to consider mainstreaming CAREC 2020's strategic and operational priorities; and (iii) strengthening of national coordination mechanisms for CAREC.
- Discussions will follow.*
- 1100 – 1115 *Coffee/Tea Break*
- 1115 – 1230** **Session 2: Draft CAREC Institute (CI) 2012-2017: A Strategic Knowledge Framework**
The CAREC Secretariat will present the draft, and request for comments and suggestions from the SOM participants. It will highlight proposed pillars of the CI, namely, knowledge generation, knowledge services, and knowledge management.
- 1230 – 1330 *Lunch Break*
- 1330 – 1700** **Session 3: CAREC Sectors of Cooperation – Recent Developments and Key Issues**
Representative of the PRC will summarize progress in the priority sectors of CAREC. Following this, the Chair will moderate the discussion on the key issues that require the guidance/endorsement of the SOM in each of the four sectors, which could include refinement of the CAREC 2020 medium-term priority projects list.
- 1330 – 1345 Summary Progress Report by PRC Representative
- 1345 – 1430 Discussion on Transport
- 1430 – 1515 Discussion on Energy
- 1515 – 1530 *Coffee/Tea Break*
- 1530 – 1615 Discussion on Trade Facilitation
- 1615 – 1700 Discussion on Trade Policy
- 1700 – 1800** **Session 4: Draft CAREC Development Effectiveness Review, 2011**
The CAREC Secretariat will present the draft, and request for comments and suggestions from the SOM participants.

1900 – 2100 **Dinner hosted by ADB**
Venue: Grand Ballroom A, Shangri-La Hohhot

Day 2, Thursday, 7 June 2012

0900 – 0930 **Session 5: 2011 Annual and First Quarter 2012 Reports on CAREC Corridor Performance Measurement and Monitoring (CPMM)**
Capt Lin Zhong, President of the CAREC Federation of Carriers and Forwarders Associations, will present highlights of the 2011 CPMM annual report. Discussion will follow.

0930 – 1030 **Session 6: CAREC Corridor Development Study**
The CAREC Secretariat will describe a proposed concept for CAREC Corridor Development Study, and request for comments and suggestions from the SOM participants.

1030 – 1115 **Session 7: Proposed Theme and Structure of the 11th CAREC Ministerial Conference**
The PRC delegation will present the proposed theme and structure of the 11th CAREC Ministerial Conference, and request comments and suggestions from the SOM participants.

1115 – 1145 *Coffee/Tea Break*

1145 – 1230 **Session 8: Summary of Proceedings**

1230 – 1240 **Wrap Up and Closing**

1240 – 1400 *Lunch*