



CAREC Senior Officials' Meeting

30–31 May 2024

Astor Ballroom, 1st Floor, St. Regis Hotel
1 Kabanbay Batyr Avenue, Astana

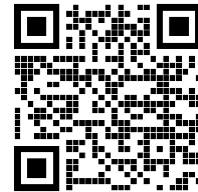
Chair: Mr. Timur Zhaksylykov, First Vice Minister
Ministry of National Economy of the
Republic of Kazakhstan

Assisted by: Mr. Yevgeniy Zhukov
Director General, Central and West
Asia Department, ADB

Mr. Muhammad Ehsan Khan
Director General, East Asia Department, ADB

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Day 1: Thursday, 30 May	
08:30–09:00	Registration of participants
09:00–09:15	Welcome and Opening Session
09:00–09:05	Welcome speech by Mr. Yevgeniy Zhukov Director General, Central and West Asia Department (CWRD), ADB
09:05–09:10	Welcome speech by Mr. Timur Zhaksylykov, First Vice Minister Ministry of National Economy of the Republic of Kazakhstan
09:10–09:15	Meeting Objectives and Introduction of Agenda items Ms. Lyaziza Sabyrova, Regional Head, Regional Cooperation and Integration, CWRD, ADB
09:15–10:00	Session 1: CAREC 2030 Implementation Progress and Next Steps
09:15–09:35	Moderated by Mr. Yevgeniy Zhukov, Director General, CWRD, ADB <i>The CAREC Secretariat will present the overall progress made to date in implementing the CAREC 2030 Strategy building on discussions at the 22nd CAREC Ministerial Conference, and proposed key deliverables for 2024 including a potential CAREC Infrastructure Investment Forum.</i> Presentation by Ms. Lyaziza Sabyrova, Regional Head, Regional Cooperation and Integration, CWRD, ADB

09:35–10:00	Open Discussions
10:00–10:15	Group Photo and Coffee Break
10:15–12:30	Session 2: CAREC 2030 Strategy Midterm Review
10:15–10:30	<p>Moderated by Mr. Timur Zhaksylykov, First Vice Minister Ministry of National Economy of the Republic of Kazakhstan</p> <p><i>The CAREC Secretariat will present the objective, outline, scope, and preliminary outcomes of the Midterm Review of the CAREC 2030 (MTR) and solicit feedback, inputs, and further suggestions from CAREC members, including MTR key messages, governance arrangements, program results monitoring, and development partners engagement.</i></p>
10:30–12:00	<p>Presentation by Ms. Lyaziza Sabyrova, Regional Head, Regional Cooperation and Integration, CWRD, ADB</p> <p>Tour de Table</p> <p><i>Each CAREC Delegation will be requested to share their perspectives, insights, and suggestions on the MTR.</i></p>
12:00–13:30	Lunch
13:30–14:20	Session 3: Operationalizing CAREC Climate Change Vision and Proposed Financing Mechanisms
13:30–13:40	<p>Moderated by Mr. Yevgeniy Zhukov, Director General, CWRD, ADB</p> <p><i>The CAREC Secretariat will report on the outcomes of the 1st Meeting of the CAREC Climate Change Working Group (CCWG), the preparation of the Climate Change Action Plan, and mainstreaming of the Climate Change Vision in CAREC 2030 sectors. The CAREC Secretariat will also provide updates on the proposed CAREC disaster risk transfer facility and the establishment and financing for the CAREC Climate and Sustainability Project Preparatory Fund (CSPPF).</i></p> <p>Outcomes of the 1st Meeting of the Climate Change Working Group</p>
13:40–13:50	<p>Presentation by Mr. Kristian Rosbach, Senior Economist (Regional Cooperation), CWRD, ADB</p> <p>Developing Disaster Risk Transfer Facility</p>
13:50–14:20	<p>Presentation by Ms. Carmen Maria Garcia Perez, Regional Cooperation Specialist, CWRD, ADB (virtual)</p> <p>Open Discussions</p>

14:20–15:30	Session 4.1: Sector–Specific Initiatives under Traditional Sectors
	Moderated by Mr. Yevgeniy Zhukov, Director General, CWRD, ADB <i>The CAREC Secretariat will report on sector initiatives or outcomes of CAREC sector meetings held since the 22nd CAREC Ministerial Conference. Presentations may focus on how the Climate Change Vision is mainstreamed in each sector and inputs into the MTR.</i>
14:20–14:30	Trade Flows and Transport Routes in the CAREC Region amid External Shocks
	Presentation by Mr. Roman Mogilevskii, Senior Economist, CWRD, ADB
14:30–14:40	Trade <i>6th CAREC Regional Trade Group Meeting and 2nd CAREC Digital Trade Forum (17–18 April, Astana)</i>
	Presentation by Ms. Dorothea Lazaro, Senior Regional Cooperation Specialist, CWRD, ADB
14:40–14:50	Transport <i>21st Transport Sector Coordinating Committee (22–23 April, Almaty)</i>
	Presentation by Mr. Oleg Samukhin, Senior Transport Specialist, Sectors Group, ADB
14:50–15:00	Energy <i>34th Energy Sector Coordinating Committee (4 April, Virtual)</i>
	Presentation by Mr. Martin Jaer, Finance Specialist (Energy), Sectors Group, ADB (<i>virtual</i>)
15:00–15:30	Open Discussions for Session 4.1
15:30–15:40	Coffee Break
15:40–16:00	Session 4.2: Sector-Specific Initiatives in New Areas and Cross-Cutting Themes
	Moderated by Mr. Muhammad Ehsan Khan, Director General, East Asia Department, ADB
15:40–15:50	Skills Development <i>The session will present the outcomes of the 1st Meeting of the CAREC Working Group on Skills Development and proposed next steps.</i>
	Presentation by Ms. Altynay Arapova, Economist, CWRD, ADB
15:50–16:00	Agriculture and Water <i>This sub-session will discuss (i) progress made in the CAREC Water Pillar and preparatory steps being taken for initial water pillar projects and (ii)</i>

16:00–16:10	<p><i>updates on the implementation of the “Cooperation Framework for Agricultural Development and Food Security in the CAREC Region.”</i></p> <p>Presentation by: Mr. Md. Abul Basher, Senior Natural Resources and Agriculture Specialist, Sectors Group, ADB (<i>virtual</i>)</p> <p>Digital/ICT <i>2nd CAREC Digital Strategy Steering Committee (19 April, Astana)</i></p> <p>Presentation by Ms. Dorothea Lazaro, Senior Regional Cooperation Specialist, CWRD, ADB</p>
16:10–16:50	Session 5. CAREC Institute: Progress and Update on 2024 Work Plan
16:10–16:20	<p>Moderated by Mr. Muhammad Ehsan Khan, Director General, East Asia Department, ADB</p> <p><i>The CAREC Institute will present a progress report on the 2024 work plan for the first half of the year and planned activities for the second half of the year.</i></p> <p>Presentation by: Mr. Kabir Jurazoda, Director, CAREC Institute</p>
16:20–16:50	Open Discussions for Sessions 4.2 and 5.
16:50–17:00	<p>Wrap-Up of Day 1</p> <p>Ms. Lyaziza Sabyrova, Regional Head, Regional Cooperation and Integration, CWRD, ADB</p>
18:00–20:00	Dinner at Winter Garden, St. Regis

Day 2: Friday, 31 May	
09:00–09:10	Recap of Day 1 and Objectives of Day 2 Ms. Lyaziza Sabyrova, Regional Head, Regional Cooperation and Integration, CWRD, ADB
09:10–10:15	Session 6. Development Partners' Perspectives
09:10–10:15	Moderated by Mr. Yevgeniy Zhukov, Director General, CWRD, ADB <i>Development Partners will share their ongoing and planned initiatives to support the implementation of CAREC 2030 Strategy, including the CAREC Climate Change Vision, and how these are aligned with the needs and priorities of CAREC member countries.</i>
10:15–10:30	Coffee Break
10:30–11:20	Session 7. Proposed 2024 Deliverables and Key Initiatives for the 23rd CAREC Ministerial Conference
10:30–10:40	Moderated by Mr. Timur Zhaksylykov, First Vice Minister Ministry of National Economy of the Republic of Kazakhstan <i>CAREC Secretariat will present the key initiatives and activities in 2024 and proposed deliverables, theme and arrangements for the 23rd CAREC Ministerial Conference on 8 November 2024 in Astana.</i>
10:40–11:20	Presentation by Ms. Lyaziza Sabyrova, Regional Head, Regional Cooperation and Integration, CWRD, ADB Open Discussions for Session 7
11:20–11:30	Closing Remarks
11:20–11:25	Mr. Timur Zhaksylykov, First Vice Minister Ministry of National Economy of the Republic of Kazakhstan
11:25–11:30	Mr. Muhammad Ehsan Khan Director General, East Asia Department, ADB
11:30–12:30	Lunch [Working Lunch for the CAREC Secretariat including NFP Advisors and RCCs]

CAREC Development Partners' Special Session

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Agenda items:

1. Development Partners' (DPs) comments and feedback on the draft report of the Midterm Review of CAREC 2030 Strategy.
2. Follow-ups on engagement of CAREC DPs in implementing recommendations from the First CAREC Development Partners' Forum held in 2020.
3. Discuss potential collaboration and/or joint financing of CAREC projects and programs and exchange of information on ongoing and planned DPs' activities, sharing of technical expertise including with CAREC Institute, and enhancing CAREC Program visibility and country ownership in member countries and among DPs.

Participants: Invited Development Partners

Draft Agenda	
13:30–13:35	Welcome and Strategic Overview Mr. Yevgeniy Zhukov, Director General, Central and West Asia Department, ADB
13:35–13:45	CAREC Strategy 2030 Midterm Review and Strengthening the Role of Development Partners under the CAREC Program Ms. Lyaziza Sabyrova, Regional Head, Regional Cooperation and Integration, CWRD, ADB
13:45–15:30	Tour de Table Development Partners
15:30–15:45	Coffee Break
15:45–16:05	Summary Observations from CAREC Secretariat Ms. Lyaziza Sabyrova, Regional Head, Regional Cooperation and Integration, CWRD, ADB
16:05–16:15	Closing and Next Steps Mr. Muhammad Ehsan Khan, Director General, East Asia Department, ADB