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CAREC High-Level Session:
“Financing Greener Value Chains in the Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation (CAREC) Region”

2 May 2024, 15:00-17:00
Biltmore Hotel, The Guild (2nd floor)

Introduction

Global trade and supply chains continue to be associated with high carbon emissions, with an estimated 20-30% of the total CO₂ emissions according to the World Trade Organization (WTO). At the same time, global and regional trade can play an important role in tackling climate change risks. Coordinated policies, interoperability of systems and standards, and adoption of green technologies can positively contribute to countries’ decarbonization efforts. Strengthening cooperation among countries is crucial to design regional smart solutions that can help increase connectivity, reduce barriers to cross-border trade for seamless movement of goods and services, and develop resilient value chains in a way that is socially and environmentally sustainable and contributes to achieving countries’ climate objectives.

Objectives

This high-level seminar will reflect on the challenges and opportunities to build more resilient and greener value chains in the CAREC region. In particular, the seminar will discuss the role of regional cooperation in strengthening CAREC’s linkages with global value chains while advancing the climate change agenda. Investment needs on decarbonization, upgrading of ports, trade digitalization and smart border crossing systems, renewable energy, and adaptation will be discussed. The seminar will explore opportunities to mobilize financing and support the preparation of climate projects in CAREC countries.

Agenda

14:45–15:00	Registration
15:00-15:05	Introduction Ms. Lyaziza Sabyrova, Regional Head, Regional Cooperation and Integration, Central and West Asia Department (CWRD), ADB
15:05–15:10	Opening Remarks Mr. Yingming Yang, Vice President (South, Central and West Asia), ADB
15:10-15:25	Presentation Mr. Yevgeniy Zhukov, Director General, CWRD, ADB
15:25–16:55	Panel Discussion <i>The moderator will introduce the panelists and the structure of the panel discussion. There will be two panel discussions. During each panel, the moderator will pose a first round of questions to panelists on the topic. Panelists will be given 5 min. each per question. A second round of questions may be asked, with a 3 min. time</i>



	<p><i>allocation for responses. The moderator will then invite questions from the audience (through pigeonhole) and address them to panelists.</i></p> <p>Moderator: Prof. Peter Frankopan, Professor of Global History, Worcester College, Oxford, United Kingdom</p> <p>Panel 1: Greener Value Chains (35 min)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ms. Nino Tandilashvili, First Deputy Minister of the Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture of Georgia• Mr. Jean-Marie Paugam, Deputy Director General, World Trade Organization• Ms. Larisa Kislyakova, Chairperson, Partnership for Transport and Logistics in Central Asia <p><i>Panel 1 discussion will focus on challenges and opportunities for promoting green trade and decarbonization of supply chains while enhancing connectivity in the CAREC region, and how the CAREC platform can support member countries in this process.</i></p> <p>Live Q&A Session (10 min) <i>The moderator will ask panelists questions from the audience (submitted through pigeonhole).</i></p> <p>Panel 2: Climate Financing (35 min)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr. Hokim Kholiqzoda, First Deputy Prime Minister and Governor for the Republic of Tajikistan in the ADB, Tajikistan• Mr. Warren Evans, Special Senior Advisor (Climate Change), Office of the President, ADB• Ms. Ivana Fernandes Duarte, Regional Manager for the South Caucasus, International Finance Corporation• Mr. Samir Sharifov, Minister of Finance and Governor for the Republic of Azerbaijan in the ADB, Azerbaijan <p><i>Panel 2 discussion will focus on the role of regional cooperation to mobilize the technical and financing resources, support preparation of climate projects and strengthen public-private collaboration to advance the implementation of the regional climate agenda.</i></p> <p>Live Q&A Session (10 min) <i>The moderator will ask panelists questions from the audience (submitted through pigeonhole).</i></p>
16:55–17:00	<p>Wrap Up</p> <p>Mr. Malik Muhammad Ehsan Khan, Director General, East Asia Department, ADB</p>