



Virtual CAREC Digital Curtain Raiser Startup Map and Innovation Network Launch

15:00 - 17:30 (Manila time) | 30th June 2022

Agenda

14:45 – 15:05 **Registration and Joining Zoom Meeting**

15:05 – 15:10 **Welcome Remarks and Launch of CAREC Digital Initiatives**
Mr. Yevgeniy Zhukov, Director General, Central and West Asia Department, ADB

15:10 - 15:15 **Launch of the CAREC Startup Map**
Mr. Eli David, Consultant, ADB

This session will include a demonstration of startupcarec.org and discuss the use of this map for the various ecosystem players such as startups, accelerators, investors, governments, universities, etc.

15:15-15:20 **Launch of CAREC Innovation Network**
Ms. Hira Wajahat, Consultant, ADB

This session will discuss the aims and the working of the CAREC Innovation Network as the operational arm of the CAREC startup ecosystem hub.

15:20 – 16:25 **Role of Multilateral and Development Organizations in the Growth of Startup Ecosystems**
Moderator: Mr. Arndt Husar, Senior Public Management Specialist (Digital Transformation), ADB

Panelists:

- Mr. Paul Lam, Strategy & Policy Officer, Digital and Technology, Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB)
- Mr. Kishlaya Misra, Investment Officer, Private Equity, AIIB
- Mr. Holger Wiefel, Regional Head, SME Finance & Development Group, Central Asia and Mongolia, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD)
- Mr. Syed Saad Ali Pasha, Business Development Manager, The Islamic Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture (ICCIA)

- Mr. TANABE Hideki, Deputy Director General, East and Central Asia and Caucasus Department, Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)
- Mr. Filip Stoyanovich, Director, USAID Future Growth Initiative, United States Agency for International Development (USAID)
- Ms. Aneliya Muller, Digital Development Specialist, Central Asia, World Bank

These Representatives from six multilateral organizations (AIIB, EBRD, ICCIA, JICA, USAID and World Bank) working on startup ecosystems in the CAREC region will:

- Briefly introduce their ongoing and planned work in startup ecosystems
- Discuss the challenges faced by ecosystems from a regional level
- Discuss collaboration opportunities to overcome challenges in an open discussion

16:25-17:25

CAREC country ecosystems presentation

Presentations by CAREC Innovation Networks members and other leading organizations

Members:

- Mr. Jasur Hasanov, Founder, Social Innovation Lab, Azerbaijan
- Mr. Eric Huo, Director, Corporate Innovation, SOSV China Accelerator, People's Republic of China
- Mr. Lasha Gorgoshidze, Chief Executive Officer, Startup Georgia, Georgia
- Mr. Abay Absamet, Executive Director of Business and Export Development, International Technopark of IT startups Astana Hub, Kazakhstan
- Ms. Indira Uzbekova, Country Director, Accelerate Prosperity, Kyrgyz Republic
- Tserenbaatar Bayasgalan, National Information Technology Park, Mongolia
- Mr. Asim Khan, Director, National Incubation Center, Pakistan
- Mr. Jurazoda Dilshod, Director, State Enterprise Business Incubator, Tajikistan
- Mr. GORK Abat Shekil, Turkmenistan
- Mr. Farrukh Maksumov, Head of Startup Ecosystem Development, IT Park, Uzbekistan

The presentations will cover respective country ecosystem and highlight entry points to further the CAREC Innovation Network

17:25-17:30

Closing Remarks

Mr. Saad Paracha, Unit Head, CAREC Secretariat, ADB