

Virtual Regional Inception Workshop on Formulation of CAREC Health Strategy 2030 15:00pm-17:00pm (Manila time), 4 March 2021

AGENDA

Co-chairs: Ms. Rie Hiraoka, Director, Social Sectors Division, Central and West Asia

Department (CWSS), ADB

Mr. Safdar Parvez, Director, Regional Cooperation and Operations Coordination Division, Central and West Asia Department (CWRC), ADB

Facilitators: Kirthi Ramesh, Social Sector Specialist, CWSS, ADB

Xinglan Hu, Principal Regional Cooperation Specialist, CWRC, ADB

Objectives: Establish a CAREC Working Group on Health

Initial Consultations on the CAREC Health Strategy 2030

Time	Session
14:30-15:00	Signing up; video/audio connection checks
15:00-15:10	Moderator: Ms. Xinglan Hu, Principal Regional Cooperation Specialist, CWRC, ADB
	Welcome Remarks • Ms. Rie Hiraoka, Director, CWSS, ADB
15:10-16:20	Advancing Regional Health Cooperation and developing a CAREC Health Strategy towards 2030
	This session will outline the scope and activities under the regional technical assistance (TA) "Addressing Regional Health Threats in Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation (CAREC) countries and the Caucasus" and introduce the consultant team. A framework for the CAREC Health Strategy will be presented followed by breakout sessions to discuss vision, objectives and components of the CAREC health strategy.
	Moderator: Ms. Kirthi Ramesh, Social Sector Specialist, CWSS, ADB
	Presentation: Overview of the Regional TA and a Framework for the CAREC Health Strategy 2030 (15 min.)
	 Ms. Kirthi Ramesh, Social Sector Specialist, CWSS, ADB Mr. Peter Campbell, Team Leader, GOPA Consulting Group GmbH
	Breakout Session: Participants will be Divided into Groups to Brainstorm on the Vision, Objectives and Components of a CAREC Health Strategy towards 2030 (45 min.)



Main topics for group work:

- 1) Current **challenges** and **priorities** for future regional cooperation between the CAREC countries in the areas:
 - 1) Regional Health Security
 - 2) Health Systems Strengthening through Regional Cooperation
 - 3) Improving Health Services for Migrants, Mobile Populations and Border Communities
- 2) What are some main Enablers for Implementation?

Facilitators:

- Mr. Peter Campbell, Team Leader, GOPA Consulting Group GmbH
- Ms. Martina Merten, Health Innovations Research expert, GOPA Consulting Group GmbH
- Mr. Mamuka Djibuti, Regional Health Security expert, GOPA Consulting Group GmbH

Summary/Highlights of Discussions from Each Group (10 min.)

Breakout Session Facilitators

16:20-16:55

Institutional Arrangement for CAREC Health Cooperation

The session will discuss institutional arrangement for advancing CAREC health cooperation. Experience from the Greater Mekong Subregion (GMS) Working Group on Health will be shared and objectives for a CAREC working group on health proposed. CAREC countries will be invited to provide views and insights on the scope which will be further refined and detailed following this workshop. The session will conclude with a formal establishment of the Working Group on Health.

Moderator: Ms. Xinglan Hu, Principal Regional Cooperation Specialist, CWRC, ADB

Presentation: CAREC Institutional Framework and Proposed Working Group on Health (5 min.)

- Ms. Xinglan Hu, Principal Regional Cooperation Specialist, CWRC, ADB
- Ms. Kirthi Ramesh, Social Sector Specialist, CWSS, ADB

Presentation: Experience from the Greater Mekong Subregion Working Group on Health Cooperation (10 min.)

• Mr. Phusit Prakongsai, Acting Senior Advisor on Health Promotion, Office of Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Public Health, Thailand

Feedback from CAREC Countries (20 min. total)

16:55-17:00

Closing remarks

Mr. Safdar Parvez, Director, CWRC, ADB