



Agenda National Workshop on Potential CAREC-wide Free Trade Agreement

20 March 2023
Islamabad Serena Hotel, Islamabad
10:00 – 12:00 (Islamabad time)

Time	Session
09:00-10:00	Registration Signing up; video/audio connection checks
	Moderator: Ms. Zulfia Karimova Principal Regional Cooperation Specialist, Public Management, Financial Sector and Regional Cooperation Division (EAPF), East Asia Department (EARD), ADB
10:00-10:15	Session 1: Objectives of the Workshop <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Maria Kazi, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Commerce to introduce objectives of the workshop
10:15 -10:30	Welcome Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. Kazim Niaz, Secretary, Ministry of Economic Affairs Mr. Yong YE, Country Director, ADB Pakistan Resident Mission, ADB
10:30-10:45	GROUP PHOTO And Coffee-break
10:45-11:45	Session 2: Key Recommendations/Results of the Research Report Moderator: Mr. Mikheil Janelidze , Capacity Building Project Team, PMCG (<i>virtually</i>) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Simon Lacey to present the benefits of negotiating a CAREC-wide FTA (<i>virtually, 20 min</i>) Dr. David Roland-Holst to present the econometric findings from the research study (<i>virtually, 20 min</i>) Q&A Session with participants to be led by Ms. Maria Kazi , Joint Secretary/Ministry of Commerce/CAREC Sector Focal Point for Trade (20 min)
11:45-12:00	Concluding Remarks and Farewell for National Workshop <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Ahsan Ali Mangi, Additional Secretary (BS-21), Ministry of Commerce, Ms. Zulfia Karimova
	National Workshop Concludes – Training Activity Commences Immediately After Lunch [13:30]