



CAREC 2030

*Implementation
Progress
(Nov 2018–Nov 2019)
and Way Forward*

Outline Presentation at the 18th Ministerial Conference

Objective: To provide CAREC Ministers an update on CAREC 2030 implementation progress and solicit guidance on the way forward

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Progress in CAREC 2030's Operational Clusters

- Key achievements (Nov 2018 –Nov 2019)
- Upcoming activities/initiatives

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Progress in CAREC's renewed institutional framework

- Mobilization of technical and financial resources
- Enhanced role of development partners

A Quick Recap of the CAREC 2030 Strategy

Driving principles

- ❑ **Aligning** with national strategies and supporting SDGs and COP21
- ❑ **Expanding** operational priorities **selectively**
- ❑ Deepening **policy dialogue** based on CAREC's standing and ability to deliver quality **knowledge** services
- ❑ Integrating the role of the **private sector** and **civil society**
- ❑ Building an **open, inclusive** CAREC platform

Operational clusters

- 01 **Economic and Financial Stability**
- 02 **Trade, Tourism and Economic Corridors**
- 03 **Infrastructure and Economic Connectivity**
- 04 **Agriculture and Water**
- 05 **Human Development**



Economic and Financial Stability Cluster

Key Achievements (2018–2019)

- ❑ Panel Discussion on “*Export Diversification for Growth and Macroeconomic Stability*” (Nov 2018, Ashgabat, Turkmenistan)
- ❑ High-Level Forum on “*Balancing Infrastructure Investment with Debt Sustainability in CAREC Countries*” co-organized by ADB, IMF and World Bank (May 2019, Nur-Sultan, Kazakhstan)
- ❑ First CAREC Capital Market Regulators’ Forum (Aug 2019, Islamabad, Pakistan)

Upcoming Activities / Initiatives

- ❑ High-Level Policy Forum co-organized by ADB, IMF and World Bank (April / May 2020)
 - Possible topic: financial inclusion and SME access to finance
- ❑ Institutionalization of the Capital Market Regulators’ Forum
- ❑ Regional technical assistance on “*Developing a Disaster Risk Transfer Facility in the CAREC region*”



Trade, Tourism and Economic Corridors Cluster

Key Achievements (2018–2019)

- ❑ \$1.6 mill. technical Assistance to support CAREC Integrated Trade Agenda (CITA) implementation
- ❑ Inauguration of the SPS Regional Working Group
- ❑ Ongoing and new trade projects and programs
- ❑ Capacity building activities conducted and knowledge products generated



Upcoming activities / initiatives

- ❑ Second Rolling Strategic Action Plan (2019–2021):
 - Analytical work on trade in services and e-commerce
 - CAREC trade information portal
- ❑ Feasibility study for a multilateral trade credit and investment (re-)guarantee agency



Trade, Tourism and Economic Corridors Cluster

Key Achievements (2018–2019)

- ❑ Tourism Scoping Study
- ❑ High-level Session on Sustainable Tourism Development conducted (May 2019, Nadi, Fiji)
- ❑ \$2.0 mill. technical assistance to support tourism activities under CAREC
- ❑ ABEC Tourism Master Plan finalized



Upcoming activities / initiatives

- ❑ Inception workshop and first meeting of CAREC tourism focals (Dec 2019)
- ❑ CAREC Tourism Strategy 2030 and Investment Framework 2021-2025:
 - Regional and national consultations (May-June 2020; Sept 2020)
 - Submission for Ministers' endorsement at 19th CAREC MC in 2020
- ❑ CAREC Tourism Portal
- ❑ Implementation of ABEC Tourism Master Plan and support to tourism skilling center in Almaty



Trade, Tourism and Economic Corridors Cluster

Key Achievements (2018–2019)

- ❑ Almaty-Bishkek Economic Corridor: priority actions agreed at the 8th KAZ – KGZ Intergovernmental Council meeting
- ❑ Trilateral Economic Corridor connecting Kazakhstan-Uzbekistan-Tajikistan
- ❑ High-Level Session on Economic Corridors Development
- ❑ Analytical support to China–Pakistan Economic Corridor



Upcoming activities / initiatives

- ❑ Almaty-Bishkek Economic Corridor:
 - Economic Impact Assessment of road between Almaty and Issyk-Kul
 - Support to modernization of two border crossing points and to pharmaceutical laboratory testing
- ❑ Trilateral Economic Corridor connecting Kazakhstan-Uzbekistan-Tajikistan:
 - Vision for the trilateral economic corridor
 - Trade analysis
 - Pipeline of possible projects



Infrastructure and Economic Connectivity Cluster

Transport

Key Achievements (2018–2019)

- ❑ CAREC Transport Strategy 2030
- ❑ Ongoing and new connectivity projects
- ❑ Implementation CAREC Railways Strategy 2030
 - Technical Assistance (\$2.0 mill.) on Railway Sector Development in CAREC
- ❑ Implementation CAREC Road Safety Strategy 2030
 - Road Safety Engineering Workshops in Uzbekistan, Georgia, Azerbaijan, Tajikistan, and Kyrgyz Republic

Upcoming activities / initiatives

- ❑ CAREC Ports and Logistics Scoping Study
- ❑ Knowledge products on road safety and road asset management
- ❑ Railway Working Group meetings: development of a regional rail model and knowledge-sharing on railway reforms
- ❑ Aviation Working Group meeting: experience-sharing on liberalization policy and harmonization



Infrastructure and Economic Connectivity Cluster

Energy

Key Achievements (2018–2019)

- ❑ CAREC Energy Strategy 2030
- ❑ Ongoing and new energy projects
- ❑ First CAREC Energy Ministers' Dialogue
- ❑ 4th CAREC Energy Investment Forum

Upcoming activities / initiatives

- ❑ Creation of working groups and task forces to implement the three pillars and the three cross-cutting themes of the Energy Strategy 2030
- ❑ 5th Energy Investment Forum



Agriculture and Water Cluster

Key Achievements (2018–2019)

- ❑ Implementation of CAREC Common Agenda for Modernization of Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) Measures for Trade
 - CAREC Regional Food Safety Network conceptualized
 - Regional policy dialogues on pest surveillance, and control of transboundary animal diseases conducted
- ❑ Horticulture Value Chains Infrastructure Project in Uzbekistan
- ❑ Development Partners' Coordination Meeting on Water Cooperation (June 2019)

Upcoming activities / initiatives

- ❑ Modern agricultural wholesale market project in KGZ and KAZ
- ❑ Detailed action plan for CAREC food safety network
- ❑ Knowledge products on agriculture:
 - SPS regulatory regimes and electronic exchange of SPS certificates
 - Development of cross-border horticulture value chains in the Fergana Valley
- ❑ Scoping study on water cooperation



Human Development Cluster

Key Achievements (2018–2019)

- ❑ Education scoping study completed
- ❑ First regional education workshop (March 2019)



Upcoming activities / initiatives

- ❑ Scoping work on health cooperation and first regional health workshop
- ❑ Scoping study on “*Strengthening Cross-Border Community Collaboration in CAREC*”
- ❑ First CAREC Gender Strategy
- ❑ Skills sector expert group meeting and pilot activities

Strengthened **Institutional Framework**

01

Mobilization of technical and financial resources

- TA funds mobilized through trust funds and other financial resources to support tourism, transport and economic corridors work
- Proposed Regional Infrastructure Projects Enabling Facility



02

Further deepened and broadened partnerships

- Engagement of more development partners, particularly in new areas of cooperation
- CAREC Development Partners' Dialogue (Sept 2019) and CAREC Development Partners' Forum in 2020
- CAREC Institute: expanding research, knowledge and capacity building services



Key Challenges and **Way Forward**

01

Greater country ownership

- Alignment of CAREC's initiatives with national strategies
- Countries' leadership in operational clusters
- High-level and active participation in CAREC events

02

Larger financing for regional projects

- Scale up development partners and member countries' financial and technical support and explore innovative financing arrangements
- Promote private sector participation and investments

03

Stronger institutional mechanisms

- Strengthen the CAREC Secretariat
- Gradually activate expert groups in new operational areas
- Improve collaboration with other regional cooperation platforms

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION

