

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

Progress in CAREC 2030's Operational Clusters

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

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

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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" coorganized by ADB, IMF and World Bank (May 2019, Nur-Sultan, Kazakhstan)
- □ First CAREC Capital Market Regulators' Forum (Aug 2019, Islamabad, Pakistan)

- 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







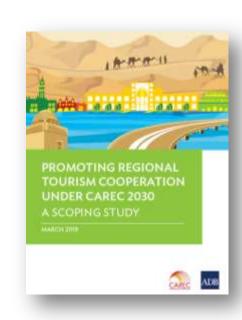
- Second Rolling Strategic Action Plan (2019–2021):
 - Analytical work on trade in services and e-commerce
 - CAREC trade information portal
- Feasibility study for a multilateral trade credit and investment (re-)guarantee agency



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



- 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



- 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

- 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

- 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)

- 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)



- 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

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

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

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Key Challenges and Way Forward

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Greater country ownership

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

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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

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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

