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CAREC Partnership for Climate, Innovation and Trade
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The CAREC Roundtable will focus on the implementation of the CAREC Partnership for Climate, Innovation and Trade (CPCIT), which was signed by CAREC Member Countries in Baku in November 2024 at the margins of COP29. CPCIT aims to pursue regional actions and innovative solutions in addressing climate change and trade issues and achieving sustainable development goals (SDGs). In this roundtable, CAREC countries will consider priority initiatives and activities to operationalize the CPCIT, including innovative solutions, financing mechanisms, and initiatives to enhance the role of trade and digitalization in mitigating and adapting to climate change.¹

Agenda

14:00 – 14:08 (Bangkok time)	Opening Session Ms. Lyaziza Sabyrova , Regional Head, Regional Cooperation and Integration, Central and West Department, Asian Development Bank (ADB) Mr. Elmar Mammadov , Senior Negotiator and Co-Leader of the COP29 Presidency Action Agenda Global and Regional Initiatives Team, and Head of the Economic Cooperation Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Azerbaijan
14:08 – 14:20	Session 1: Global and Regional COP29 Initiatives: BICFIT and CPCIT Moderator: Mr. Elmar Mammadov , Head of the Economic Cooperation Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Azerbaijan The session will provide an overview of two Baku initiatives launched at COP29: (i) Baku Initiative for Climate Finance, Investment, and Trade (BICFIT) Dialogue and (ii) CAREC Partnership for Climate, Innovation and Trade (CPCIT), and how these support the UN SDGs.

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	<p>BICFIT is an initiative of the COP29 Presidency, co-facilitated by UNCTAD, UNDP, in collaboration with WTO, ITC, previous presidencies of the COP of the UNCCC, and other international organizations. BICFIT Dialogue ensures that finance, investment, and trade are at the heart of the climate change agenda. CPCIT is a regional initiative that accelerates cross-cutting priorities of the CAREC members.</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Chantal Line Carpentier, Head, Trade, Environment & Climate Change, International Trade and Commodities Division, UNCTAD (<i>virtual</i>) (4 mins) • Ms. Dorothea Lazaro, Senior Regional Cooperation Specialist, Central and West Asia Department, ADB (4 mins)
<p>14:20 – 15:20</p>	<p>Session 2: Digitalizing and Promoting Green Supply Chains</p> <p>Moderator: Ms. Lyaziza Sabyrova, Regional Head, Regional Cooperation and Integration, Central and West Department, Asian Development Bank (ADB)</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Carmen Ramirez, Relationship Manager/Consultant, Trade and Supply Chain Finance Program, ADB, on <i>Model Law on Electronic Transferable Records (MLETR)</i> (<i>virtual</i>) (5 mins) <p><i>The MLETR, developed by UN Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL) enables the use of electronic transferable records, within and across borders, by recognizing their legal validity and giving them functional equivalence to their paper-based counterparts. This facilitates trade and e-commerce, optimizes business processes, and drives interoperability. The PRC and Georgia are pilot countries for MLETR adoption.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Indradi Soemardjan, TSCFP Safeguards Consultant, Trade and Supply Chain Finance Program, ADB, on <i>Pilot Project for Carbon Tracking and Reporting</i> (5 mins) <p><i>ADB is testing the use of QR-code technology to enable supply chain traceability and reporting against climate-related standards. The next phase will explore the supply chain of proposed products for select CAREC members, to facilitate access to key markets through the digital exchange of carbon emissions data.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Sung Heun Ha (Rama), Director of International Business, Korea Trade Network (KINET), on <i>electronic exchange of conformity certificates</i> (5 mins)



	<p><i>KTNET, the official Korean paperless trade infrastructure provider, is collaborating with CAREC/ADB, to develop a prototype for the electronic exchange of conformity certificates for at least four pilot CAREC countries. The Kyrgyz Republic, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan expressed interest to participate.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Simon Padilla, Economic Affairs Officer, Standards and Trade Development Facility (STDF) Secretariat, WTO, on CAREC members participation in the ePhyto Solution (virtual) <p><i>Electronic phytosanitary certificates (ePhytos), facilitate trade in plants and plant products, through the ePhyto Solution, a platform developed by the IPPC Secretariat. Azerbaijan, Pakistan and Uzbekistan are exchanging ePhytos while others (PRC, Georgia, Kazakhstan and Kyrgyz Republic) are in testing phase.</i></p> <p>Country Interventions/Reactions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Georgia: Mr. Samson Uridia, Head, Department for International Relations Revenue Service, Ministry of Finance (virtual) and Ms. Tamar Nikolozashvili, Head of Division for Trade Negotiations and Coordination of the DCFTA Implementation, Department for Foreign Trade Policy, Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development • Kyrgyz Republic: Mr. Tynychbek Ermatov, Leading Specialist, Customs Policy and Infrastructure Development Division, Customs Policy Department, Ministry of Economy and Commerce • Pakistan: Ms. Sameera Sheikh, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Climate and Environmental Coordination, Government of Pakistan • Uzbekistan: Mr. Kuyoshbek Khomidov, Chief Specialist, Department on Customs-Tariff Regulation of Foreign Trade, Ministry of Investments, Industry and Trade
15:25 – 15:35	Coffee break
15:35 – 16:50	<p>Session 3: Proposals and Initiatives from CAREC Member Countries and Other Development Partners</p> <p>Moderator: Ms. Dorothea Lazaro, Senior Regional Cooperation Specialist, Central and West Asia Department, ADB</p> <p><i>CPCIT includes the proposal to explore the feasibility of establishing a regional fund of funds, to serve as a catalyst in deploying venture capital for startup ecosystem, catering to climate solutions or projects and developing climate tech. The concept is linked to the proposed St(m)art Green Initiative proposed by Azerbaijan’s Sabah Hub and is under consultation with several stakeholders including Kazakhstan’s Astana Hub and IT Park Uzbekistan.</i></p>



	<p>Potential Regional Fund of Funds</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Abhishek N. Hegde, Private Sector Development Specialist, CWRD, ADB (<i>virtual</i>) (5 mins) • Intervention/s from CAREC private sector (<i>virtual</i>) (5 mins) <p>Related Initiatives from CAREC Countries and Development Partners</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Celine Bacrot, Economic Affairs Officer, UNCTAD, on the <i>Climate-Smart Trade Facilitation project</i> (<i>virtual</i>) (5 mins) • Ms. Ye Zhu, Director, Department of International Trade and Economic Affairs, Ministry of Commerce, PRC, on the <i>Initiative on International Trade and Economic Cooperation Framework for Digital Economy and Green Development</i> (5 mins) • Mr. Nurlan Kulbatyrov, First Deputy CEO, QazTrade Center for Trade Policy Development, Kazakhstan, on <i>Climate-Resilient Trade and Kazakhstan’s Efforts toward a Green Transition</i> (5 mins) • Mr. Aik Hoe Lim, Director, Trade and Environment Division, WTO, on the <i>Dialogue on Plastics Pollution and the Trade Dimension including Cross-border e-commerce</i> (5 mins) <p>Country Interventions/Reactions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mongolia: Mr. Chandmani Purevdorj, Director General, Economic Cooperation and Integrated Trade Policy department, Ministry of Economy and Development, CAREC National Focal Point for Mongolia • Tajikistan: Mr. Turakul Murodov, Deputy Head, Center for Implementation of Investment Projects, Committee of Environmental Protection under the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan (<i>virtual</i>) • Turkmenistan: Mr. Annamyrat Nurmyradov, Ministry of Trade and Foreign Economic Relations of Turkmenistan • Azerbaijan: Ms. Gunel Guliyeva, Head of Cooperation with International Donors Division, Cooperation with International Organizations Department, Ministry of Economy
16:50 – 17:00	<p>Conclusion and Next Steps</p> <p>ADB</p>