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CAREC Outreach Program

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Direction

"Ministers called for a much better understanding of potential gains from regional cooperation; bringing the benefits of regional cooperation to a wider audience must be a priority. Regional cooperation momentum must be reinforced."

Joint Ministerial Statement:
 4th Ministerial Conference on CAREC



Direction

"Ministers noted that country and regional workshops and roundtables are a priority in helping to reach out to a wider audience, thereby strengthening interest in and support for regional cooperation initiatives. Ministers also emphasized the need for proactive steps to link the CAREC region with aid agencies and the wider international business community."

Joint Ministerial Statement:
 4th Ministerial Conference on CAREC



Direction

"Ministers agreed that the top priority is mobilizing all stakeholders in support of regional cooperation. The period of uncertainty must be swept aside, replaced by shared goals and clarity of purpose."

— Joint Ministerial Statement:

4th Ministerial Conference on CAREC



Purpose

 Expand awareness and understanding of regional cooperation, its potential benefits for the region, and areas of opportunity

 Reinforce the Program's momentum and help create an environment of support for regional cooperation



Audience

- Participating Governments
- International organizations, bilateral partners
- International business community
- Broaden in future



Outreach Activities

Comprehensive Action Plan Consultations (June/July 2006)

- Tashkent, Uzbekistan
- Dushanbe, Tajikistan
- Bishkek, Kyrgyz Republic
- Astana, Kazakhstan
- Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia
- Shan Xi Province, PRC



Outreach Activities

Trade Policy Coordinating Committee Outreach Seminars

Held:

- Beijing, PRC
- Astana, Kazakhstan
- Bishkek, Kyrgyz Republic

Planned:

- Kabul, Afghanistan
- Baku, Azerbaijan
- Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia
- Dushanbe, Tajikistan
- Tashkent, Uzbekistan



Outreach Activities

CAREC News

Quarterly newsletter started in September 2004

CAREC web site

 News, events, CAREC meeting summaries and papers, etc.



Going Forward

Introductory/Update Roundtables

Committee/Special Topic Seminars

Business Development Forum



Going Forward

Broaden the network

Keep the dialogue focused and consistent

Stay on the radar



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