



CAREC Senior Officials' Meeting

13–14 June 2023 (GMT+4)
Ballrooms 1, 2 and 3, (Level 3)
Pullman Tbilisi Axis Towers
37m Chavchavadze Avenue, 0179 Tbilisi, Georgia

Chair: Mr. Genadi Arveladze, Deputy Minister
Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development
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Co-Chair: Ms. Xiaohong Yang, Deputy Director General
Central and West Asia Department (CWRD), ADB



Day 1: Tuesday, 13 June

08:30–09:00	Registration
09:00–09:10	Opening Remarks Mr. Genadi Arveladze Deputy Minister, Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development CAREC National Focal Point for Georgia
09:10–09:15	Group Photo
09:15–09:20	Introduction of the Agenda Ms. Xiaohong Yang Deputy Director General, CWRD, ADB
09:20–09:30	Session 1. CAREC 2030 Implementation Progress <i>The CAREC Secretariat will present the overall progress made to date in the implementation of the CAREC 2030 strategy, including recent initiatives and work program for 2023.</i> Presentation: Ms. Lyaziza Sabyrova, Director Regional Cooperation and Operations Coordination Division (CWRC) Central and West Asia Department (CWRD), ADB
09:30–09:40	Discussion
09:40–09:50	Session 2. CAREC Cluster One: Economic and Financial Stability <i>This session will discuss progress and plans for the Economic and Financial Stability High-Level Policy Dialogue, the CAREC Climate and Sustainability</i>

09:50–10:00	<p><i>Project Preparatory Fund (CSPPF), and the Capital Market Regulators' Forum.</i></p> <p>Presentation: Mr. Seung Min Lee, Senior Regional Cooperation Specialist, CWRC, CWRD, ADB</p> <p>Discussion</p>
10:00–10:10	<p>Session 3. CAREC Cluster Two: Trade, Tourism, and Economic Corridors</p> <p>3.1 Trade <i>This sub-session will discuss the following:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The CAREC Study on Reoriented Trade Flows in Central Asia and Caucasus Amidst External Shocks. <p>Presentation (virtual): Mr. Roman Mogilevskii, Senior Economist CWRC, CWRD, ADB</p>
10:10–10:20	<p>Discussion</p>
10:20–10:35	<p>Coffee Break</p>
10:35–10:45	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The progress made in the implementation of the CAREC Integrated Trade Agenda (CITA) 2030 and plans for the midterm review of CITA in 2024. <p>Presentation: Ms. Emma Fan, Director Public Management, Financial Sector, and Regional Cooperation Division (EAPF), EARD, ADB</p>
10:45–11:00	<p>Discussion</p>
11:00–11:10	<p>3.2 Tourism <i>This sub-session will discuss the progress made in the implementation of the CAREC Tourism Strategy 2030 and announce the soft launch of the CAREC tourism portal.</i></p> <p>Presentation: Ms. Ramola Naik Singru, Principal Urban Development Specialist, Urban Development and Water Division CWRD, ADB</p>
11:10–11:20	<p>Discussion</p>

11:20–11:30	<p>3.3 Economic Corridors <i>This sub-session will discuss progress and prospects on economic corridor development in CAREC. The Secretariat will also give updates on progress and achievements in Almaty-Bishkek Economic Corridor and Shymkent-Tashkent-Khujand Economic Corridor development.</i></p> <p>Presentation: Ms. Xinglan Hu, Principal Regional Cooperation Specialist, CWRC, CWRD, ADB</p>
11:30–11:40	Discussion
11:40–13:00	Lunch
13:00–13:10	<p>Session 4. CAREC Cluster Three: Infrastructure and Economic Connectivity</p> <p>4.1. Energy <i>This sub-session will present recent events within the CAREC energy sector, review progress in the implementation of the Energy Strategy 2030 and discuss key takeaways and insights from the 33rd Energy Sector Coordinating Committee.</i></p> <p>Presentation: Mr. Martin Jaer, Finance Specialist (Energy) Energy Division, CWRD, ADB</p>
13:10–13:20	Discussion
13:20–13:30	<p>4.2. Transport <i>This sub-session will discuss (i) achievements and recent challenges of all transport priority areas under the CAREC Transport Strategy 2030; (ii) support to the Railway Working Group for the implementation of the CAREC Railway Strategy 2017-2030, and (iii) implementation progress of these strategies including the Road Safety Strategy as well as next steps for 2023-2024 as agreed during the recently concluded 7th Working Group and the 20th Transport Sector Coordinating Committee Meetings held on 22-25 May 2023.</i></p> <p>Presentation: Mr. Oleg Samukhin, Senior Transport Specialist Transport and Communications Division, CWRD, ADB Central and West Asia Department</p>
13:30–13:40	Discussion
13:40–13:50	<p>Session 5. CAREC Cluster Four: Agriculture and Water (30 minutes) <i>This session will discuss (i) updates to a food security TA that will support the implementation of the “Cooperation Framework for Agricultural Development and Food Security in the CAREC Region”; (ii) progress made in the CAREC Water Pillar and (iii) preparatory steps being taken for initial water pillar projects.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Food Security <p>Presentation: Mr. Saad Abdullah Paracha, Senior Regional Cooperation Specialist, CWRC, CWRD, ADB</p>

13:50–14:00	Discussion
14:00–14:15	Coffee Break
14:15–14:25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water Pillar Presentation (virtual): Mr. Kazuhiro Yoshida , Senior Water Resources Specialist, Environment, Natural Resources, and Agriculture Division, (CWER), CWRD, ADB
14:25–14:35	Discussion
Session 6. CAREC Cluster Five: Human Development	
14:35–14:45	6.1 Health <i>This sub-session will discuss the progress made in the implementation of the CAREC Health Strategy, including the outcomes of the Working Group Meetings on Health and the endorsement of the regional investment framework.</i> Presentation (virtual): Ms. Kirthi Ramesh , Social Sector Specialist Social Sector Division, CWRD, ADB
14:45–14:55	Discussion
14:55–15:05	6.2 Education <i>This sub-session will discuss the progress made in the education and skills development cluster, including key knowledge products to be published and the development of the CAREC University Network Consortium.</i> Presentation (virtual): Mr. Guntur Sugiyarto , Principal Economist CWRC, CWRD, ADB
15:05–15:15	Discussion
15:15–15:20	Wrap-Up by Ms. Lyaziza Sabyrova, Director, CWRC, CWRD, ADB
18:00–20:00	Reception and dinner at the Funicular Restaurant (hosted by the Government of Georgia, by invitation)
Day 2: Wednesday, 14 June	
Session 7. Crosscutting Themes: Gender, Digitalization, and Climate Change (including Disaster Risk Management) <i>This session will discuss progress and plans in the implementation of CAREC crosscutting themes, including recent initiatives.</i>	
09:00–09:10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gender and Digitalization Presentation: Mr. Saad Abdullah Paracha Senior Regional Cooperation Specialist CWRC, CWRD, ADB
19:10–09:20	Discussion

09:20–09:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Disaster Risk Management <p>Presentation (virtual): Mr. Thomas Kessler Principal Finance Specialist (Disaster Insurance), Finance Sector Group Sustainable Development and Climate Change Department, ADB</p>
09:30–09:40	Discussion
09:40–09:50	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CAREC Climate Change Vision <p>Presentation: Mr. Saad Abdullah Paracha Senior Regional Cooperation Specialist CWRC, CWRD, ADB</p>
09:50–10:00	Discussion
10:00–10:15	Coffee Break
10:15–10:25	<p>Session 8. CAREC Institute: 2022 Achievements and 2023 Work Plan <i>The CAREC Institute (CI) will present key achievements of 2022, including the outcomes of the 13th CI Governing Council Meeting held virtually last December 2022, and its work program for 2023.</i></p> <p>Presentation: Mr. Kabir Jurazoda, Director, CAREC Institute</p>
10:25–10:35	Discussion
10:35–10:40	<p>Session 9. Theme and Structure of the 22nd CAREC Ministerial Conference</p> <p>Presentation: Ms. Lyaziza Sabyrova, Director CWRC, CWRD, ADB</p>
10:40–10:45	Discussion
10:45–11:00	<p>Wrap-Up</p> <p>Ms. Lyaziza Sabyrova, Director CWRC, CWRD, ADB</p>
11:00–12:00	Bilateral Meetings
12:00–13:30	Lunch