

CAREC High-Level Session During the Annual General Meeting
“CAREC at 20: Reimagining Regional Cooperation Through Digital Transformation”
(4 May 2021, 15:30–17:30, Manila, Philippines)

Agenda

Moderator: Mr. Tom Standage, Deputy Editor of *The Economist*

15:15–15:30	Registration
15:30–15:35	Introduction of Moderator and Panelists Mr. Yevgeniy Zhukov, Director General, CWRD, ADB
15:35–15:40	Opening Remarks Mr. Mikayil Jabbarov, Minister of Economy, Azerbaijan
15:40–15:55	Session Introduction: “CAREC at 20: Reimagining Regional Cooperation Through Digital Transformation” Mr. Tom Standage, Deputy Editor of <i>The Economist</i>
15:55–16:30	Panel Discussion: Challenges and Opportunities for Digital Cooperation <i>Moderator will pose questions to panelists on the topic (3 min. each). Panelists:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Bandar M.H. Hajjar, President, Islamic Development Bank • Mr. Shixin Chen, Vice President (Operations 1), ADB • Ministers from CAREC countries¹ (AFG, AZE, KGZ, PAK, TKM, UZB).
16:30–16:40	Live Q&A Session <i>The moderator will ask panelists questions submitted by the audience.</i>
16:40–17:15	Panel Discussion: Role of CAREC in Promoting Public-Private Partnerships to Deepen Digital Transformation in the Region <i>Moderator will pose questions to panelists on the topic (3 min. each). Panelists:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Joachim von Amsberg, Vice President Policy and Strategy, AIIB • Ms. Zsuzsanna Hargitai, Managing Director for Central Asia, EBRD • Ministers from CAREC countries (PRC, GEO, KAZ, MON, TAJ).
17:15–17:25	Live Q&A Session <i>The moderator will ask panelists questions submitted by the audience.</i>
17:25–17:30	Wrap Up Mr. James Patrick Lynch, Director General, EARD, ADB

¹ Official statements or speeches are not expected. The discussion will be based on question(s) included in the background note provided to CAREC countries in advance. Countries can choose the questions they opt to answer and communicate to the CAREC Secretariat.