

1st Meeting of the Working Group on Climate Change

29 May 2024, Astana, Kazakhstan

Background and Objectives

As part of the implementation of the [Regional Action on Climate Change: a Vision for CAREC](#) (CAREC Climate Change Vision) endorsed at the 22nd CAREC Ministerial Conference on 30 November 2023 in Tbilisi, Georgia, the CAREC Secretariat is initiating the establishment of the CAREC Working Group on Climate Change (WGCC). The CAREC WGCC will focus on the alignment of Paris Agreement-related activities in CAREC's priority clusters and cross-cutting thematic areas. It will serve as an important platform to: (i) coordinate and accelerate regional climate action in the CAREC region, (ii) share best practices and experiences on and identify priority sectors for climate change adaptation and mitigation, (iii) mobilize climate finance, and (iv) promote One CAREC voice on climate change agenda at global and regional forums such as the 29th Session of the Conference of the Parties (COP 29) on 11–22 November 2024 in Baku, Azerbaijan.

Agenda

14:15–14:30	Registration
14:30–14:35	Opening Remarks Mr. Yevgeniy Zhukov, Director General, Central and West Asia Department (CWRD), ADB
14:35–14:40	Session 1. Introduction of Program Objective: Overview of the outcomes of the first virtual meeting of the WG, initial workplan for 2024/2025, and the objectives and agenda for this WG meeting. Presenter: Lyaziza Sabyrova, Regional Head, CWRC, CWRD, ADB
14:40–15:00	Session 2. Adoption of Early Action Plan and Working Group Terms of Reference Objective: Adoption of Early Action Plan for the Implementation of the CAREC Climate Change Vision and Institutionalization of the CAREC Climate Change Working Group Presenter: Kristian Rosbach, Senior Economist, CWRC, CWRD, ADB and Matteo Mode, ADB Consultant Discussion
15:00–16:30	Session 3. Mainstreaming Climate Change across CAREC 2030's operational areas: Energy, Transport, Trade, DRM

	<p><i>Objectives:</i> Alignment of existing sectoral strategies and projects with the Paris Agreement and countries' climate commitments, and identification of potential climate-related regional projects and initiatives in the sectors.</p> <p>Presentations of CAREC Cluster Leaders</p> <p>Q&A (15 mins)</p>
16:30–16:50	Group Photo and Coffee/Tea Break
16:50–18:45	<p>Session 4. Financing Regional Climate Projects</p> <p><i>Objectives:</i> <i>Discussing Financing and Regional Climate Change Projects</i>, including showcasing ongoing project examples of regional projects in the CAREC region.</p> <p><i>Presentations of Selective Projects by CAREC Member Countries and Development Partners</i></p>
18:45–19:00	<p>Wrap-up</p> <p><i>Objective:</i> Summary of key takeaways from the discussions and next steps.</p> <p>Senior Official, Kazakhstan (TBC) Lyaziza Sabyrova, Regional Head, CWRC, CWRD, ADB</p>
19:30	Dinner Hosted by ADB