

CENTRAL ASIA REGIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION (CAREC) Workshop on "CAREC Transport and Trade Facilitation Corridor Performance Assessment and Monitoring"

23–24 February 2009, Guangzhou, People's Republic of China

PROGRAM

23 February, Monday

8:30–9:00 Registration

9:00–9:15 Workshop and Project Orientation Speaker: Mr. Ying Qian, Principal Economist (Finance Sector), Financial Management, Public Sector and Regional Cooperation Division (EAFM), East Asia Department, ADB

To discuss outline for the 2-day workshop, motivation for the project, schedule of implementation, the roles and responsibilities of various stakeholders, and expected outcome of the Performance Measurement and Monitoring (PMM) project (ref: <u>CAREC Corridors Performance Measurement and Monitoring</u>.

9:15–10:30 <u>Time-Cost-Distance Methodology (TCD) and Issues on TCD</u> <u>Methodology Implementation</u>

Resource Persons: Mr. Andy Sze and Mr. Max Ee, ADB Consultants

An overview of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP) TCD methodology, strengths and limitations, transport to economic corridors, and partnership arrangements with freight forwarder associations and/or transport groups.

- Introduction to the Revised Form Template, Data Definitions, Charts, and their Implications
- Discuss <u>data collectors' form</u> and what other data we should collect, e.g., the condition of roads, BCP facilities, availability of adequate roadside service facilities
- Definition of stops
- 10:30–11:00 Coffee Break
- 11:00–12:40 Participants' Feedback Session

Presentation by each country's participating association:

- Azerbaijan-ABADA Presentation (ref: AZE drivers journal)
- People's Republic of China—CIFA presentation
- <u>People's Republic of China—Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region</u>
 <u>presentation</u>

<u>Kyrgyz Republic presentation</u>

Carrier Associations/Trade Logistics Groups Representatives to present sample of data in TCD and discuss the collection process, accuracy of data, and refinements required.

Discuss common issues encountered in the first country visits, actions taken to address the problems, unresolved issues and proposed resolutions.

12:40–14:00 Lunch Break

14:00–15:30 Focused Discussion on Transport Corridors 1 and 2* Resource Persons: Mr. Andy Sze and Mr. Max Ee, ADB Consultants

- Kazakhstan Presentation
- CAREC Six priority corridors and sub-corridors for CPMM (map)

To validate appropriateness/relevance of the priority corridors and chosen routes for studies (cities, border post, and density of traffic), the modes of transport (multi-modal, road, rail, air, waterways) that should be covered, and kinds of goods to be monitored (key export import items).

What if designated corridor has little or no traffic? What if other corridors are considered more important than designated corridors?

- 15:30–16:00 Coffee Break
- 16:00–16:30 Preliminary Results of New Eurasian Land Transport Initiative (NELTI) Program and Video Presentation Resource Person: Mr Igor Rounov, Head of the IRU Permanent Delegation to the CIS region (transcript)
- **16:30–17:00** Summary of Day's 1 Program and Preparation for Day 2 Resource Persons: Mr. Andy Sze and Mr. Max Ee, ADB Consultants

24 February, Tuesday

| 9:00–9:15 | Previous Day Recap Speakers: Messrs. Ying Qian and Yuebin Zhang, Regional Cooperation Specialist, EAFM, ADB |
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| | To summarize the key discussion and agreements from day 1 and outline the plan for day 2. |
| 9:15–10:30 | Focused Discussion on Transport Corridors 3 and 4* Resource Persons: Mr. Andy Sze and Mr. Max Ee, ADB Consultants People's Republic of China—Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region Presentation |
| 10:30–11:00 | Coffee Break |

11:00–12:15 Focused Discussion on Transport Corridors 5 and 6*

Resource Persons: Mr. Andy Sze and Mr. Max Ee, ADB Consultants

- Mongolia Presentation
- <u>Afghanistan Presentation</u>
- 12:15–13:30 Lunch

13:30–14:45 Proposed Data Consolidation, Analysis and Reports Dissemination Scheme Resource Persons: Mr. Ying Qian and Mr. Yuebin Zhang, ADB, Mr. Andy Sze, and Mr. Max Ee, ADB Consultants

- Discuss the process of data aggregation
- Discuss how to make use of the TCD data for trade facilitation purposes

14:45–15:30Workshop ClosureResource Person: Messrs. Ying Qian and Yuebin Zhang, ADB

<u>Minutes of the CPMM Workshop</u>—Summary of key decisions, project schedule, roles and responsibilities, adopted recommendations.

15:30–16:00 Coffee Break

16:00–17:00 Breakout Sessions

To discuss draft memorandum of agreement with each partner association.