

CAREC TRADE WEEK

Enhancing Cooperation in Digital Trade

21-30 SEPTEMBER 2021



CAREC Conference on Digital Trade and Innovations

23 September 2021, Thursday

1400-1600H (Manila time) via Zoom

Objectives

The conference will discuss national and regional initiatives to apply digital innovations to trade, beginning with digitization of information or paperless trade.

1330 – 1400 Logging in the zoom meeting

1400 – 1415 **Opening Session**

Welcome Remarks:

Azerbaijan (Country Chair)

Opening Remarks:

Emma Fan, Director, Public Management, Financial Sector, and Regional Cooperation Division (EAPF), East Asia Department, ADB

Yann Duval, Chief, Trade Policy and Facilitation Section, Trade, Investment and Innovation Division, United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP)

1415 – 1435 **Session 1: Digital and Sustainable Trade Facilitation in CAREC: Progress on the Framework Agreement and 2021 Report Launch**

ESCAP and CAREC Institute to jointly launch the Digital and Sustainable Trade Facilitation Report: CAREC 2021. The presentation will cover the regional implementation rate of trade facilitation measures from the 2021 Global Survey, and progress of participation of CAREC members in the UN Framework Agreement to advance cross-border paperless trade in CAREC countries.

Soo Hyun Kim, Economic Affairs Officer, UNESCAP

Ghulam Samad, Senior Research Officer, CAREC Institute

1435 – 1450 **Session 2: CAREC Digital Strategy 2030**

ADB will briefly share the elements of the draft [CAREC Digital Strategy 2030](#).

Saad Abdullah Paracha, Unit Head, CAREC Secretariat and Senior Regional Cooperation Specialist, ADB

Vishal Aditya Potluri, Young Professional, ADB

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Moderated Discussions (Q&A) for Sessions 1 and 2

Moderator: **Dorothea Lazaro**, Regional Cooperation Specialist, ADB

1450 – 1545

Session 3: Digital Innovations in Trade – Experience from CAREC

Each CAREC country will briefly present (5 to 8 minutes) the progress and challenges in implementing initiatives in trade facilitation with the use of digital technology.

Moderator: **Azerbaijan**

1545 – 1600

Wrap up and Closing Session

Azerbaijan Chair

Register here: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_kel4iohPSne1XBYj1MgWXw

