

18-20 April: 17th Transport Sector Coordinating Committee Meeting

Venue: Grand Hyatt Istanbul, Turkey

Background

CAREC member countries continue to work together in implementing the Transport and Trade Facilitation Strategy 2020 (TTFS 2020), which prioritizes the completion of the six strategic multimodal transport corridors. In 2017, the CAREC member countries endorsed the revision of the multimodal corridors, extending Corridor 2 to include Georgia and expand the CAREC multimodal network to the Black Sea ports and the land border with Turkey.

Beyond the implementation of physical investment projects, TTFS 2020 also highlights CAREC countries' emphasis on the soft interventions, which are required to maximize the effectiveness of such investment projects. To this end, the rolling Transport Sector Work Plan (2017-2019) includes actions in the areas of (i) road asset management, (ii) road safety, (iii) transport facilitation, and (iv) railways. During the 16th Transport Sector Coordinating Committee meeting in Tbilisi, Georgia, CAREC member countries endorsed the inclusion of aviation as a new priority area of cooperation.

In 2017, The CAREC Ministerial Conference endorsed CAREC 2030, which provides a new long-term strategic framework for the CAREC program. Under CAREC 2030, transport is part of a broader operational cluster encompassing infrastructure and economic connectivity. Given that the implementation timeframe of TTFS 2020 is close to completion, the transport sector now faces new opportunities to examine its strategic direction beyond 2020 under the CAREC 2030 agenda.

Objectives

In light of the above, the 17th Transport Sector Coordinating Committee (TSCC) meeting will (i) review the implementation progress of the TTFS 2020 and the Transport Sector Work Plan (2017-2019); (ii) discuss issues of key importance to the transport sector including railways, road safety, asset management, transport facilitation and aviation; and (iii) examine new opportunities for the transport sector under CAREC 2030.

Day 1 (18 April)

0830 – 0900

Registration

0900 – 0915

Welcome Remarks:

Mr. Myrat Bayramov, Head of Economics and Finance Division
Ministry of Railway Transport, Turkmenistan

Mr. Dong Soo Pyo, Director, Transport and Communications Division,
Central and West Asia Department, ADB

Session 1: Implementing TTFS 2020 – progress and remaining challenges

0915 – 0930

CAREC Transport Sector – Progress Report

Mr. Oleg Samukhin, Transport Specialist, ADB

Country Transport Priority Programs (Part 1)

Countries are requested to report by cluster. Facilitators will introduce each cluster by briefly discussing recent trends in the transport sector relevant to the cluster. After the country presentations (10 minutes per country), a 20 minute discussion focused on connectivity within the cluster will follow.

0930 - 1030

Cluster 1: Connecting Europe and Central Asia

Turkey, Georgia, Azerbaijan, Turkmenistan

1030 - 1045

Coffee break and group photo

Country Transport Priority Programs (Part 2)

1045 - 1145

Cluster 2: Connecting East and Central Asia

People's Republic of China, Mongolia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic

1145 - 1245

Cluster 3: Connecting South and Central Asia

Afghanistan, Pakistan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan

1245 – 1400

Lunch (Venue: Grand Ballroom 2)

1400 - 1530

Session 2: Supporting Regional Connectivity in the CAREC Region Beyond 2020 – CAREC Development Partners (10-minute presentations/discussions)

Facilitator: Ms. Ekaterina Miroshnik, Director, Infrastructure – Russia & Central Asia. European Bank for Reconstruction and Development

- ADB
- AIIB
- CAREC Institute
- EBRD
- OECD-ITF
- TRACECA
- UNECE
- WB

1530– 1545

Coffee/tea break

1545 -- 1645

Session 2 (Continued)

Roundtable discussion: Aligning country and development partner programs to foster sustainable connectivity beyond 2020

1800-1830

Cocktails (Venue: Grand Ballroom foyer area)

1900

Dinner Reception (Venue: Grand Ballroom 2)

Day 2 (19 April)

- 0830 – 0900 **Registration**
- 0900 – 0915 **Session 2: Supporting Regional Connectivity in the CAREC Region Beyond 2020 (continued)**
Mr. Ahmad Saffari, Director of Transport and Communications
Economic Cooperations Organization (ECO) Secretariat
- 0915 – 1000 **Session 3: Promoting Sustainable Connectivity in Asia and the Pacific**
Facilitated by Mr. James Leather, Chief, Transport Sector Group, ADB
- Sustainable Transport Development in Asia and the Pacific*
Mr. James Leather, Chief, Transport Sector Group, ADB
- Economic Effects of Infrastructure in Asia-Pacific: Needs, Impacts and Finance*
Dr. Naoyuki Yoshino, Dean, ADB Institute
- 1000 - 1045 **Session 4: Alignment of the Transport Results Framework with CAREC 2030 Strategy**
Facilitated by Ms. Shaista Hussain, Regional Cooperation Specialist, ADB
- 1045 - 1100 Coffee/tea break
- Session 5: Progress in Transport Priority Areas**
- 1100 – 1145 **Railways**
Facilitated by Mr. Ko Sakamoto, Senior Transport Specialist, ADB
- Status of the CAREC Railway Strategy Implementation
 - Discussion on developments affecting major CAREC Railway Corridors
 - Discussion on next steps
- 1145 –1230 **Road Asset Management**
Facilitated by Mr. Ari Kalliokoski, Transport Economist, ADB
- Progress of RAM and Performance Based Maintenance (PBM) related activities: New knowledge products in RAM:
 - Compendium of Best Practices in RAM
 - Performance-Based Road Maintenance Reference Note
 - Decision Makers' Guide to Tolling Roads in CAREC
 - Results of RAM needs assessment survey
 - Future direction
- 1230 – 1400 Lunch (Venue: Grand Ballroom 2)

- 1400 –1500 **Aviation**
Facilitated by Mr. Lloyd Wright, Senior Urban Development Specialist (Transport), ADB
- Scoping Study on Aviation in CAREC
 - Roundtable discussion on findings and recommendations from the Aviation Scoping Study
 - Discussion on next steps
- 1500 –1615 **Cross-border Transport and Logistics Facilitation**
Facilitated by Mr. Oleg Samukhin, Transport Specialist, ADB
- *Major developments and priorities in cross-border transport and logistics in the CAREC*
Mr. Oleg Samukhin, Transport Specialist, ADB
 - *Cross border transport facilitation Agreements and Conventions*
Mr. Artur Bouten, Economic Affairs Officer, UNECE
 - *Status of the TIR system implementation in the CAREC*
Mr. Viacheslav Vikentyev, Regional Manager, Customs Affairs, International Road Transport Union (IRU)
 - *Facilitation of Transport Systems, Role of TOBB as Issuing and Guaranteeing Association in Turkey*
Mr. Ahmet Karakas, Assistant Expert, TIR and ATA Carnets Division, Union of Chambers and Commodity Exchanges of Turkey (TOBB)
 - *Modernization of Border Crossing Points in Turkey*
Mr. Ali Nehir Yucel, Business Operations Manager, GTI A. Ş.
- 1615 –1630 Coffee/tea break
- 1630 – 1700 **Road Safety: Implementing the CAREC Road Safety Strategy**
Facilitated by Mr. Oleg Samukhin, Transport Specialist, ADB
- Progress in implementing the CAREC Road Safety Strategy
 - CAREC Road Safety Engineering Manuals
Mr. Phil Jordan, CAREC Road Safety Engineering Consultant
 - Sharing country examples (road safety initiatives, best practices)
- 1700 – 1730 **Session 6: Summary of proceedings**
Facilitated by Mr. Ko Sakamoto, Senior Transport Specialist, ADB
- 1730 --1740 **Closing remarks**
Mr. Dong Soo Pyo, Director, CWTC/CWRD, ADB
Mr. Myrat Bayramov, Head of Economics and Finance Division
Ministry of Railway Transport, Turkmenistan

20 April: Field Visit

Tentative Schedule - Istanbul Site Visit Program, 20 April 2018

0900	Departure by bus from hotel for the site visit
1000	Arrival at Port Pendik, visiting Ro-Ro facilities and TIR customs terminal
1130	Departure from Pendik port by bus
1230	Departure from Kabatas pier, SeaBus trip on Bosphorus Straight and Golden Horn Bay, with lunch on board
1530	Return to Kabatas pier
1600	Return to the hotel