



CAREC ECD Sector Update

**Virtual Consultation Meeting with the
CAREC National Focal Points**

16 June 2020



Almaty-Bishkek Economic Corridor Update

- ABEC–CAREC pilot economic corridor between Almaty and Bishkek
- Key achievements during the last 12 months:
 - ABEC Tourism Master Plan
 - Agreement of Prime Ministers to improve border crossings
 - Work towards modern agriculture wholesale markets network
 - Joint action plan on reference health laboratories for 2020-2023
 - Launch ABEC video and website and additional \$750,000 cofinancing
- Deliverables for the next 12 months:
 - Almaty—Issyk-Kul Alternative Road Economic Impact Assessment
 - Almaty Tourism Skilling Center Business Plan
 - Support to transformative tourism public-private partnership projects
 - Approaches and processes for mutual border crossing point design
 - Support to implement medical reference laboratories joint action plan
 - ABEC agricultural wholesale market feasibility study



Other Economic Corridor Initiatives Update

- Shymkent-Tashkent-Khujand Economic Corridor (STKEC)
 - First trilateral economic corridor initiative under CAREC (among Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan and Tajikistan) supported by ADB
 - Priority areas for STKEC development proposed, and preliminary list of possible projects identified
 - Draft roadmap for STKEC development being finalized for governments' review and discussion
- Pakistan Economic Corridor Development
 - ADB TA (£2 million) supporting Pakistan government's planning of economic corridor development by developing economic corridor (including special economic zones) development framework
 - Help Pakistan strengthen economic linkage with CAREC through connecting Central Asian countries with access to seaports, and PRC through CPEC
 - Four TA outputs are being completed