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WITH THE CAREC NATIONAL FOCAL POINTS

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• **SECTOR PROGRESS**



Sector progress

- Overview of CI's research and training interventions in 2020

	Research	Training/Capacity Building
Trade	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regulatory Framework for E-commerce development in CAREC countries • Covid-19 and SMEs in CAREC region: Impact and Policy Lessons • Exploring Exports Driven Growth Through Preferential Trade Arrangements among CAREC Members • Trade and Economic Integration of the Pamir and Wakhan Corridors • Regional SPS Regulatory Regime Framework • Inclusive Finance: FinTech for SMEs and trade financing • Study on existing FTAs/RTAs for CAREC Countries • Updated CAREC Regional Integration Index 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Virtual Workshop: E-Commerce (CAREC Institute-ADB research-based virtual workshop) • Virtual Workshop on Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) E-certification in CAREC region: Current State, Regulation and Way forward
Transport		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Virtual Workshop: Road Safety Engineering (country-specific workshop – Mongolia) • Road Safety Pre-Recorded Video Modules • Virtual Road Asset Management Workshop



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Energy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional Energy Integration Prospects in CAREC: Lessons Learnt from other regions • Climate effects of WEF approach in CAREC countries. Linking energy- water and agriculture policies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Virtual Workshop: Climate Change Nexus Policy Dialogue in CAREC (CAREC Institute research-based) • Climate Change Nexus Video Modules (for blended climate change/energy workshops)
Tourism	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Covid-19 and CAREC Tourism Sector: Harnessing the role of Technology in Promoting Safe Tourism Destinations • Prospects of Tourism Sector Development in the Framework of Implementation of Almaty–Bishkek Economic Corridor (ABEC) activities 	
Economic Corridors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identification and Spatial Mapping of Economic Clusters Across CAREC Region • Spatial economic analysis of CAREC 4A corridor • Participation in CPMM 2020 , with ADB • The fifth TTF: <i>Economic Corridors: Pathways to Regional Growth</i> 	Unlocking Private Investment for Sustainable Infrastructure in CAREC Region



Covid-19 response

- Overview of CI's response to COVID-19 Pandemic

Economic Briefs	E-Learning Platform	Webinars
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Covid-19 Economic Implications for the CAREC Region • Global Uncertainty and Potential Effects on Capital Inflows into CAREC • Government Measures to Mitigate the Covid-19 Economic Impact • Covid-19 Prospects, Shocks and Measures • Covid-19 Reaction Functions, Paradoxes and Latest Economic Data 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of e-learning platform is underway, and it is expected to be fully functional by end of June • A virtual e-learning platform to host the contents of the workshops while allowing participants' access to the material and interactions with peers at three stages. • Events' livestreaming delivery of 4-6 hours for all sessions of the workshops where resource persons and participants engage from distance on policy dialogue and knowledge sharing as well as question and answer exchanges. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The measures and experiences of the People's Republic of China (PRC) in fighting the COVID-19. • The Economic Impact of COVID-19: Examples from CAREC • Global economic outlook - Covid-19. An analysis of ACCA's latest Global Economic Conditions survey. • ACCA Global Survey: Inside Business Impacts and Responses • The Role of Multilateral Development Partners in Response to Covid19 in CAREC Region- Water , Sanitation and Hygiene