

Next steps

- ❑ Completing the scoping study based on comments and observations received from member countries and private sector representatives
- ❑ Working through the CAREC National Focal Points, forming a Tourism Working Group with a focused terms of reference and scope of work
- ❑ Preparing a technical assistance (TA) grant for CAREC member countries to advance tourism cooperation

The TA grant could focus on....

- Supporting activities of the Tourism Working Group
- Preparing a tourism strategic framework for CAREC
- Improving data collection and standardizing tourism statistics
- Preparing a CAREC tourism virtual portal for consolidating and disseminating information
- Assessing the status and scope for visa harmonization in the CAREC region and conducting market research (product-market matching)
- Preparing a pipeline of investment projects (both hard and soft infrastructure interventions) for promoting sustainable tourism development in the region
- Identifying partnerships and sources of financing
- Preparing standardized skills and training levels to ensure consistent and predictable tourism service provision across the CAREC region

Issues for Guidance

- Should we form a CAREC Tourism Working Group?
What should be its composition?
- Are the initial areas identified for support through the TA grant relevant and in line with needs and priorities of your respective countries?
- Are there any other areas that should be supported through the TA grant?