



**CAREC Business Development Forum
Panel Session II: Agriculture**

Urumqi, Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region P.R.China
30 July 2010

AGENDA

Theme: Agro-Products Trade Development &. Agro-Tech Cooperation in Central Asia

Presiding Co-Chairs:

I . Mr. YANG Kaixin, Deputy Director General, Department of Commerce of Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region, PRC

II. Ms. Shigeko Hattori, Director, Country Coordination and Regional Cooperation Division Central and West Asia Department, ADB

10:00 – 10:05

Opening Remarks

Mr. YANG Kaixin, Deputy Director General, Department of Commerce of Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region, PRC

Ms. Shigeko Hattori, Director, Country Coordination and Regional Cooperation Division Central and West Asia Department, ADB

10:05 – 10:20

Agro-Tech Cooperation Potentials in Central Asia

Resource person: Mr. Dai Jian, Vice-President, Xinjiang Academy of Agricultural Sciences, PRC

10:20 – 11:05

Agro-Products Trade Development in Central Asia

Mr. Liu Yingjie, Deputy Director-General, Department of Agriculture of Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region, PRC

Mr. Nuritdinov Kamoliddin, Director-General, Ministry of Foreign Trade, Uzbekistan

11:05 – 11:15

Open Discussion and Summary Remarks

Agriculture concerns, and in particular the issues on the continuing global food price hikes, have become one of the renewed focal areas in the discussions on global and regional trade. Enhanced agriculture trade and agro-tech cooperation between and among neighboring economies in Central Asia can be an important driver for growth and a catalytic instrument for poverty reduction especially for agri-based Central Asian economies. There are significant global opportunities that can be harnessed by a strengthened regional cooperation on agro-products and agro-techs in Central Asia.

The Agriculture Sub-forum aims to (i) showcase the regional agro-tech development and potentials for further cooperation, (ii) identify regional agro-products trade barriers and recommendations for addressing these impediments, (iii) examine ways to address constraints to business community involvement in agriculture.