

# **Central-South Asia Regional Business Roundtable**

## **Regional Transport Sector**

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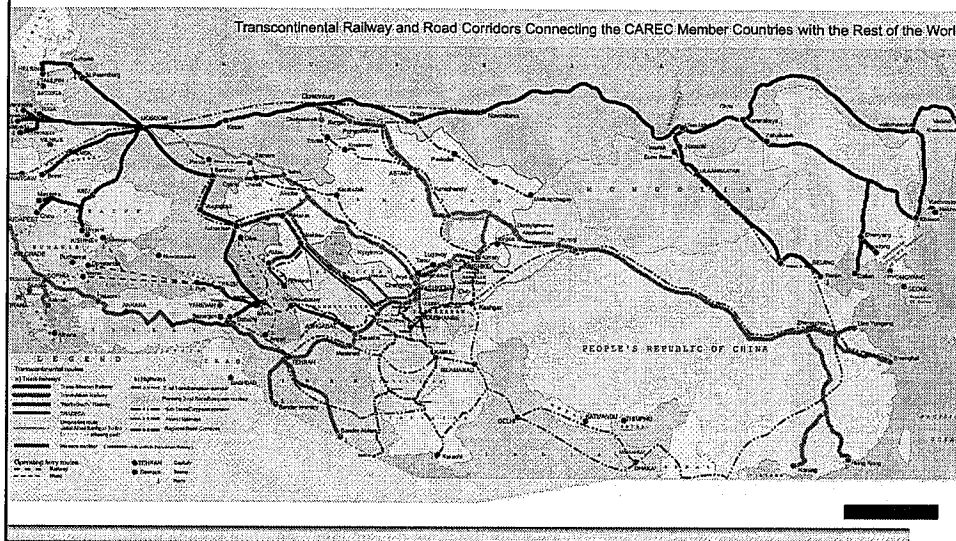
## **Regional Transport Sector Issues**

### **KEY SECTOR ISSUES:**

- Inefficient cross-border and transit movement of people and goods
- Lack of unified transport regulations among CAREC countries
- Inadequate regional transport network
- Lack of competition in the railways
- Limited institutional and human resource capacities in the transport sector



## Major Transport Corridors CAREC Countries



### CAREC: Transport Sector Coordinating Committee (TSCC)

- TSCC established in June 2004
- 4<sup>th</sup> TSCC Meeting held in Bishkek on 12-13 October 2005
- Central Asia Regional Economic Program Transport Sector Roadmap 2005 to 2010 endorsed in March 2005
- Positive medium term outlook for transport sector
- Annual projected growth rate for region of 2-3% for railway freight traffic and 4-7% for road traffic



## **Strategy for Regional Cooperation in Transport**

Goal: An integrated multimodal transport infrastructure network to provide links between CAREC countries, enhance access to outside markets, reduce transport costs, improve transport services and facilitate cross-border and transit traffic in the region.

Strategies:

- Harmonization
- Planned regional and international transport corridors
- Restructuring and modernization of railways
- Sector funding and management



## **Achievements to Date**

- Primarily in the better coordination of transport investment projects
- MIs assisted 2005/2006 program is about \$1 billion
- Acknowledgement of issues hampering cross border movements of freight and passengers, and impact of lack of harmonized transport regulations.
- Consideration of the aviation sector and potential to liberalize.



## **Moving Forward**

- Develop and implement an action plan for easing cross-border movements
- Sector funding and management
- Railway tariffs and operating systems
- Private sector involvement in transport infrastructure, maintenance, and services



## **Opportunities for the Private Sector Resulting from Infrastructure Investment**

- Road network maintenance and operation
- Rail network maintenance
- Manufacturing facilities (enterprises for manufacturing of rolling stocks)
- Regional repair/refurbishment facilities for rolling stock
- Private wagon ownership
- Running of block train operations
- Transport logistics centers and information systems for monitoring transit freights



## **Opportunities for the Private Sector Resulting from Harmonization**

- Freight and passenger transport services
- Trucking and transport associations
- Warehousing, groupage and consolidation services
- Freight forwarders and brokerage firms
- Loading/unloading services at terminals
- On board rail services eg. catering, ticketing, cleaning



**Thank You!**

