

Report of the Senior Officials' Meeting

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10-year Commemorative Activities

- Launch of 10-year study & seminar
- First Development Partners' Mtg
- Production of CAREC video
- Signing of agreements

CAREC Institute Review

- Include regional cooperation materials and field visits
- Conduct in-depth practical training on public-private partnerships

CAREC Institute Review

- Merge research programs with sector-specific concerns
- Broaden outreach activities: website forum, publication series

Development Effectiveness Review

- Presented as a 'manual' and first completed results framework
- Provides baseline values

2010 CAREC DEfR

Indicator	Baseline Year	Baseline Value	Indicative Target	2010	2011	Rating
Time taken to clear border crossing (hours)	2009	21	↓	19	18	●

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Annual average volume of new approved investment projects (\$, million)	2006	631	↑	2,841	1,980	●

- Indicator on-track
- Progress stalled
- Indicator off-track

How to strengthen DEfR

- Deliver indicators to Spring SOM
- Reconfirm indicators
- Begin to identify intermediate macro-level outcome indicators
- Align with Comprehensive Action Plan

Energy Sector Report

- Conduct diagnostic studies on the 3 pillars of energy strategy
- Good progress on energy infrastructure investments

Transport and Trade Facilitation Sector Report

- 32% of road and rail sections done

Transport and Trade Facilitation Sector Report

- Cross-border transport agreement – ready for signing
- Customs cooperation – proceeding well
- CAREC Federation of Carriers and Freight Forwarders' Association

Transport and Trade Facilitation Sector Report

- Proposed measures:
 - Expedite project implementation
 - Improve border infrastructure
 - Implement CBTA b/w KGZ & TAJ
 - Develop needed capacities
 - Present opportunities in corridors
 - Address other trade facilitation areas

Trade Policy Report

- Capacity building on WTO accession
- Monitoring strategic action plan
- Identifying institutional impediments to trade
- Developing indicators for results framework

Trade Policy Report

- Key issues:
 - Need to ensure timely and complete reporting of information
 - Need for relevant officials to attend the Committee meetings

Business Development Forum

- Urumqi, PRC, 29-30 July 2010
- Platform for discussion on public-private partnerships in CAREC
- Raised awareness on investment opportunities

New CAREC Members

- Acceptance by Turkmenistan of invitation to join CAREC
- Presentation by Pakistan
- Membership of TKM and PAK

For Ministers' Endorsement

- Commemorative activities, & actions on CAREC Inst. Review and DEfR
- Sector recommendations and work plans
- Membership of Turkmenistan and Pakistan