



CAREC Regional Gender Expert Group (RGEG) Inaugural Meeting

Proposed Gender Workplan for Discussion

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Implementation: Gender TA Outputs and Key Activities

	2021	2022	2023	2024
<p>Output 1: Operational mechanisms developed</p> <p>Output 2: Regional cooperation and integration projects developed</p> <p>Output 3: CAREC People's Forum conducted</p>	<p>Develop the RGEG TORs and an operational plan by Q4</p>	<p>Establish the RGEG with finalized TORs and the list of experts by Q2</p>	<p>Develop and launch a CAREC gender database including a user guide by Q4</p> <p>Develop a regional plan for WEE and participation by Q4</p> <p>Pilot activities and develop two concepts of regional or national projects for WEE and participation by Q1</p> <p>Conduct studies on improving gender equality and women's economic empowerment by Q4</p>	<p>Operate the gender database with capacity development activities by Q3</p> <p>Convene regional knowledge exchange dialogues by Q3</p> <p>Produce, disseminate, and discuss the knowledge products as planned by Q3</p> <p>Convene, monitor, and report on CAREC People's Forum dialogues by Q3</p>
	<p>Develop a concept for the establishment of a CAREC People's Forum by Q4</p>	<p>Prepare implementation and reporting plans by Q1.</p> <p>Start pilot activities to support the implementation of a People's Forum in Q2.</p>		



Key Outputs and Activities

1. Establish the Regional Gender Expert Group (RGEG)

The RGEG is seen as an **advisory and consultative body** created with the aim to provide strategic guidance and expert inputs in implementing the CAREC Gender Strategy 2030 and the development of regional projects on women's empowerment.

The RGEG is expected to be involved in a broad spectrum of activities, from capacity development of key stakeholders and support to generation of gender related data, to advocacy and awareness raising, but its key role will be in **facilitating regional knowledge exchange dialogue**.



Key Outputs and Activities

2. Create online CAREC gender database

A gender database as a monitoring and evaluation tool will be developed and used to track and monitor the results of the CAREC Gender Strategy 2030, to inform gender-sensitive and gender-responsive design of CAREC investments, and help countries improve their policies and strategies for gender equality and women's empowerment.

The database will be managed and maintained by the CAREC Secretariat.



Key Outputs and Activities

3. Regional cooperation and integration projects for women's economic empowerment

This output should help to generate investment opportunities for women and women-led businesses by identifying economic opportunities, generating innovative ideas, piloting activities, and developing regional cooperation and integration projects focusing on women's economic empowerment.

At least two concept notes for regional/national projects will be developed; at least two projects piloted and at least three knowledge products developed and disseminated



Key Outputs and Activities

3. Regional cooperation and integration projects for women's economic empowerment



Support for **regulatory reforms** by setting harmonized employment standards for increased access to decent work for women and men



Promoting women's participation in **regional and cross-border projects and activities;**



Increasing women entrepreneurs' access to relevant **business training and trade finance;**



Improving women's access to **digital technologies and e-commerce platforms.**



Key Outputs and Activities

4. Support effective integration of gender concerns in CAREC operational clusters – Gender Assessment and Gender Action Plan

- The TA will conduct a study on selected CAREC operational clusters:
 - i. economic and financial stability;
 - ii. trade, tourism, and economic corridors;
 - iii. infrastructure and economic connectivity;
 - iv. agriculture and water;
 - v. human development.
- At least one regional gender action plan on women's empowerment and participation in the selected CAREC operational clusters developed



Key Outputs and Activities

5. CAREC Women Business Forum

