

Changing Context of the CAREC region



- A pick-up in trade
- An improvement in economic fundamentals
- Greater openness to regional cooperation

A Quick Recap of the CAREC 2030 Strategy

Driving principles

- Aligning with national strategies and supporting SDGs and COP21
- Expanding operational priorities selectively
- Deepening **policy dialogue** based on CAREC's standing and ability to deliver quality **knowledge** services
- Integrating the role of the private sector and civil society
- Building an open, inclusive CAREC platform

Operational clusters

Economic and Financial Stability

Trade, Tourism and Economic Corridors

Infrastructure and Economic Connectivity

04 Agriculture and Water

05 Human Development

Disseminating CAREC 2030

Dissemination activities between December 2017 and June 2018:

Presentation of CAREC 2030 at the Tbilisi Belt and Road Forum, Georgia

CAREC 2030 Launching Workshop, Turkmenistan Meetings with relevant agencies and institutions on CAREC-BRI collaboration

Meetings with stakeholders and development partners in Washington and Brussels

Nov 2017

Dec 2017

Feb 2018

Mar 2018

April 2018

May 2018

June 2018

CAREC 2030
Launching Workshop
and 20th Sustainable
Development
Conference, Pakistan

Meetings with government officials and development partners, Kazakhstan

High-Level Session "New Opportunities for Regional Cooperation. The Potential for CAREC-BRI Collaboration"

Meetings with government officials and development partners,
Uzbekistan



Economic and Financial Stability Cluster

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 CAREC High-Level Forum "Macroeconomic Policies for Economic and Financial Stability: Lessons from Fiscal and Monetary Policy Responses to External Shocks" – May 2018, Astana, Kazakhstan





Trade,
Tourism, and
Economic
Corridors
Cluster

Trade, Tourism and Economic Corridors

- CAREC Integrated Trade Agenda (CITA) 2030
 - Consultations with government agencies, development partners and private sector (Dec 2017 – June 2018)
- Scoping Study on "Promoting Regional Tourism Cooperation under CAREC 2030"
- Economic Corridor Development
 - Second ABEC subcommittee meeting (June 2018) and workshop on cross-border management (May 2018)
 - Pakistan Economic Corridors Program (PECP)
 - Assessment of potential economic corridors in the region



Infrastructure and Economic Connectivity Cluster

Transport

- Operationalization of the CAREC Road Safety Strategy 2017-2030
 - Two regional workshops and three CAREC manuals on road safety engineering
- Knowledge products on road asset management
- Operationalization of the CAREC Railway Strategy 2017-2030
 - Regional railway projects and development of railway knowledge products
- CAREC Aviation Scoping Study
- Initiation of the preparations of the CAREC Transport Strategy 2030



Infrastructure and Economic Connectivity Cluster

Energy

- CAREC High Technology Roadmap
- Promotion of the use of clean energy
 - Regional technical assistance projects (e.g. renewable energy integration to the grid, and floating solar technology, etc.)
- Ongoing efforts to develop the Central Asia South Asia Energy Corridor
 - Regional energy projects planned and/or under implementation (e.g. TAPI, TUTAP, TAP, CASA)
- Midterm review of ESCC Strategy and Work Plan



Agriculture and Water Cluster

Agriculture and Water

- Implementation of CAREC Common Agenda for Modernization of Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) Measures for Trade
 - Regional SPS workshop
 - TA for Strengthening International Food Safety Standards in Agricultural Value Chains in CAREC Countries, including development of a CAREC food safety network





Human
Development
Cluster

Human Development

 Scoping Study on "Promoting Regional Cooperation in Higher Education and Skills Development under CAREC 2030"



Strengthening engagement with civil society and the private sector

- Scoping Study on "Promoting People to People Contact and Cross Border Community Development under CAREC 2030"
- Global Challenges Summit 2018 Astana Economic Forum: consultation with the private sector on CITA 2030
- Third Energy Investment Forum (EIF), 11-12 Sept 2018, Batumi, Georgia

Renewing CAREC Institutional Framework

Sector Committees and expert groups:

- Inaugural meeting of the Regional Trade Group (RTG)
- ESCC and TSCC meetings
- National and regional SPS expert groups being established and 4th meeting of the railway working group to be held in Q3-Q4 2018
- Expert groups in tourism and education sectors may be convened as needed once the scope of work has been further defined

Results Framework

- Refinement of transport, energy and trade result frameworks to better align with CAREC 2030.
- Results framework in the new areas will be developed once the scope of work has been identified.
- Flexibility is needed as CAREC 2030 evolves, takes shape and matures at both cluster and program level. More responsive to member countries evolving developments.
- Establishment of an online system to regularly track and update progress
- Formulation of consolidated progress reports every three years

Enhancing CAREC's Visibility



Redesigned CAREC website www.carecprogram.org



Reactivation of Twitter account @CARECProgram



Creation of an official Facebook page @CARECProgram



Publication of Op-Eds and articles on international and regional media





Connecting Central Asian Countries for Shared and Sustainable Development

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