



CAREC 2030

*Implementation
Progress
(Nov 2018–Nov 2019)*

Outline Presentation at the 18th Ministerial Conference

Objective: To provide CAREC Ministers an update on CAREC 2030 implementation progress and solicit guidance on the way forward

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Progress in CAREC 2030's Operational Clusters

- Key achievements (Nov 2018–Nov 2019)
- Way forward

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Progress in CAREC's renewed institutional framework

- Mobilization of technical and financial resources
- Enhanced role of development partners

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

- 01 **Economic and Financial Stability**
- 02 **Trade, Tourism and Economic Corridors**
- 03 **Infrastructure and Economic Connectivity**
- 04 **Agriculture and Water**
- 05 **Human Development**



Economic and Financial Stability Cluster

- ❑ Panel Discussion on “*Export Diversification for Growth and Macroeconomic Stability*” held on 15 November 2018 in Ashgabat, Turkmenistan
- ❑ Policy Paper on “*Balancing Infrastructure Investment with Debt Sustainability in CAREC Countries*” prepared and High-Level Dialogue and co-organized by ADB, IMF and World Bank (May 2019, Nur-Sultan, Kazakhstan)
- ❑ First CAREC Capital Market Regulators’ Forum held in August 2019 in Islamabad, Pakistan
- ❑ Regional technical assistance on “*Developing a Disaster Risk Transfer Facility in the CAREC region*” under preparation





Trade, Tourism and Economic Corridors Cluster

Trade – Implementation of CITA 2030

- ❑ Technical Assistance (\$1.6 mill.) approved
- ❑ Inauguration of the SPS Regional Working Group
- ❑ Ongoing and new trade projects and programs
- ❑ Annual update of the Rolling Strategic Action Plan (2019–2021) completed

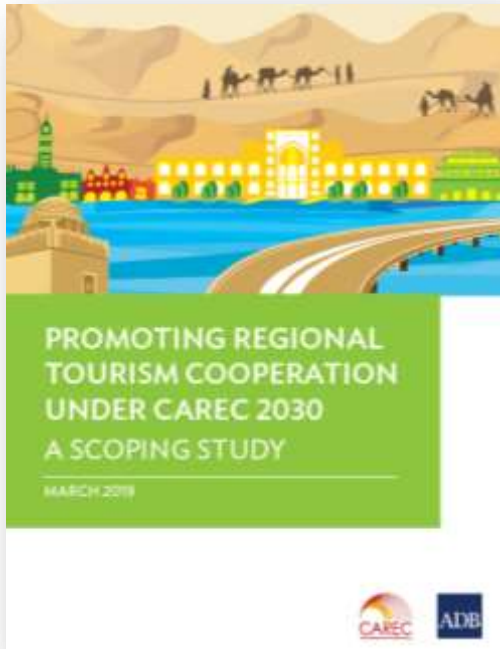


- ❑ Feasibility study for a multilateral trade credit and investment (re-)guarantee agency ongoing
- ❑ Scoping work on trade in services initiated
- ❑ CAREC trade portal being conceptualized
- ❑ Capacity building activities conducted and knowledge products generated



Trade, Tourism and Economic Corridors Cluster

Tourism



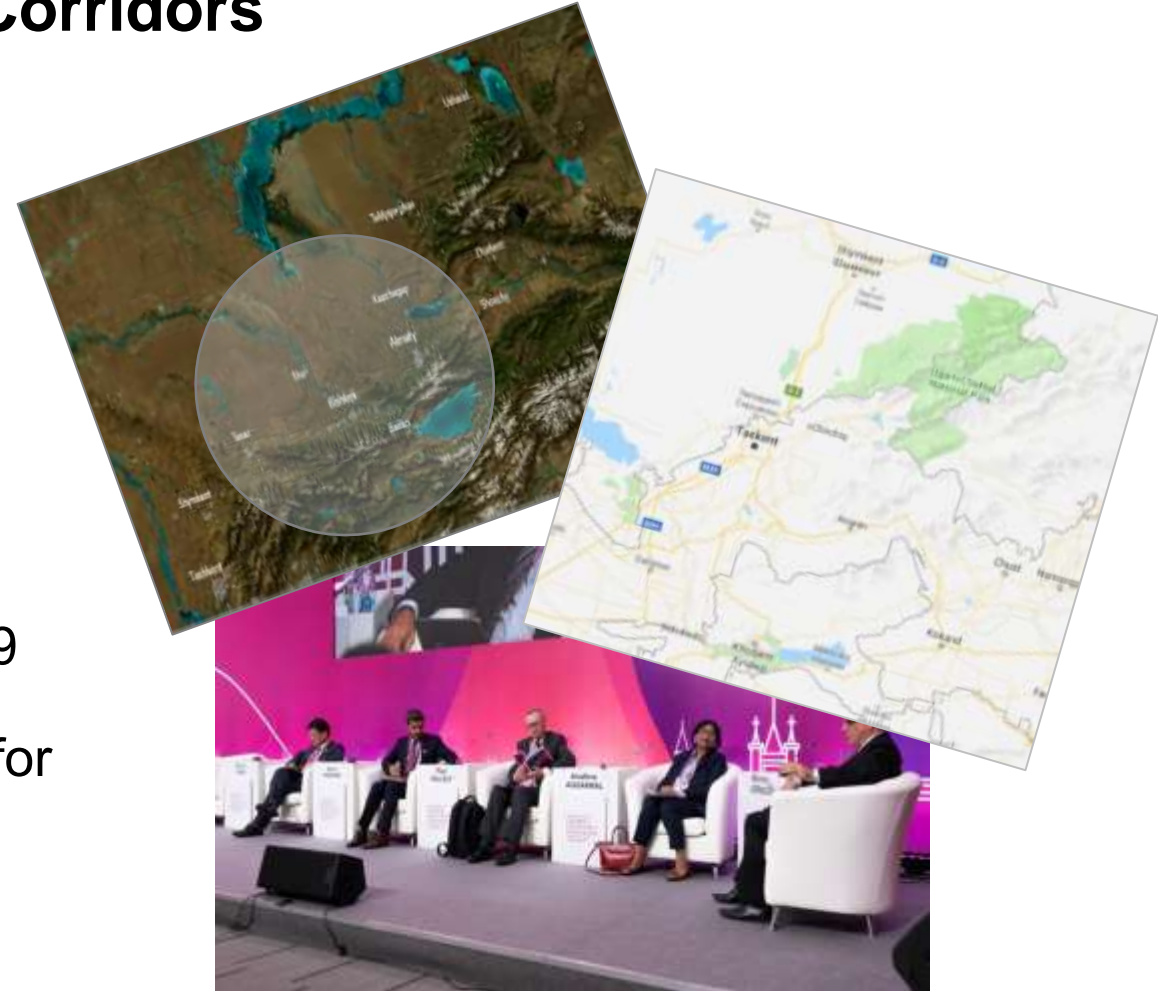
- ❑ High-level Session on Sustainable Tourism Development conducted (May 2019, 52nd ADB Annual Meeting, Nadi, Fiji)
- ❑ Technical Assistance (\$2.0 mill.) approved (2 Aug 2019)
 - CAREC Tourism Strategy 2030
 - Regional investment framework (2021-2025)
 - CAREC tourism portal and capacity building activities
- ❑ CAREC Tourism Expert Group established
 - Inaugural meeting will be held in December 2019
- ❑ Mountain Tourism Master Plan under ABEC being finalized



Trade, Tourism and Economic Corridors Cluster

Economic Corridors

- ❑ Almaty-Bishkek Economic Corridor:
 - Priority actions agreed at the 8th KAZ – KGZ Intergovernmental Council meeting in July 2019
- ❑ Trilateral Economic Corridor connecting Kazakhstan-Uzbekistan-Tajikistan:
 - Inception workshop conducted in May 2019
 - Regional workshop planned in December 2019
- ❑ High-Level Panel Session on “CAREC Corridors for the Future: Learning from Economic Corridor Development in Asia” organized during the 12th Astana Economic Forum (May 2019)
- ❑ China–Pakistan Economic Corridor





Infrastructure and Economic Connectivity Cluster

Transport

1 CAREC Transport Strategy 2030 formulated

- Presented at the TSCC meeting in April and at the SOM in June 2019 in Tashkent
- Improved connectivity and sustainability
- Five pillars
- Focus on quality and sustainability of projects
- Demand driven knowledge products to support high-level decision-making

2 Ongoing and new connectivity projects

3 Implementation of CAREC Railway Strategy 2030

- Technical Assistance (\$2.0 mill.) on Railway Sector Development in CAREC
- 4th Railway Working Group Meeting (Apr 2019, Tashkent, Uzbekistan)

4 Implementation of CAREC Road Safety Strategy 2030

- Road Safety Engineering Workshops in Uzbekistan, Georgia, Azerbaijan, Tajikistan, and Kyrgyz Republic



Infrastructure and Economic Connectivity Cluster

Energy

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Mid-Term Review of CAREC Energy Strategy and Work Plan 2016-2020 completed

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CAREC Energy Strategy 2030 formulated

- Vision: To achieve a reliable, sustainable, resilient and reformed energy market by 2030
- Three pillars and three cross-cutting themes

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Ongoing and new energy projects

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1st CAREC Energy Ministers' Dialogue and 4th CAREC Energy Investment Forum conducted



Agriculture and Water Cluster

- ❑ Implementation of CAREC Common Agenda for Modernization of Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) Measures for Trade
 - CAREC Regional Food Safety Network conceptualized
 - Regional policy dialogues on pest surveillance, and control of transboundary animal diseases conducted
- ❑ Modernization of agricultural wholesale markets project under the Almaty – Bishkek Economic Corridor
- ❑ Ongoing study for the development of cross-border horticulture value chains in the Fergana Valley
- ❑ Development Partners' Coordination Meeting on “Advancing Water Cooperation and Sharing Experiences” on 26 June 2019 in Tashkent



Human Development Cluster

- ❑ Education scoping study completed
- ❑ First regional education workshop held in Bishkek in March 2019
- ❑ Scoping study on “*Strengthening Cross-Border Community Collaboration in CAREC*” ongoing
- ❑ Scoping work in the health sector ongoing
- ❑ First CAREC Gender Strategy being formulated



Strengthened **Institutional Framework**

01

Mobilization of technical and financial resources

- Proposed Regional Infrastructure Projects Enabling Facility



02

Further deepened and broadened partnerships

- Engagement of more development partners, particularly in new areas of cooperation
- CAREC Development Partners' Dialogue (September 2019)
- CAREC Institute: capacity building and knowledge support



THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION

