



CAREC INSTITUTE (CI): 2018 ACHIEVEMENTS AND 2019 WORK PROGRAM

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CAREC INSTITUTE: MAIN ACHIEVEMENTS 2018

Institutional Activities

Governing Council (GC) Meeting & Advisory Council (AC) Meeting

- The 8th GC Meeting was organized in December 2018 in Tashkent Uzbekistan. Agenda items such as Financial Sustainability of CI, approval of CI's budget for 2019 and new recruitment plan discussed.
- Back to back with CI's 8th GC meeting, first policy dialogue on Climate Change Financing was organized
- CI's 1st AC Meeting of CI was held in November 2018 in Beijing, PRC



Networking & Partnerships

CAREC Think Tanks Development Forum, MOUs & Negotiations

- Third Forum was held in July in Bishkek, Kyrgyz Republic attracting over 120 participants from government, universities, think tanks and private sector
- CI signed two more MoUs with Transport Corridor Europe Caucasus Asia (TRACECA), Azerbaijan and Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), Pakistan
- Held series of meetings with local government and universities of Xi'an, PRC for exploring ways of collaboration including hosting of the 4th Think Tanks Forum in Xian PRC in August 2019
- CI delegation visited Green Climate Fund (GCF) in Incheon, South Korea and both sides reached an initial agreement in which CI may become a delivery partner of GCF for CAREC countries

Operational Activities

Research

- **CAREC Regional Integration Index** has been **developed** in collaboration with ADB and will be presented at 4th CAREC Think Tanks Development Forum in August 2019.
- Two research papers on “**Policy Perspectives: Deepening the CAREC Regional Cooperation and Integration**” and “**CAREC Regional Value Chains: A Case study of Garment Sector in the Kyrgyz Republic**” have been completed by the ADB Consultant (currently under review).
- In collaboration with ADB, ADBI and Chinese Academy of Fiscal Sciences (CAFS), CI organized Research Conferences on “**Leveraging SME Finance through Value Chains in the CAREC Landlocked Economies**” and “**Measuring Impacts and Financing Infrastructure in CAREC Countries**”. **Two books** will be published by November 2019.
- Joint Research Study on “**Review of Trends, Challenges, and Opportunities for Agricultural Development in the Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation (CAREC) Member Countries**” has been completed in collaboration with ADB-IFPRI and CI.
- In collaboration with CAFS, the CI jointly produced a **book “Forty years of reform and opening of the People’s Republic of China: Sharing Policy Lessons with the CAREC Member Countries “** will be published by August 2019.

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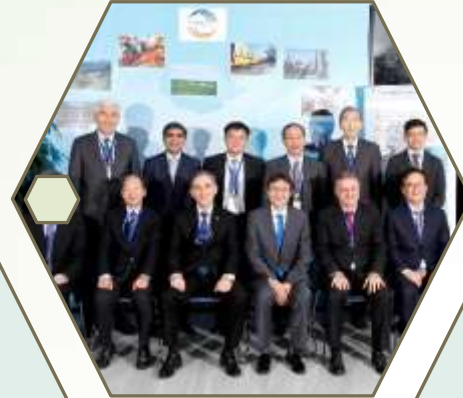
Capacity Building

- In collaboration with ADB and/or ADBI, CI held 9 workshops in 2018.
- The workshops covered priority areas of CAREC 2030, enhanced participants awareness of concepts, trends, best practice and lessons in the relevant fields, facilitated dialogue among officials of CAREC countries
- The workshops focused on topics such as value chains, energy security, ease of doing business, corridors performance management, national accounts capacity building, tourism, WTO TFA, SEZs and SME trade financing

Other Milestones Accomplished in 2018

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**CI Strategy
2022
approved**



**First annual
report
published**



**CI website
launched**

**CI
registered
with PRC
MFA**



**Headquarter
Agreement
signed**



GC Follow up

Actions & Status

Actions	Status
Revise Recruitment Plan	Draft is under review and will be shared with GC in July
Audited Budget Utilization Report	Hiring process of Audit firm underway
Report expenditures to GC bi-annually	Will be reported to GC in July
Establish a WG for Financial Sustainability	09 nominations received Hiring process of consultant is underway
Develop proposal on hiring visiting fellows, interns and volunteers	Draft is under review and will be shared with GC in July
Re-group and rename Unit Heads and Staff without entailing additional cost	Draft is under review and will be shared with GC in July
Revise financial standards on travel and other related expenses	Travel policy revised and under process of finalization. Financial manual drafted and under

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Key Features

- Aligned with CAREC 2030, CI 2019-2020 work program is a demand driven program
- The guiding principle of 2019-2020 work program is regionalism
- 2019-2020 work program primarily focuses on three operational clusters
 - Economic and financial stability
 - Trade, tourism, and economic corridors
 - Infrastructure and economic connectivity

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Research

Economic & Financial Stability Cluster	Trade Tourism and Economic Corridor	Agriculture and Water
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Capital Market and Financial Integration: Finance for Development • Regulatory Framework for E-commerce development in the CAREC 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional Sanitary and Phytosanitary Regulatory Regime: Framework for Mutual Recognition and paperless certification exchange mechanism • CAREC Tourism Corridor: Developing Tourism Infrastructure in the CAREC member countries 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Case Studies and Analysis of Technology Innovations and Infusions for High-Value Crops in the CAREC member countries

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Capacity Building

Economic & Financial Sustainability

- Promoting economic diversification in the CAREC region
- 2008 SNA Enhancing the quality of Key Economic Indicators
- National Accounts Capacity Building

Trade Tourism and Economic Corridors

- Comparison of Economic Integration in Asia and Europe
- Improving Border Crossing Services
- WTO TFA Implementation Capacity Building Workshop

Infrastructure and Economic Connectivity

- Road Safety Engineering
- Road Asset Management
- Energy Insecurity in Asia: Challenges, Solutions and Renewable Energy
- Reforming state-owned enterprises
- Workshop on the sidelines of CAREC Energy Investment Forum

Agriculture and Water Cluster

- Food Safety Network

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Knowledge Management

- ▶ Render support in upholding high quality of written products, dissemination of capacity building products, creation of outreach and communication products, demand-driven customization of knowledge products
- ▶ Provide editorial support to documents under the governing structures
- ▶ Deliver concept and speaker notes for conferences
- ▶ Render intellectual stewardship in benefits mapping and impact assessment surveys
- ▶ Design and lead change as it pertains to knowledge corridors within the margins of feasibility

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Flagship Activities

► CAREC Regional Integration Index (CRII)

The Index will be expanded and upgraded every year and presented at important forums including CI's annual think tanks forum

► CAREC Think Tanks Development Forum

The Forum has gradually become a platform for discussing important policy issues that impact regional cooperation. The fourth forum is scheduled to be held on 27-28 August in PRC

Thank you