

17th CAREC Ministerial Conference

Theme and Deliverables

CAREC Senior Officials' Meeting
Bangkok, Thailand
27-28 June 2018



Theme of the 17th Ministerial Conference

“Trade and
Competitiveness
in Central Asia”

Rationale

- ❖ **Expanded trade and improved competitiveness** have been longstanding goals of the CAREC Program
- ❖ Opportune to conduct dialogue on advancing the **CAREC Integrated Trade Agenda** leading to 2030
- ❖ **Changing trade environment:** opportunities and challenges
- ❖ Trade is an important driver of **economic growth, diversification, and job creation**
- ❖ **Competitiveness enhancement** is critical for greater integration into global and regional value chains
- ❖ Trade helps meet the **SDGs**
- ❖ Continuous efforts of CAREC countries to integrate into the **multilateral trading system**

Proposed Structure

15 November –
17th Ministerial Conference

Proposed Deliverables

- ❖ CAREC Integrated Trade Agenda (CITA) 2030 and Rolling Strategic Action Plan (RSAP) 2018-2020
- ❖ Establishment of the Regional Trade Group (RTG)
- ❖ Knowledge Products on Road Asset Management and Road Safety
- ❖ CAREC High Technology Roadmap
- ❖ Mid-Term Review of ESCC Strategy and Work Plan
- ❖ 3rd CAREC Energy Investment Forum
- ❖ ABEC Institutionalization and Investment Pipeline

Issues for Guidance of SOM

- ▶ Views on the proposed theme and structure of the 17th MC
- ▶ Proposed deliverables to be presented at the 17th MC

Thank you
