

The Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation (CAREC) Program

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Formation 1997

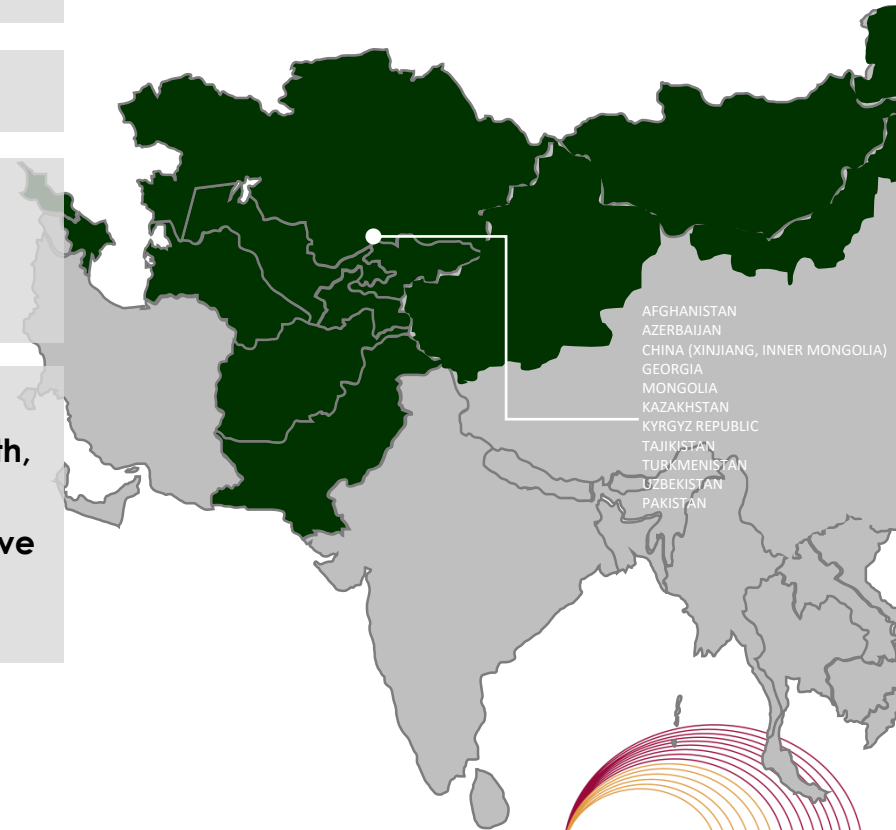
Members Afghanistan, Azerbaijan, China (Xinjiang, Inner Mongolia), Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Mongolia, Pakistan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan

Vision Good Neighbors, Good Partners, Good Prospects

Priority Sectors

- Transport
- Trade Facilitation
- Energy
- Trade Policy

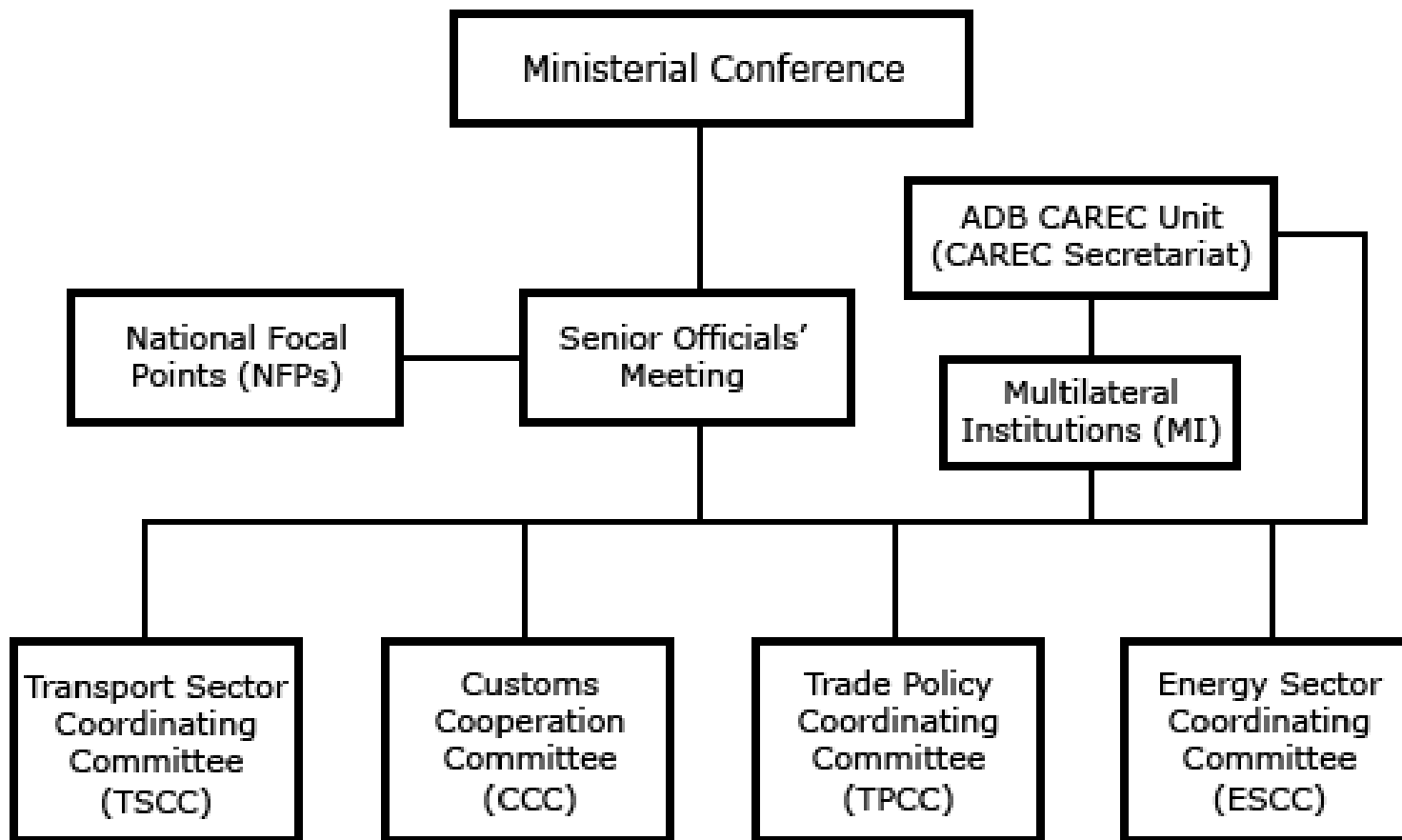
Thrust With the rapid economic expansion of the PRC and Japan to the east, the Russian Federation to the north, and India and Pakistan to the south, there is unprecedented opportunity for CAREC countries to emerge as a center of trade and commerce, achieve higher levels of economic growth, and reduce poverty.



What is CAREC?



Overall Institutional Framework



CAREC 2020: Focus, Action, Results

➤ Strategic objectives

- Expanded trade
- Improved competitiveness

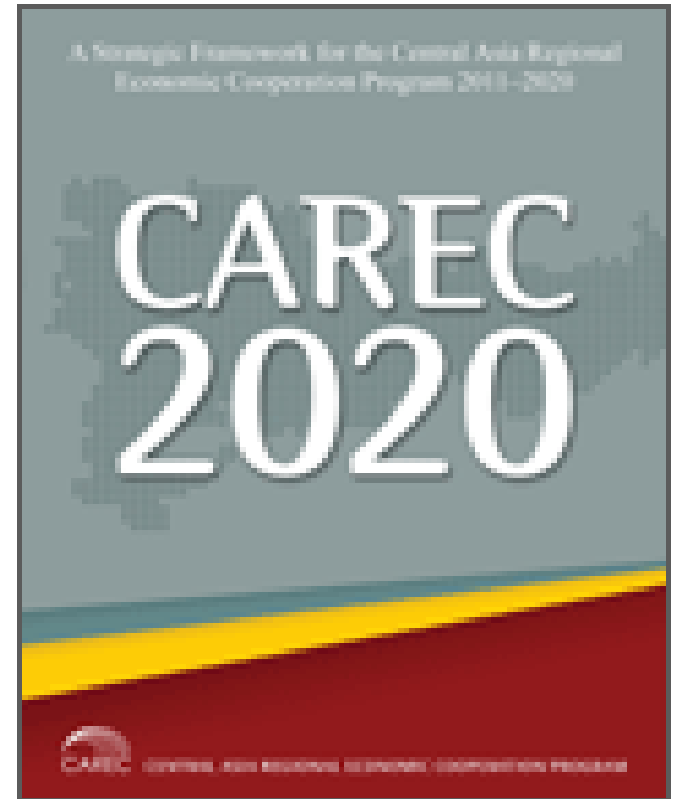
➤ Operational priorities

✓ *4 priority sectors:*

- transport
- trade facilitation
- trade policy
- energy

✓ *Economic Corridor Development*

✓ *CAREC Institute*



CAREC Strategic Agenda



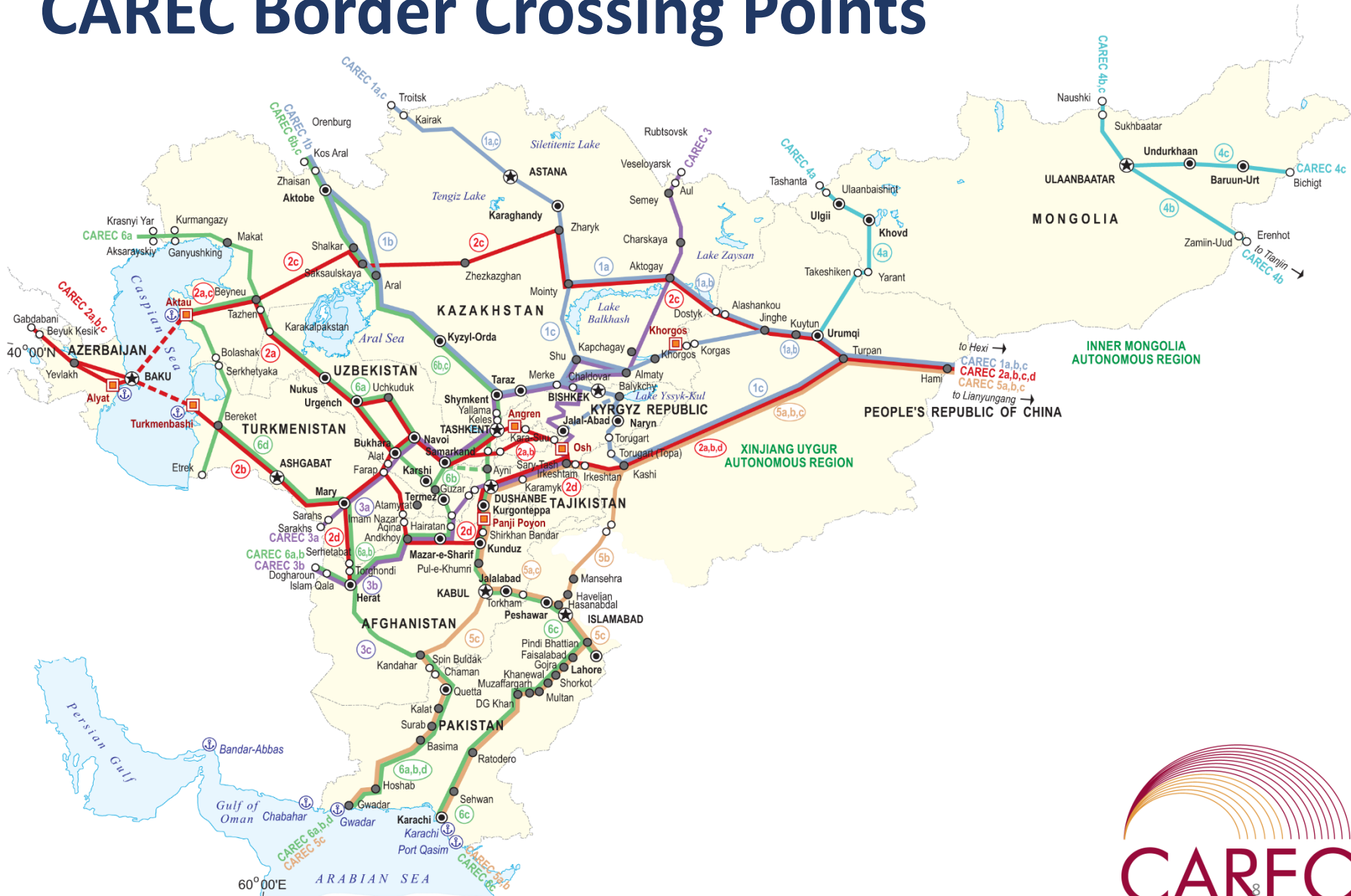
Transport Sector

- Overall operational priorities
 - Multimodal corridor network development
 - Operational and institutional strengthening



- **CAREC Transport Sector Work Plan (2015–2017)**
- **CAREC Railway Strategy (2017–2030)**
- **CAREC Road Safety Strategy (2017–2030)**

CAREC Border Crossing Points



Trade Facilitation



With the Transport Sector, implements the refined **CAREC Transport and Trade Facilitation Strategy 2020**

- Competitive corridors
- Efficient movement of goods and people
- Sustainable, safe, user-friendly transport and trade networks

Energy Sector

- **Long-term vision:** energy security, energy markets integration, and energy trade-driven growth.

- **CAREC Energy Strategy and Work Plan (2016–2020)**

1. East-Central-South Asia corridor
2. Regional Electricity Trade and Harmonization
3. Energy-water linkages
4. Financing for priority projects
5. Capacity development/knowledge management
6. Clean energy technologies



Trade Policy

Priority initiatives

- implementation of the Capacity-Building and Knowledge-Sharing Program
- advancing the World Trade Organization (WTO) Accession Knowledge-Sharing Program
- initiating the implementation of the updated Trade Policy Sector Action Plan (TPSAP) by CAREC member countries

Economic Corridor Development: Organizing Economic Activity

- Infrastructure to link markets
- Growth nodes, urban agglomeration, inter-urban links, urban-rural links
- Cross-border or domestic
- Almaty-Bishkek Corridor Initiative (ABCI)
 - MoU signed in 2014
 - In 2016, ABCI Investment Framework endorsed by MC

Supporting Industrial Park Development in the CAREC Region

- A TA to improve policy framework for Special Economic Zones and Industrial Parks (SEZs and IPs) in Kazakhstan and the Kyrgyz Republic
- 2 Outputs:
 - Diagnostic studies of KAZ and KGZ's SEZs and IPs
 - Strategic frameworks for industrial park development

CAREC Institute (CI)

- In Oct 2013, the 12th Ministerial Conference accepted the PRC's offer to host the CI in Urumqi.
- In Nov 2015, CI's 3rd Governing Council Meeting endorsed CI's Operational program for 2016.
- By end-2015, CI's full management team was on board.
- In Oct 2016, CI's Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) was signed by 4 countries in Islamabad.

CAREC 2020 and CAREC 2025

Completed in 2016,
CAREC 2020 Midterm Review
recommends to:

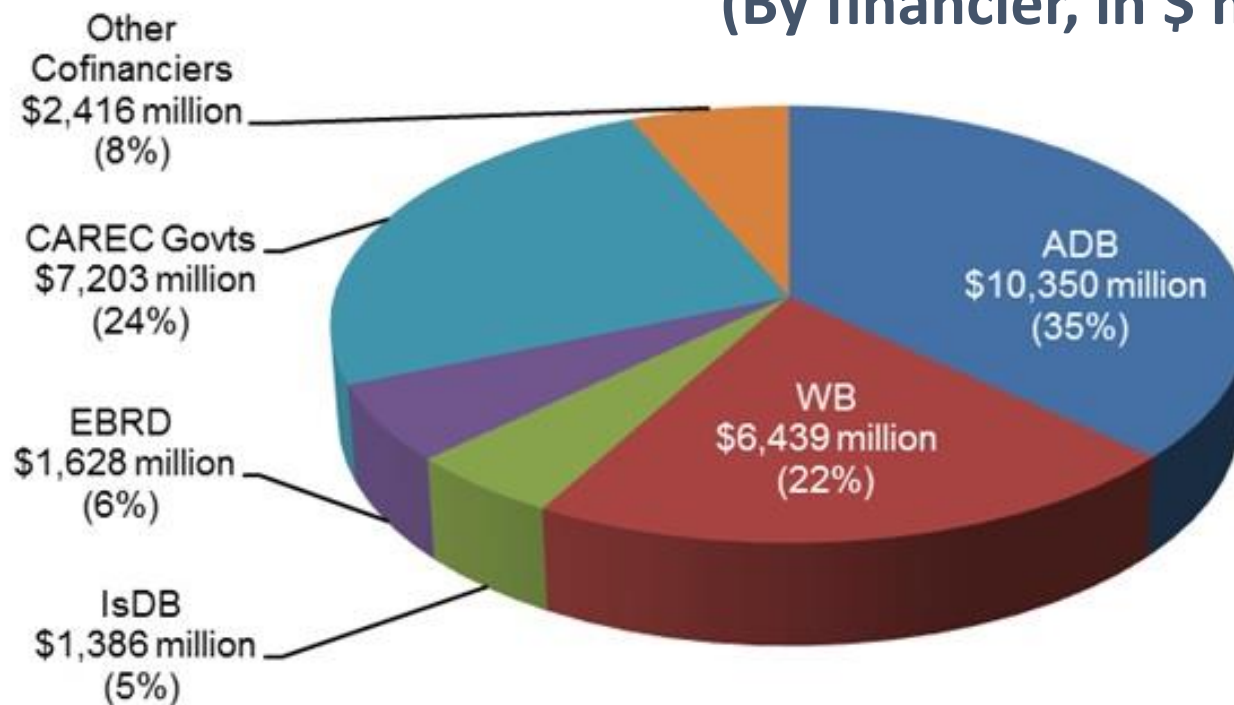
1. Complete CAREC 2020 agenda
2. Revisit CAREC's objectives to ensure strategic coherence
3. Broaden CAREC agenda
4. Revisit working group structure and establish informal Expert Groups
5. Develop new partnership strategy

CAREC Strategy 2025 for completion by November 2017 and endorsement at the 16th Ministerial Conference in Dushanbe.



CAREC Investments

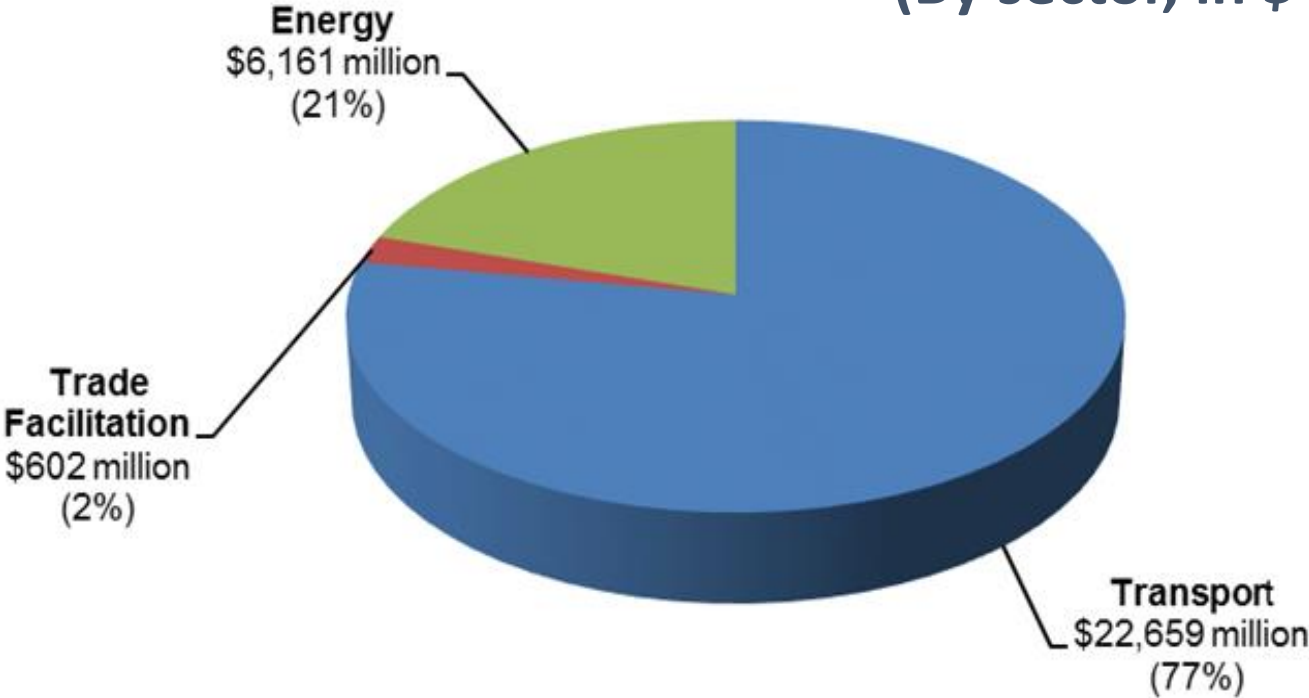
CAREC Portfolio Cumulative 2001–2016
(By financier, in \$ million)



Over **\$29.4 billion** worth of CAREC-related investments have been made.

CAREC Investments

ADB Financing in CAREC Projects, Cumulative 2001–2016 (By sector, in \$ million)



CAREC Calendar

FEB	MAR	APR
3 rd week – CAREC Consultation Mission	Revised Kyoto Convention Gap Analysis for KGZ Customs	24–25 Road Safety Workshop & Railway Working Group Meeting 28 – Donors' Meeting
23 – CAREC Trade Facilitation Consultation Workshop for Georgia	Revised Kyoto Convention Awareness/Self-Assessment Tools Workshop for TKM Customs	Time Release Study (TRS)/Corridor Performance Measurement and Monitoring (CPMM) Training SPS Workshop on Regulations, Procedures, Requirements

CAREC Calendar

MAY	JUN	JUL
Joint Customs Control Workshop	SPS Workshop on Border Implementation	Pilots: Customs Information Exchange/Regional Transit Workshop
Training on Standardization for CAREC Federation of Carrier and Forwarders Associations (CFCFA)	Coordinated Border Management/National Trade Facilitation Committee Workshop	ESCC Meeting
16th Transport Sector Coordinating Committee (TSCC)	1st WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement Implementation Capacity Building Workshop for CAREC Countries	
	CAREC Midyear Senior Officials' Meeting	

CAREC Calendar

AUG	SEP	OCT
TRS/CPMM Training	16th Customs Cooperation Committee Meeting	ESCC Meeting
TRS: National Workshop for TAJ	8th CFCFA Annual Meeting	16th CAREC Ministerial Conference
	SPS Workshop to Train Border Personnel	
	CAREC Consultation Meeting with National Focal Points	



*Thank
you!*

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