CAREC Institute: Progress Report/Performance Assessment Review (CIPAR)

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Presentation Flow

- CAREC Institute (CI) Progress Report
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  - Objective, Approach, and Methodology
  - Interim Recommendations
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CI Progress Report

- Key Developments:
  - Capacity Building: Leadership Dev't Initiative (LDI); training/knowledge sharing for priority and Tier 2 sectors
  - Research: sector studies; research programs; issue-specific studies
  - Outreach: website; seminars
- Work plan for late 2010 - 2011:
  - CAREC 10-Year Commemorative Study (Part 2)
  - Preparation of CI work plan for 2012-2014, etc

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CIPAR: Objective and Approach

- Objective:
  - to elicit considerations for designs of Institute's next phase programs from initial phase of CI activities
- Approach:
  - Activity-level: relevance; effectiveness; efficiency; impact-sustainability
  - "Broader aspects"-level: institutional setting; common management issues

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CIPAR: Methodology (1) -Instruments

- Instruments: discussions at subregional workshops; desk review; survey questionnaires; focus-group discussions; interviews
- Coverage: Over 170 CAREC stakeholders provided inputs to assessment of CAREC Institute programs

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CIPAR: Methodology (2) - Subject Programs

- Capacity Building: LDI; priority sectors' training and knowledge sharing; Tier 2 sector training and knowledge-sharing
- Research: Sector studies; research programs with capacity development aspects; issue-specific studies
- Outreach: website; policy briefs and publications; seminars

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CIPAR: Interim Recommendations - Activity-level

- Align with priority sectors' needs, themes and projects
- Focus on in-depth and practical training
- Adopt guidelines/mechanisms for research programs: selection of participants; peer/external review etc.
- Target audience-message interface to communicate CAREC themes more effectively

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CIPAR: Interim Recommendations -"Broader Aspects" level

- Strengthen interface between CI, sector coordinating committees and in-country teams
- Strengthen interface with other partner multilateral and local institutions
- Enhance CAREC Secretariat functions
- Adopt quick response mechanisms
- Institutionalize post-program evaluation

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CIPAR: Conclusions

- Initial phase CI programs are well-received, but extensive capacity building and research needs in CAREC exist—which require enhanced efforts for the CI across the three areas of *Capacity Building*, *Research* and *Outreach*
- CIPAR interim recommendations at activity and "broader aspects" levels can be a guidepost for the next phase of CI
- Assessment should be a continual process to ensure that CI programs remain relevant and effective

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