

# **CAREC Institute Work Plan 2009-2011**

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# Background

- Establishment proposed in Comprehensive Action Plan
- CAREC Institute Prospectus endorsed at 6<sup>th</sup> Ministerial Conference highlighting:
  - Objectives:
    - improve the capacity of CAREC government officials to plan and implement regional cooperation projects; and
    - apply new solutions and best practices to regional challenges
  - Three output areas: training, research, and dialogue
  - “Virtual” institute prioritizing involvement of expertise from the region and supporting collaboration among institutes, think tanks, universities, researchers

# Professional Development and Training

- Leadership Development Initiative
  - Executive Leadership Development Program
    - Senior and upper-middle level government officials
    - Meet identified needs: public sector management and finance, negotiation and communication, executive leadership practice
    - Implementing partner: university or business school with global recognition
    - One-week residential course; 32 participants per course; annual delivery

# Professional Development and Training

- Public Sector Management – Short Courses Program
  - Upper and mid-level government officials
  - Public sector management (principles and practice) and public sector finance
  - Two-day training program; ELDP partner; up to 40 participants in each country in 2009-2011

# Professional Development and Training

- Leadership Development Fellowship Program (for consideration)
  - Exceptional individuals participate in open-enrollment international public administration and management programs
  - 2010: financial resources and reaction to the ELDP and Short Courses Program
- Sector Committee Support

# Research

- Generate new knowledge, innovation, and recommendations
- Sound intellectual support in priority areas
- Strengthen capacity of research institutes

# Research

- Shared knowledge and information base
  - Foundation studies in priority sectors
- Flagship research programs to examine broad and fundamental questions
  - structural change and economic diversification
  - moving beyond dependence on natural resources
  - overcoming problems of landlocked economies

# Research

- Small Research Grants Program
  - Focus on priority areas
  - Selection process
  - Research seminar
- Issue-specific papers or studies responding SOM, Ministerial Conferences, sector committees



# Outreach and Dialogue

- Proactive information dissemination; web platform
- Series of seminars, conferences, knowledge-sharing events in CAREC region
- Co-sponsorship, participation in external events to widen awareness of CAREC goals, work, achievements, opportunities

# Next Steps

- Consultation meeting with potential partners
- Begin work plan implementation
  - Executive Leadership Development Program
    - Initiating partner selection
  - Sector committee support
    - Soliciting inputs from committees
  - Foundation studies
    - Identify consultants
  - Flagship research
    - Determining approach; identifying partners
  - Initiate second round Small Research Grants Program