



**Summary of Discussion of  
the 10th Transport Sector Coordination Committee Meeting**  
12-13 October 2011, Astana, Kazakhstan

**Introduction**

1. The 10<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the CAREC Transport Sector Coordination Committee (TSCC) was held on 12–13 October 2011 in Astana, Kazakhstan. Delegations from all ten CAREC countries and representatives of the Asian Development Bank (ADB), European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, Islamic Development Bank, Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), and World Bank participated in the meeting. Mr. Asylbek Duysebayev, Vice Minister of Transport and Communications of Kazakhstan chaired the meeting. The meeting agenda and list of participants are in Appendices 1 and 2, respectively.

**Session 1: Review of Implementation of the CAREC Transport and Trade Facilitation Strategy and Action Plan**

2. The TSCC Secretariat presented the progress reports on implementation of the Transport and Trade Facilitation Strategy and Action Plan. The participants noted the significant progress made in physical investment, but requested to make some technical corrections and include the list of the investment projects in the progress report on transport. The meeting agreed to submit the revised progress reports to the Ministerial Conference through the Senior Officials Meeting (SOM) in November 2011 for consideration.

3. The TSCC Secretariat also presented the progress report on the Cross-Border Transport Agreement (CBTA) between the Kyrgyz Republic and Republic of Tajikistan. The TSCC participants requested the disclosure of the CBTA between the Kyrgyz Republic and Republic of Tajikistan to other CAREC countries as a model agreement. The PRC delegation suggested arranging a workshop to exchange information about the existing cross-border agreements including the CBTA between the Kyrgyz Republic and Republic of Tajikistan as a basis for further study and consideration by the CAREC countries before joining any such international agreement as the country may wish. With regard to trade facilitation, the participants stressed the importance of harmonization of standards for border control facilities and capacity building support.

**Session 2: CAREC Transport and Trade Facilitation–Next Steps**

4. The TSCC Secretariat presented the list of the proposed medium-term transport priority investment projects for 2011–2015. The list comprises a total of 70 projects in the total amount of almost \$23 billion. The PRC delegation requested that the Xinjiang Altay Infrastructure and Environment Improvement Project be excluded from the list because it is not related to the transport sector. The meeting endorsed the proposed medium-term transport priority investment projects, and agreed to submit them to the Ministerial Conference through SOM in November 2011 for consideration. It is further agreed that after the 10<sup>th</sup> Ministerial Conference the list would be updated by adding or deleting projects from time to time, as necessary.

5. The TSCC Secretariat presented the proposal of conducting a midterm review of the CAREC Transport and Trade Facilitation Strategy during 2012-2013, to be financed under technical assistance grant from ADB. The participants endorsed the proposal and agreed to submit the proposal to the Ministerial Conference through SOM in November 2011 for consideration. Transport corridors in Pakistan and Turkmenistan will be further developed as they have just joined CAREC.

6. The TSCC Secretariat presented the training plans in the transport sector for 2012. The Pakistan delegation suggested that axle load monitoring, bridge maintenance management, and automation of toll collection system to be included in the training program. The CAREC countries were requested to complete Knowledge and Training Needs Form to provide priority training topics and submit it to the TSCC Secretariat by 30 October 2011. JICA informed that it is providing training on road management and maintenance and suggested that the participants contact JICA offices in their countries for further information. The participants encouraged the TSCC Secretariat and CAREC Institute to coordinate with JICA on training issues.

### **Session 3: Sustainable Transport Initiative and Its Applications**

7. ADB made presentation on Sustainable Transport Initiative: New Opportunities within CAREC.

8. The meeting discussed the proposal of chair country for future TSCC meetings. According to the proposal, the chairmanship of the TSCC will be rotated among CAREC countries annually based on the alphabetical (Latin) order of country names. The meeting endorsed the proposal. Accordingly, the Kyrgyz Republic agreed to be the chair of the TSCC in 2012.

### **Closing Session**

9. The participants expressed their appreciation to the Government of Kazakhstan and the Ministry of Transport and Communications for hosting the 10<sup>th</sup> TSCC meeting, and TSCC Secretariat for excellent logistical arrangements.