



CAREC 2020 NATIONAL WORKSHOP
Tashkent, Uzbekistan
16 March 2012

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSIONS

I. Introduction

1. CAREC 2020 National Workshop (the Workshop) was held on 16 March 2012 in Tashkent, Uzbekistan. The Workshop was attended by representatives from line Ministries and Agencies responsible for regional cooperation initiatives. (See **Appendix 1** for the list of participants.) Mr. Aleksey Ananin and Mr. Rustam Mansurov chaired the Workshop.
2. The objective of the Workshop were to: (i) report on an updated plan of activities for 2012; (ii) discuss mid-term review of the CAREC Transport and Trade Facilitation Strategy and Action Plan; (iii) review progress in Energy Master Plan; and (iv) consider refined Medium-term Priority project list. (See **Appendix 2** for the Workshop agenda.)

II. CAREC 2012 Calendar of Activities

3. Participants noted changes in the calendar of activities, including new dates for Transport and Energy Sectors Coordination Committees, and Ministerial Conference. Participants agreed to set corresponding attention to proper level nomination at Ministries' part, and to meet indicated timeframe as far as possible. Established practice of pre-SOM/MC and post-SOM/MC internal meetings will be continued.
4. Participants were informed that one of the planned activities for 2012 might be held in Tashkent – probably regional workshop on CAREC Institute Work plan. The Workshop participant supported the idea generally with a request to follow standard practice of concurrence communication.

III. Mid-term Review of the CAREC Transport and Trade Facilitation Strategy and Action Plan

5. The Workshop participants supported, in principle, the proposed concept of a midterm review to be conducted during 2013–2014 to refine the two documents for effective implementation in the remaining period. The participants highlighted an absolute necessity for close consultation and coordination with all ministries and agencies involved during the whole period of implementation including selection of consultants.
6. State Customs Committee suggested including of a customs consultant into summary of consulting services requirement under proposed Technical assistance for implementation of the mid-term review to have a qualified assessment of customs control operation in the region. The Workshop supported the proposal and decided to reflect it in the comments of UZB side.

IV. Refined Medium-term Priority Project List

7. Participants reviewed and confirmed the consolidated list of projects in transport and trade facilitation areas prepared by UZB CAREC team during recent consultations for the Country Progress Report on the Implementation Action Plan for the Transport and Trade Facilitation Strategy.

V. Energy Master Plan Update

8. Energy Sector representative informed the Workshop about improved quality of the Second Final Draft of the Strategy in general, however, mentioned about necessity of longer time required for internal review. Comments will be submitted to the Cabinet of Ministers for principal endorsement before official submission to ADB.

VI. Other issues

9. The workshop discussed the necessity to involve training institutes in CAREC countries to conduct various capacity building activities.

VII. Acknowledgment

10. Participated Government officials expressed their appreciation to UZB CAREC team for daily support in all aspects.