



**SENIOR OFFICIALS' MEETING ON
CENTRAL ASIA REGIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION (CAREC)**

Almaty, Kazakhstan • 13–14 September 2004

AGENDA

12 September, Sunday

19:00–21:00 *Welcome Dinner*
Hosted by ADB Country Director for Kazakhstan

13 September, Monday

08:30–09:00 *Registration (Ballroom Foyer)*

09:00–10:30 **Opening Session**
Chaired by KAZ and co-chaired by ADB

09:00–09:10 ***Welcome Remarks***
Mr. G. Uzbekov, Vice Minister of Finance, KAZ

09:10–09:20 ***Opening Remarks***
Mr. H.S. Rao, Deputy Director General, East and Central Asia Department (ECD), ADB

09:20–09:30 ***Approval of Preparatory SOM agenda***

09:30–10:30 ***Country opening statements*** in alphabetical order
(AZE, PRC, KAZ, KGZ, MON, TAJ and UZB—5 minutes each)

10:30–11:00 *Tea Break*

11:00–18:00 **Sector sessions** (In Parallel)

Transport

Chaired by Mr. R. Zhumatayev, Director, Department of Transit Policy and External Relations, MOTC, KAZ and co-chaired by Mr. Sean O'Sullivan, Country Director of Uzbekistan, ADB (Ballroom)

Trade Facilitation (Customs cooperation)

Chaired by Mr. B. Abdishev, Deputy Chairman, Customs Control Agency, KAZ and co-chaired by Mr. A. Ruthenberg, Director, Operations Coordination Division, ADB (Almaty Room)

Energy

Chaired by Mr. A. Kurishbayev, Vice Minister of Agriculture, KAZ and co-chaired by Mr. Summer Lee Travers, Sector Manager, Infrastructure and Energy Services Department, the World Bank (Dzhambul Room)

Trade Policy

Chaired by Mr. G. Uzbekov, Vice Minister of Finance, KAZ and co-chaired by Mr. John Wakeman-Linn, Middle East and Central Asia Department, IMF (Astana Room)

- 11:00–11:10** **Opening Remarks**
By the chair
- 11:10–11:30** **Presentation by sector specialists** based on the draft sector reports circulated (20 minutes)
- 11:30–12:30** **Remarks by countries** in alphabetic order (AZE, PRC, KAZ, KGZ, MON, TAJ and UZB—5 minutes each)
- 12:30–14:00 *Lunch*
- 14:00–15:30 Floor open for discussion
- 15:30–16:00 *Tea Break*
- 16:00–17:40 Discussion and drafting of summary outcomes
- 17:40–18:00 The chair concludes the session by briefly summarizing outcomes and confirming the same with delegates.
- 19:00 Dinner – Hosted by KAZ Government

14 September, Tuesday

- 09:00–16:00** **Discussion of Draft Progress Report by the Senior Officials' Meeting (SOM) to the 3rd Ministerial Conference (MC)**
Chaired by Mr. G. Uzbekov, KAZ and co-chaired by Mr. H.S. Rao, ADB
- 09:00–09:30** **(a) Progress Report by Secretariat**
Presentation on progress made since the 2nd MC
Discussion
- 09:30–12:00** **(b) Sector Session Outcomes**
- 09:30–10:00 ***Transport***
- 09:30–09:40 The sector session chair (ADB) reports to the plenary session on the main results of the sector session
- 09:40–10:00 Confirmation

- 10:00–10:30 **Trade Facilitation**
- 10:00–10:10 The sector session chair (ADB) reports to the plenary session on the main results of the sector session
- 10:10–10:30 Confirmation
- 10:30–11:00 *Tea Break*
- 11:00–11:30 **Energy**
- 11:00–11:10 The sector session chair (WB) reports to the plenary session on the main results of the sector session
- 11:10–11:30 Confirmation
- 11:30–12:00 **Trade Policy**
- 11:30–11:40 The sector session chair (IMF) reports to the plenary session on the main results of the sector session
- 11:40–12:00 Confirmation
- 12:00–13:30 *Lunch*
- 13:30–16:00 (c) Other Issues**
- Human Development Report (UNDP)
 - Regional newsletter / Business Roundtable (ADB)
 - CAREC Assistance for CACO (ADB)
 - Preparation for the 3rd MC (ADB)
- 16:00–16:30 *Tea Break*
- 16:30–18:00 Closing session**
Chaired by Mr. G. Uzbekov, KAZ and co-chaired by Mr. H.S Rao, ADB
- Confirmation of the SOM Progress Report
- Delegations give closing remarks for 5 minutes each (AZE, PRC, KGZ, MON, TAJ, UZB, EBRD, IMF, ISDB, UNDP, World Bank, ADB, and KAZ as host)
- 18:30 *Cocktails*