



Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation Program

**12th MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE
ON CENTRAL ASIA REGIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION**
23–24 October 2013
Astana, Kazakhstan

DETAILED AGENDA

“Integrated Transport and Trade”

CAREC SENIOR OFFICIALS’ MEETING

0830–0900 **Registration**

0900–1715 **CAREC Senior Officials’ Meeting (SOM)**
Venue: Palace of Independence

Participants: CAREC Senior Officials from Afghanistan, Azerbaijan, the People’s Republic of China, Kazakhstan, the Kyrgyz Republic, Mongolia, Pakistan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan; and representatives from partner multilateral institutions: Asian Development Bank (ADB), European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD), International Monetary Fund (IMF), Islamic Development Bank (IsDB), United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), and World Bank (WB)

Chair:

Mr. Timur Zhaxylykov

Vice Minister, Ministry of Economy and Budget Planning (MEBP)
CAREC National Focal Point (NFP) for Kazakhstan

To be assisted by the CAREC Secretariat:

Mr. Klaus Gerhaeuser

Director General, Central and West Asia Department (CWRD), ADB

Mr. Ayumi Konishi

Director General, East Asia Department (EARD), ADB

0900–0915 **Opening**

0900–0910 Welcome and Opening Remarks

Mr. Timur Zhaxylykov

Vice Minister, MEBP

CAREC National Focal Point (NFP) for Kazakhstan

- 0910–0915 Welcome Remarks and Introduction of the Agenda
Mr. Klaus Gerhaeusser
Director General, CWRD, ADB
- 0915–1015 Session 1: Midterm Review of Transport and Trade Facilitation Strategy (TTFS) and Implementation Action Plan and Sector Progress Reports**
The SOM will discuss and agree on the comprehensive stock-take report of the CAREC TTFS and Implementation Action Plan 2008–2017, and the refined CAREC TTFS 2020.
- A summary of the results-based progress reports in the two sectors of Transport and Trade Facilitation will also be presented.*
- 0915–0945 Presentations
Ms. Xiaohong Yang
Director, Central and West Asia Transport Division (CWTC), CWRD
- Mr. Ying Qian
Director, Public Management, Financial Sector, and Regional Cooperation Division (EAPF), EARD
- 0945–1015 Discussion
- 1015–1100 Session 2: Energy Sector Progress Report**
The SOM will discuss updates from the Energy Sector Coordinating Committee, including the sector progress reports.
- 1015–1030 Presentation
Mr. Jim Liston
Principal Energy Specialist, Energy Division (CWEN), CWRD
- 1030–1100 Discussion
- 1100–1130 *Coffee/Tea Break*
- 1130–1230 Session 3: New Trade Policy Strategic Action Plan 2013–2017 and Sector Progress Report**
The SOM will discuss, with a view to endorsing, the TPSAP and the steps needed to initiate implementation. A brief summary of the results-based sector report will also be discussed.
- 1130–1200 Presentation by the IMF
Mr. Hossein Samiei
Division Chief, Middle East and Central Asia Department
- Dr. David Tarr
Trade Policy Expert, IMF

1200–1230 Discussion

1230–1400 *Lunch*
Venue: Palace of Independence Restaurant

1400–1445 Session 4: Review of the Methodology of the CAREC Development Effectiveness Review (DEfR)

ADB representative will present the methodology review of the CAREC DEfR. The SOM is expected to provide guidance to the review.

1400–1415 Presentation
 Mr. Pradeep Srivastava
 Principal Economist, Regional Cooperation and Operations Coordination Division (CWRC), CWRD

1415–1445 Discussion

1445–1515 Session 5: Physical Establishment of the CAREC Institute

1515–1545 Session 6: Other Matters

1545–1600 *Coffee/Tea Break*

1600–1700 Session 7: Finalization of Key Documents

The SOM will consider and agree on the Report of the SOM to the 12th MC and the Joint Ministerial Statement of the 12th MC.

Finalization of the Report of the SOM to the 12th MC

Review and Finalization of the Joint Ministerial Statement

1700–1715 Session 8: Closing

Closing Remarks

Chair:
 Mr. Timur Zhaxylykov
 Vice Minister, MEBP
 CAREC NFP for Kazakhstan

1900–2100

Welcome Dinner

Hosted by the Government of Kazakhstan
Venue: Zheruiyk Hall, Rixos Hotel