



Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation Program

Reference Document  
For Session 7 of the Senior Officials' Meeting  
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# **12<sup>th</sup> Ministerial Conference Proposed Theme and Structure**

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**I. Proposals for Consideration**

**A. Proposed Theme of the 12<sup>th</sup> Ministerial Conference (MC):**

***Integrated Transport and Trade***

This theme is being proposed for three major reasons:

- (i) the theme reflects the host government's emphasis on the need for CAREC countries to more effectively integrate with and benefit from a rapidly growing Asia even as recovery efforts in Europe and the US continue;
- (ii) the theme emphasizes the relevance of the ongoing Mid-Term Review of the Transport and Trade Facilitation Strategy and Implementation Action Plan that will lead to a presentation of a proposed refined strategy during the 12th MC; and
- (iii) the theme underlines the importance of ongoing analytical efforts on how CAREC's transport corridors can be transformed into economic corridors.

**B. Proposed Structure of the 12<sup>th</sup> MC**

**Day 1:** Senior Officials' Meeting (full day)

**Day 2:** Ministerial Meeting

**II. Issues for Guidance of CAREC Senior Officials**

- Views on the proposed theme and structure of the 12th MC
- Proposed deliverables to be presented at the 12<sup>th</sup> MC
- Views on other related activities