

# CAREC Institute

## 2008 Activities and Next Steps

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## Background

- CAREC Institute Prospectus endorsed by 6<sup>th</sup> Ministerial Conference (MC)
- Joint Ministerial Statement requests SOM to  
“establish the CAREC Institute and ensure it gives priority to training for Government officials, while at the same time initiating research, dialogue, and outreach activities to deepen mutual understanding and benefit”
- Policy-makers and officials in CAREC countries are primary audience

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## Background

- A “virtual institute” over the medium term
- Start-up coordinated by CAREC Secretariat; regular reporting to SOM
- Activities in three areas:
  - **Training** to build competencies of, and transfer knowledge to, CAREC officials with respect to “best practices” in regional cooperation
  - **Research** to offer information, analysis, and “best practices” to enable decision-makers to deal confidently and effectively with regional cooperation issues
  - **Outreach** to explain the benefits of regional cooperation and the achievements of the CAREC Program; and to share Institute products with a broader audience

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## Approach for 2008

- Develop firm work plan for 2009-2011
- Continue current training and research activities

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## 2009-2011 Work Plan

- Draft work plan for consideration of September SOM
- Propose work plan includes
  - definition of the Institute's areas of focus
  - a multi-year training agenda
  - a multi-year research agenda
  - CAREC leadership program agenda
  - a dialogue/outreach agenda
- Country and MI consultations

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## 2009-2011 Work Plan

Potential focus areas:

- Transport and trade facilitation corridor performance monitoring
- Competitiveness and structural change
- Enabling/encouraging private sector participation
- Impact measurement

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## 2008 Training Activities

- **Public Private Partnerships in Infrastructure**  
— completed March 2008, Tokyo
- **Multilateral Trade Liberalization: Recent Developments and Outstanding Issues**  
— completed April 2008, Bishkek
- **CMERF: Tariff Setting Principles and Practices**  
— completed April 2008, Baku
- **Seminar on Trade Logistics and CAREC Corridor Performance Monitoring**  
— completed April 2008, Baku
- Future seminars under development

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## Relevant 2008 Research Activities

- Trade Logistics Assessments
- Report on Implementation of the Comprehensive Action Plan
- Study on Preferential Trade Agreements in the CAREC Region
- Study on Public Private Partnerships (PPPs) in the Central and West Asian Region
- Studies in Sustainable Development Sectors (agriculture, environment, disaster management)
- CAREC Small Research Grants Program

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## Delegations Views

- Suggestions on work plan development process?
- Suggestions for Institute focus areas?
- Suggestions on specific training or research topics?

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