



**SENIOR OFFICIALS' MEETING ON
CENTRAL ASIA REGIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION (CAREC)**
Manila, Philippines • 8–9 September March 2007

AGENDA

8 September, Saturday

09:00–09:30 Opening Session

09:00–09:15 **Opening Remarks**

Negmatjon Buriev, Senior Advisor to the President on Economic Policy,
President's Office, Tajikistan

09:15–09:30 **Welcome Remarks, Approval of Sector Updates and Introduction of
Agenda**

Xianbin Yao, Deputy Director General, Central and West Asia Department
(CWRD), Asian Development Bank (ADB)

09:30–12:15 Session 1: Sector Strategies

Chair: Sanjar Mukanbetov, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Economic
Development and Trade, Kyrgyz Republic

Co-Chair: Xianbin Yao, Deputy Director General, CWRD, ADB

09:30–10:45 **Transport Strategy: Overview and Discussion**

Asil Gezen, Team Leader and Adviser, CAREC TSCC Secretariat

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Country comments and discussion

10:45–11:00 *Tea Break*

Chair: Makhmudjon Askarov, Deputy Head, United Information–Analytical
Department on Economy and External Economic Relations, Cabinet of
Ministers, Uzbekistan

Co-Chair: Klaus Gerhaeuser, Deputy Director General, East Asia
Department (EARD), ADB

11:00–12:15 **Trade Facilitation Strategy: Overview and Discussion**

Barry Hitchcock, Director, Regional Cooperation, Governance, and Finance
Division, EARD, ADB

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Country comments and discussion

12:15–13:45 *Lunch*

13:45–15:15 Session 1: Sector Strategies (Continued)

Chair: Negmatjon Buriev, Senior Advisor to the President on Economic Policy, President's Office, Tajikistan

Co-Chair: Xianbin Yao, Deputy Director General, CWRD, ADB

13:45–14:30 ***Energy Sector Update: Overview and Discussion***

Raghveer Sharma, Lead Financial Analyst, Infrastructure Department, Europe and Central Asia Region, World Bank

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Discussion

Chair: Kozy-Korpesh Karbuzov, Chairman of Customs Control Committee, Ministry of Finance

Co-Chair: Klaus Gerhaeusser, Deputy Director General, East Asia Department (EARD), ADB

14:30–15:15 ***Trade Policy Sector Update: Update and Discussion***

Sena Eken, Assistant Director, Middle East and Central Asia Department, International Monetary Fund

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Discussion

15:15–15:30 *Tea Break*

Chair: Negmatjon Buriev, Senior Advisor to the President on Economic Policy, President's Office, Tajikistan

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15:30–16:30 Session 2: CAREC Institute

15:30–16:30 ***CAREC Institute: Introduction of Draft Work Program and Budget Framework***

Craig Steffensen, Head, CAREC Unit, CWRD

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Country comments and discussion

18:00

Dinner

9 September, Sunday

Chair: Negmatjon Buriev, Senior Advisor to the President on Economic Policy, President's Office, Tajikistan

Co-Chair: Xianbin Yao, Deputy Director General, Central and West Asia Department, ADB

09:00–10:30 **Session 3: Open Discussion on Sector Strategies and CAREC Institute**

Open discussion and feedback toward general agreement on draft strategies and CAREC Institute proposals

10:30–10:45

Tea Break

10:45–11:15 **Session 4: Other Business**

Robert Y. Siy, Jr., Director, Country Coordination and Regional Cooperation Division, CWRD, ADB

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Discussion

11:15–12:30 **Session 5: Special Presentations**

11:15–12:00

Special Presentation: Pakistan's National Trade Corridor Program

Asad Ali Shah, Member (Infrastructure) Planning Commission, Government of Pakistan

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Discussion

12:00–12:30

Special Presentation: Regional Cooperation Experiences Elsewhere – Lessons for CAREC

Johannes Linn, CAREC Special Advisor

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Discussion

12:30–14:30

Lunch

14:30–15:10 **Session 6: Preparations for the 6th MC**

Outline of Preparations for the 6th MC and introduction of draft Joint

Ministerial Statement

Tajikistan/CAREC Unit

Discussion

15:10–16:30

Session 7: Closing Session

Finalize Summary of Proceedings

Closing remarks: Tajikistan, ADB