

Operationalizing CAREC Economic Corridor Development

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Outline

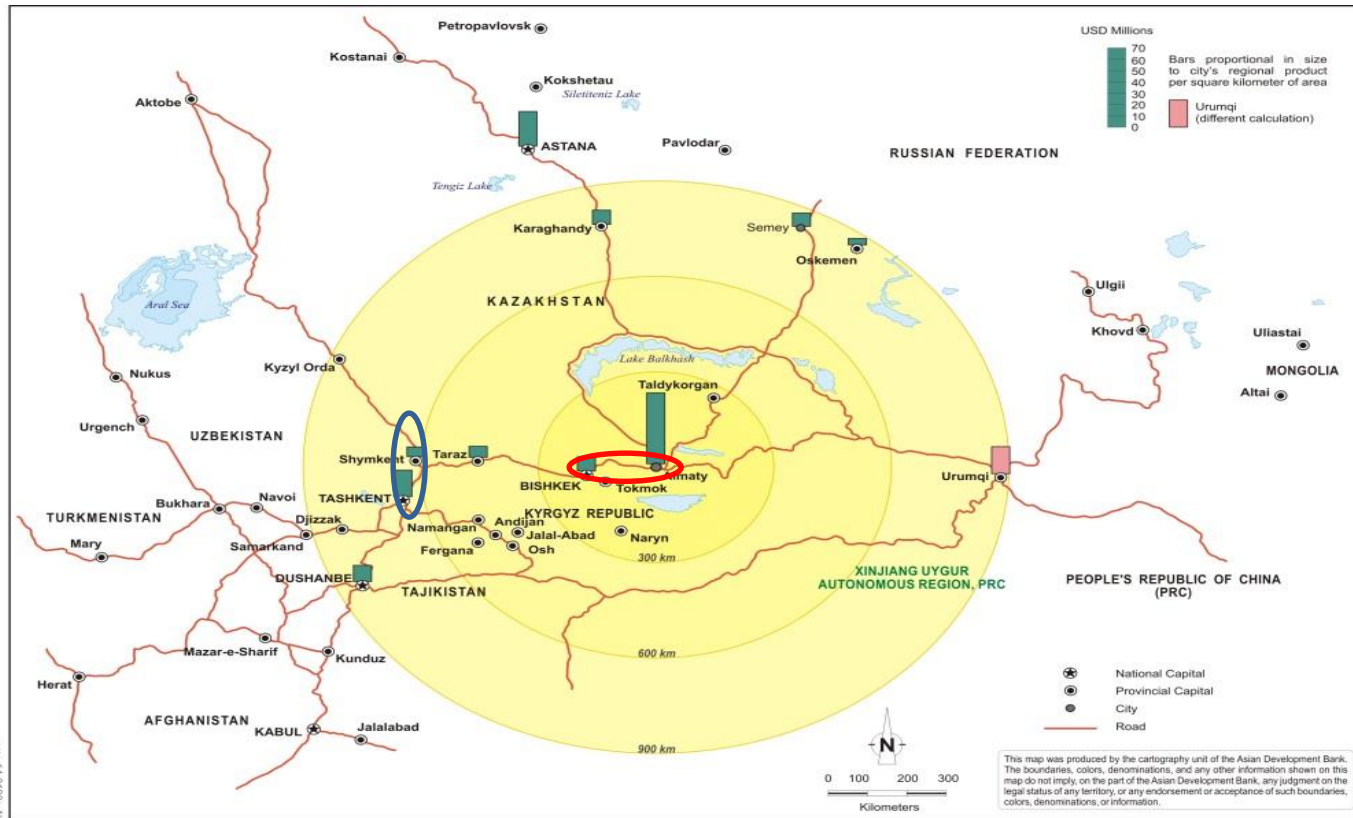
Updates on

- CAREC ECD Study
- Almaty-Bishkek Corridor Initiative (ABCI)

CAREC ECD Study

- Initial framework approved by SOM, Manila, June 2014
- Study endorsed at the Special NFP Meeting in Issyk Kul, Sep 2014
- Two outputs: framework for CAREC corridor development – 3 tracks;
- And piloting T3:ECD – ABCI
- Publication

ABCI: Rationale (1)



Case 14-27688-AR

ABCI: Rationale (2)

- Economic distance despite proximity
- KGZ accession to CU
- Differences in endowments
- Focus on agglomeration
- Initiation of long-term development plans

ABCI: Going forward (1)

- MOU between Almaty and Bishkek; partnership at city level
- Objective: identify hardware (physical infrastructure), software (policy, institutional) and market opportunities for development of the economic corridor ABC

ABCI: Going forward (2)

- Macro analysis: complementarities in urban development strategy and planning
- Sector level studies: opportunities for direct trading and integrated production to expand existing markets and create new markets; services included
- Exchange information, experience, ideas
- ADB regional TA



ABCI: Going forward (3)

- Inter-government WG for coordination – within governments and across countries
- Secretariat services by CAREC
- Proposed first meeting Dec 2014
- Progress to be reported to CAREC meetings in 2015

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