



CAREC SENIOR OFFICIALS' MEETING
16–17 April 2010
Asian Development Bank Headquarters, Manila

PROVISIONAL AGENDA
(as of 16 April 2010)

15 April (Thursday)

Welcome Reception hosted by the Asian Development Bank (ADB)
(Venue: Nostalg 2, 5th Floor Oakwood Premier)

16 April (Friday)

08:30–09:00 Registration

09:00–09:30 **Opening Session**

09:00–09:10 Opening remarks by Said Mubin Shah, Acting Deputy Minister of Customs and Revenue, Ministry of Finance, Head of the Afghanistan delegation, and Chair of the Senior Officials' Meeting

09:10–09:20 [Welcome remarks by Xiaoyu Zhao](#), Vice President, Operations 1, ADB

09:20–09:25 Group Photo

09:25–09:30 Introduction of the Agenda by Juan Miranda, Director General, Central and West Asia Department (CWRD), ADB

Chair: Said Mubin Shah, Acting Deputy Minister of Customs and Revenue, Ministry of Finance

Co-chair: Juan Miranda, Director General, CWRD, ADB

09:30–10:30 **Session 1: [10th Anniversary of CAREC Institutional Arrangements](#)**

ПРОГРАММА

- Possible Commemorative Activities
- Proposed Concept Note on a Study on CAREC: 10 Years of Cooperation and Moving Forward

09:30–09:45 Presentation by Shigeko Hattori, Director, Country Coordination and Regional Cooperation Division (CWOC), CWRD, ADB

Country views and discussion

[Issues for Discussion]

The SOM is requested to provide their views and reach agreement on the following:

- The overall concept of 10 year anniversary of the CAREC institutional arrangements
- Possible commemorative activities and other activities that SOM members may suggest
- Concept note on a proposed study on CAREC: 10 Years of Cooperation and Moving Forward
 - Achievements of CAREC during 2001–2010
 - Responsiveness of CAREC to global and regional trends
 - Future directions: CAREC projects and initiatives, and institutional structure

10:30–10:45

Tea Break

10:45–12:30

Session 2 (Part I): Sector Updates and Work Plans

10:45–11:15

Transport and Trade Facilitation

- Update on Transport and Trade Facilitation activities and overview of 2010–2011 work plan by:
 - Ying Qian, Lead Professional on Regional Cooperation, Financial Sector, Public Management and Regional Cooperation Division, East Asia Department, ADB and
 - Eunkyung Kwon, Principal Transport Specialist, Transport and Communications Division, CWRD, ADB

Country views and discussion

[Issues for Discussion]

For endorsement by the SOM:

- Transport and Trade Facilitation sector work plan for 2010–2011

The SOM is also requested to provide their views and suggestions on the following issues:

- Slower-than-targeted progress
- Poor border facilities and infrastructure
- Complex border-crossing procedures
- Maintaining the momentum of new trade facilitation institutions
- Need for Strong NJCs (National Joint Transport and Trade Facilitation Committees)
- Hard and Soft Aspects Needed for the BCPSW (Border Crossing Point Improvement and Single Window Development)
- Need for Effective CFCFA (CAREC Federation of Carrier and Forwarder Associations)
- Need to Develop Capacities on Trade Facilitation

11:45–12:00 **Energy ~~PCDDM~~**

- Update on Energy sector activities and overview of 2010–2011 work plan by Bayanjargal Byambasaikhan, Energy Specialist, Energy and Natural Resources Division, CWRD, ADB

Country views and discussion

[Issues for Discussion]

For endorsement by the SOM:

- Energy sector work plan for 2010–2011
- Concept for creating a subcommittees for each Action Plan pillar

12:30–14:00

Lunch (Venue: Executive Dining Room, ADB Headquarters)

14:00–14:45

Session 2 (Part II): Sector Updates and Work Plans

14:00–14:15 **Trade Policy ~~PCDDM~~**

- Update on Trade Policy Strategic Action Plan implementation and 2010–2011 work plan by Ana Lucia Coronel, Division Chief, Middle East and Central Asia Department, International Monetary Fund (IMF)

Country views and discussion

[Issues for Discussion]

For endorsement by the SOM:

- Trade Policy sector work plan for 2010–2011

The SOM is also requested to provide their views and suggestions on the following issues:

- Agreement on 2-year program for WTO knowledge sharing program
- Ensure appropriate participants in WTO knowledge sharing program
- Timely reporting of data for TPSAP (Trade Policy Strategic Action Plan)
- Additional country inputs required to finalize study on institutional environment

14:45–15:30

Session 3: CAREC Program Results Framework ~~PCDDM~~

14:45–15:00

Outline of the indicators of the CAREC Program Results Framework by Rosalind McKenzie, Results Management Specialist, CWOC, CWRD, ADB

Country views and discussion

[Issues for Discussion]

For consensus and approval of the SOM:

- CAREC Program Results Framework Indicators, Definitions and Data collection mechanisms (Indicators at Level 1 and Level 3, and

Indicators at Level 2 for (i) Transport, (ii) Trade Facilitation, (iii) Trade Policy)

15:30–15:45 Tea Break

15:45–17:15 Session 4: Other Issues (To be conducted in closed session involving only the participants from CAREC countries and partner MIs)

15:45–16:15 **Pakistan's Request for CAREC Membership**

- Introduction of Pakistan's request by Shigeko Hattori, ADB

Country views and discussion

16:15–16:45 **Preparation for the Business Development Forum (BDF) ~~PICCOPI~~ in Urumqi, PRC**

- Introduction note and Update on the preparation for the Urumqi BDF by
 - Wang Weina, First Secretary, Department of International Trade and Economic Affairs, Ministry of Commerce, PRC and
 - Wang Hong, Principal CAREC Coordinator, CWOC, CWRD, ADB

Country views and discussion

16:45–17:15 **Global Development and its impact on CAREC Countries ~~PICCOPI~~**

- Presentation by Ana Lucia Coronel, IMF

Country views and discussion

18:30 *Dinner* hosted by the Government of Afghanistan
(Venue: Isla Ballroom 3, Edsa Shangri-La Hotel)

17 April (Saturday)

09:00–09:45 Session 5: CAREC Institute ~~PICCOPI~~

09:00–09:15 Update on CAREC Institute activities and 2010–2011 work plan including the outline of the performance assessment by Tomomi Tamaki, Principal Regional Economist, CWOC, CWRD, ADB

Country views and discussion

[Issues for Discussion]

The SOM is requested to provide their views and suggestions on the objective, scope and timeline of the Performance Assessment of the CAREC Institute.

09:45–10:30 **Session 6: [Successful Cooperation in Central Asia: Experience from Infectious Diseases Control](#)** ~~PRC004~~

09:45–10:00 Presentation by:

- Bauyrzhan Bayserkin, Director, Kazakh Republican Sanitary–Epidemiological Station, Ministry of Health, Kazakhstan and
- Lu Guoping, Deputy Director, Division of Asian and African Affairs Department of International Cooperation, Ministry of Health, PRC

Country views and discussion

10:30–10:45 Tea Break

10:45–11:15 **Session 7: [Preparation for the 9th Ministerial Conference](#)** ~~PRC004~~

10:45–11:00 Proposed theme and key messages, and organizational arrangements for the 9th Ministerial Conference by Said Mubin Shah, Afghanistan

[Expected deliverables for the 9th MC]

- Report on CAREC 10 years of Cooperation and Moving Forward
- Agreement on Cross-Border Transport of People, Vehicles, and Goods among the CAREC countries (Signing)
- CAREC Diagnostic Study Reports on Energy
- CAREC Program Results Framework and Development Effectiveness Review
- CAREC Institute Performance Assessment Report

Country views and discussion

11:15–12:00 **Closing Session**

11:15–11:45 Review of [Summary of Proceedings](#) ~~PRC004~~ by Shigeko Hattori, ADB

11:45–12:00 Wrap-up and closing remarks by Said Mubin Shah, Afghanistan, and Juan Miranda, ADB

12:00 *Lunch*
(Venue: Executive Dining Room, ADB Headquarters)