



**SENIOR OFFICIALS' MEETING ON  
CENTRAL ASIA REGIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION (CAREC)**

Almaty, Kazakhstan • 15–16 April 2004

**AGENDA**

**14 April, Wednesday**

19:00–20:00 *Welcome Cocktails*

**15 April, Thursday**

08:30–09:00 *Registration*

**09:00–09:30 Opening**

09:00–09:15 ***Welcome Remarks***  
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09:15–09:30 ***Opening Remarks***  
Mr. H. Satish Rao, Deputy Director General, East and Central Asia  
Department (ECRD), Asian Development Bank (ADB)

**09:30–15:30 Session 1: Work Plan for Priority Sectors**

(This session will seek views of senior officials on what should be done in each sector to report to the 3rd Ministerial Conference (MC) based on the guidance given by ministers at the 2nd MC last year. A lead organization in each sector will present its draft work plan to be followed by comments and discussion from participants.)

09:30–09:45 ***Energy and Water***  
Chaired by KAZ and co-chaired by World Bank

Presentation (by World Bank)

09:45–10:45 Discussions

10:45–11:00 *Coffee Break*

11:00–11:15 ***Trade Facilitation***  
Chaired by KAZ and co-chaired by ADB (Director, ECOC)

Presentation (by J. Liang, ADB)

11:15–12:15 Discussions

12:15–14:00 *Lunch*

14:00–14:15 **Transport**

Chaired by KAZ and co-chaired by ADB (DDG)

Presentation (by M. Parkash, ADB)

14:15–15:15 Discussions

15:15–15:30 *Coffee Break*

**15:30–17:00 Session 2: Establishing a Proposed Sector Coordinating Committee (SCC) for Trade Policy**

Chaired by KAZ and co-chaired by IMF

(This session will discuss objectives, mandate, specific terms of reference, composition, work plan, etc. necessary for the well functioning of the SCC for Trade Policy as agreed upon at the 2nd MC in Tashkent last year.)

15:30–15:50 Presentation (by IMF)

15:50–17:00 Discussions

19:00–21:00 *Dinner*

Hosted by KAZ Government

## **16 April, Friday**

**09:00–11:45 Session 3: Strengthening Regional Cooperation**

(This session will discuss ways to strengthen regional cooperation in Central Asia. Included are (i) institutional mechanism for regional cooperation; and (ii) capacity building measures for governments and constituency building for regional cooperation. Experiences of other regions, e.g. GMS will be presented. The implementation plan of the recently approved TA: Capacity Building for Regional Cooperation will be also discussed in this regard.)

09:00–09:15 **Institutional Mechanism**

Chaired by KAZ and co-chaired by ADB (Deputy Director General, ECRD)

Presentation (A. Ruthenberg, Director, ECOC)

09:15–10:15 Discussions

10:15–10:30 *Coffee Break*

10:30–10:45 **Capacity Building**  
Chaired by KAZ and co-chaired by ADB (D/ECOC)

Presentation (D. Husband, ADB Consultant)

10:45–11:45 Discussions

12:00–13:30 *Lunch*

**13:30–14:20** **Wrap-up**  
Chaired by KAZ and co-chaired by ADB (DDG)

(The Chair will summarize the discussions held during one and a half days.)

**14:20–14:30** **Closing Remarks**  
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