

CAREC Partnership Forum

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Background

April SOM agreed:

- Greater interaction beneficial
- Action-oriented, sector approach
- Focus on CAREC priority areas

Purpose

- CAREC update for development partners
- Exchange views, explore opportunities for cooperation and coordination
- Improve information flow on key investments, policy reforms
- Feature special projects or initiatives requiring broader support or financing

Focus and Format

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 - 2009 CPF focus on transport and trade facilitation
- Format
 - One-day event
 - CAREC Secretariat to coordinate and co-chair with host country
 - Overview of major CAREC developments
 - Sessions focus on a sector or issue
 - Prioritize active discussion by all parties

Participation

- Participating countries: National Focal Point, or representative, and sector officials
- MI partners: Head of SOM delegation
- 2009 CPF:
 - observers at 7th Ministerial Conference
 - significant players identified in foundation studies

Preparation

- CAREC Institute commissions "foundation studies" for transport and for trade facilitation
 - detailed overview of investments and activities (ongoing and planned) by all parties
 - identify gaps and overlaps in plans
 - support implementation of Action Plan for Implementation of TTFS
- Studies are starting point for forward-focused CPF discussion

Preparation

Information session for partners at 7th MC

- clarify format and purpose
- explain information requirements
- outline expected participation

Next Steps

- Seek SOM endorsement of proposal
- Secretariat begins preparations for the 2009 CPF