



**SENIOR OFFICIALS' MEETING ON
CENTRAL ASIA REGIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION (CAREC)**
Manila, Philippines • 26–27 March 2007

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

25 March, Sunday

18:30–19:30 **Welcome Reception**
Hosted by Negmatjon Buriev and Xianbin Yao

26 March, Monday

08:30–09:00 *Registration*

09:00–09:20 **Opening Session**

09:00–09:10 **Welcome Remarks**
Negmatjon Buriev, Senior Advisor to the President on Economic Policy,
Tajikistan

09:10–09:20 **Opening Remarks and Introduction of the Agenda**
Xianbin Yao, Deputy Director General, Central and West Asia Department
(CWRD), ADB

09:20–09:50 **Special Presentation**

**[Central Asian Regional Integration: Interests of Partner States and
Prospects for Cooperation](#)**

Johannes Linn, CAREC Special Advisor

09:50–12:30 **Session 1: Program Update, Sector Strategies, and Strategic Direction**

09:50–10:10 **Program Update and Sector Strategies: Purpose, Timeframe, and
Options**
Robert Siy, Director, Country Coordination and Regional Cooperation
Division, CWRD (20 min.)

10:10–10:30 *Tea Break*

10:30–12:00 **Sector Updates and Sector Strategies** (10 min. each)

- **Energy:** Raghveer Sharma, Lead Financial Analyst, Infrastructure Department, Europe and Central Asia Region, World Bank

- [Paper](#) **РУСОМ**
- [Presentation](#) **РУСОМ**
- Trade facilitation: Barry Hitchcock, Director, Regional Cooperation, Governance, and Finance Division, East Asia Department, ADB
 - [Paper](#) **РУСОМ**
 - [Presentation](#)
- Trade policy: Sena Eken, Assistant Director, Middle East and Central Asia Department, International Monetary Fund
 - [Paper](#) **РУСОМ**
- Transport: Sean O'Sullivan, Director, Infrastructure Division, CWRD, ADB
 - [Paper](#) **РУСОМ**

Working with the [Central and South Asia Transport and Trade Forum \(CSATTF\)](#) **РУСОМ**

Saifullah Abid, CAREC Advisor for Afghanistan (15 min.)

Discussion (35 min.)

12:00–12:30 Making the SOM and Ministerial Conference More Strategic

David Husband, CAREC Senior Advisor

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12:30–14:00

Lunch

(Hosted by Vice-President Liqun Jin, ADB)

14:00–16:20

Session 2: Establishing the CAREC Institute

(Presentation and discussion)

14:00–14:40

Breaking Ground

David Kruger, Senior Regional Cooperation Specialist, CWRD, ADB (20 min.)

- Formulating a CAREC capacity development program
- Initiating a small research grants program and network of research institutes
- Developing a policy briefs series
- Outreach activities
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Inputs, Ideas, Discussion (20 min.)

14:40–15:00

Launching the CAREC Institute

Negmatjon Buriev, Tajikistan (20 min.)

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15:00–15:20 *Tea Break*

15:20–16:20 **Launching the CAREC Institute** (continued)
(Discussion led by Johannes Linn, CAREC Special Advisor)

16:20–17:30 Session 3: Developing the Second Tier

Roundtable Discussion: Developing the Second Tier

Chaired by Annette Dixon, Regional Director, World Bank

- [Paper](#) **РУСОМ**

Ongoing Activities and Options Presented **РУСОМ**

Nadir Safaev, CAREC Senior Advisor for Uzbekistan (20 min.)

Open discussion (50 min.)

18:45

Dinner

Hosted by Asian Development Bank

(Hosts: Juan Miranda, Director General, CWRD, and Halady Satish Rao, Director General, East Asia Department)

27 March, Tuesday

09:00–09:20 Session 4: Special Presentation

Special Presentation on Turkmenistan **РУСОМ**

Tuvakmamet Japarov, First Deputy Minister, Ministry of Economy and Finance, Turkmenistan

09:20–11:00 Session 5: New Relationships

09:20–10:00 **New Participants, New Partners** **РУСОМ**

Aziz Aliev, CAREC Advisor for Kyrgyz Republic (15 min.)

- Interest expressed by countries to join
- Interest expressed by multilaterals/bilaterals/others to interact/join
- Options for inclusion presented and considered

Discussion (25 min.)

11:00–11:30 Session 6: Messages and Arrangements for the 6th Ministerial Conference

Proposed key messages and organizational arrangements for the 6th Ministerial Conference by Negmatjon Buriev

Discussion

11:30–12:30 Session 7: The Way Forward: Strategic Issues

Consideration of Strategic Issues by Xianbin Yao, ADB

Discussion

12:30–14:00

Lunch

(Hosted by Vice-President Lawrence Greenwood, ADB)

14:00–14:15

Session 8: Summary of MI Working Group Retreat

Presentation by Sena Eken, IMF

14:15–16:00

Session 8: Country Views and Discussion

Country statements (10 min. each)

- Afghanistan
- Azerbaijan
- People's Republic of China
- Kazakhstan
- Kyrgyz Republic
- Mongolia
- Tajikistan
- Uzbekistan

Discussion (25 min.)

16:00–17:00

Tea Break

17:00–18:00

Session 10: Closing Session

17:00–17:50

Review of Summary of Discussions

Craig Steffensen, Head, CAREC Unit, ADB

17:50–18:00

Closing Remarks