



SEVENTH MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE ON CENTRAL ASIA REGIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION (CAREC)

19–21 November 2008 • Baku, Azerbaijan

AGENDA

19 November 2008, SENIOR OFFICIALS' MEETING (SOM) Wednesday

(This is a final preparatory meeting of the SOM to be held on 19 November, in advance of the Ministerial Meeting on 21 November. Participants are senior officials from Afghanistan, Azerbaijan, People's Republic of China, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Mongolia, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan; and representatives from partner multilateral institutions: Asian Development Bank, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, International Monetary Fund, Islamic Development Bank, United Nations Development Programme, and World Bank.)

SOM CHAIR: Mr. Samir Veliyev, Executive Director, Ministry of Economic Development and CAREC National Focal Point, Azerbaijan
SOM CO-CHAIR: Mr. Sean O' Sullivan, Deputy Director General, Central and West Asia Department (CWRD), ADB

8:30–9:00 *Registration*

9:00–11:00 Opening Session

9:00–9:10 ***Welcome Remarks and Introduction of Agenda***
Mr. Samir Veliyev, Executive Director, Ministry of Economic Development and CAREC National Focal Point, Azerbaijan

9:10–10:20 ***Finalization of the Report of Senior Officials to the 7th MC*** **ПҮСҮМҮН**
Moderator: Mr. Robert Y. Siy, Jr., Director, Country Coordination and Regional Cooperation Division, CWRD, ADB

10:20–11:00 ***Review and Finalization of the Joint Ministerial Statement*** **ПҮСҮМҮН**
Moderator: Mr. Sean O'Sullivan, Deputy Director General, CWRD, ADB

11:00–11:20 *Tea Break*

11:20–13:00 Special Session

11:20–11:45 ***Presentation on Railway Development Plans in Afghanistan***
ПҮСҮМҮН

Discussion

- 11:45–12:30 [**Presentation on the 2008 Regional Economic Outlook**](#) ~~PI/CS/08/1~~
 Ms. Sena Eken, Assistant Director, Middle East and Central Asia
 Department, International Monetary Fund
- Discussion
- 12:30–12:50** **Open Discussion**
 Open floor for comments or proposals for future work from Country
 Delegations or Multilateral Institutions
- 12:50–13:00** **Closing Remarks**
 Mr. Samir Veliyev
 Mr. Sean O’Sullivan
- 13:00 *Lunch*

20 November 2008, BILATERAL MEETINGS AND WELCOME DINNER
Thursday

(November 20 is reserved for bilateral meetings among Country Delegations, Multilateral Partners, Ministerial Conference Observers and other parties. One activity is scheduled in the afternoon with anticipated participation noted below. All Ministerial Conference participants are invited to the Welcome Dinner.)

- 17:30–18:30** **Meeting with Ministerial Conference Observers**
 Anticipated participation: Ministerial Conference Observers, Advisors to
 CAREC National Focal Points; Country Delegates are welcome.
- 17:30–18:00 [**Briefing on CAREC Partnership Forum**](#) ~~PI/CS/08/1~~
 The CAREC Secretariat will introduce the Program's plan to hold a
 CAREC Partnership Forum. The Forum is intended to provide an
 opportunity to improve cooperation and coordination among parties
 involved in regional cooperation in the CAREC region; improve the flow
 of information on key investments and policy reforms; and explore
 priority needs and potential projects.
- Discussion
- 18:00–18:30 [**Presentation: Responding to Trans-boundary Challenges: The
 Central Asian Compound Water/Food/Energy Situation**](#)
 Ms. Kori Udovicki, Regional Director for Europe and CIS, UNDP, will
 present the findings of a UNDP-led study analyzing the impacts of the
 ongoing water, food, and energy situations in Central Asia; related
 challenges for the coming winter; and possible responses.
- 19:00 *Welcome Dinner*
 Hosted by Mr. Haruhiko Kuroda, President, Asian Development Bank

21 November 2008, Friday **SEVENTH MINISTERIAL MEETING ON CENTRAL ASIA
REGIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION**

CHAIR: Mr. Shahin Mustafayev, Minister, Ministry of Economic Development, Azerbaijan

CO-CHAIR: Mr. Xiaoyu Zhao, Vice President, Operations 1, Asian Development Bank

8:30–9:00 *Registration*

9:00–9:40 Opening Session*

9:00–9:10 **Introduction**

Mr. Shahin Mustafayev, Minister, Ministry of Economic Development, Azerbaijan

9:10–9:25 **Welcome Address** on behalf of the President of Azerbaijan

9:25–9:40 **Keynote Address** ~~PCOM~~

Mr. Haruhiko Kuroda, President, Asian Development Bank

9:40–10:10 *Coffee/Tea Break*

10:10–10:15 **Introduction of Morning Agenda**

Mr. Shahin Mustafayev, Minister, Ministry of Economic Development, Azerbaijan

10:15–12:30 Consideration of Report of Senior Officials to the 7th Ministerial Conference

10:15–10:35 **Report of Senior Officials to the 7th Ministerial Conference** ~~PCOM~~

Mr. Samir Veliyev, Executive Director, Ministry of Economic Development and CAREC National Focal Point, Azerbaijan

10:35–10:45 **CAREC in 2009**

Mr. Robert Y. Siy, Jr., Director, Country Coordination and Regional Cooperation Division, Central and West Asia Department, ADB

10:45–12:20 Views of Country Delegations: Afghanistan, Azerbaijan, People's Republic of China, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Mongolia, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan

12:20–12:30 **Collective View of the Multilateral Institutions** ~~PCOM~~

Mr. Shigeo Katsu, Vice President, World Bank

12:30–14:30 *Lunch*

14:30–14:35 Introduction of Afternoon Agenda

Mr. Xiaoyu Zhao, Vice President, Operations 1, ADB

- 14:35–15:10** **[Special Presentation: Impact of the Global Financial Crisis on Central Asia](#)** ~~PICOM~~
Mr. David Owen, Senior Advisor, Middle East and Central Asia Department, International Monetary Fund (20 min.)

Discussion
- 15:10–15:30** **Review and Adoption of [Joint Ministerial Statement](#)** ~~PICOM~~
Chair: Mr. Xiaoyu Zhao, Vice President, Operations 1, ADB

Open discussion and amendments
- 15:30–16:30** **Closing Session**
Country Delegations: Afghanistan, Azerbaijan, People's Republic of China, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Mongolia, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan

Closing Remarks from Chair
- 17:00** **Press Conference***
- 19:00* *Dinner*
Hosted by Government of Azerbaijan

* Open Media Event