



Inception Workshop on CAREC Institute Small Research Grants Program 2009

25-26 June 2009

Bishkek, Kyrgyz Republic

I. Background

The CAREC Institute Small Research Grants Program encourages research by local researchers and institutes that will advance regional cooperation among CAREC countries in the priority areas of transport, energy, and trade; and supports interaction among researchers and development of research networks in CAREC participating countries.

One research project in each CAREC country has been selected. (Selection of the Afghanistan research proposal is pending.) The research projects start upon submission of the confirmation of acceptance from the grantees and would be completed within a 9-month period, with a report and public seminar presentation required at the end of the research period.

II. Overview

The Inception Workshop will be held among the grantees of the 2009 program for the kick-off of the research work. It will bring together grantees from the CAREC countries to:

- Exchange views and comments on the selected proposals;
- Encourage connections and collaboration among researchers;
- Present key findings of selected papers from the Small Research Grants Program 2007; and
- Discuss style and content guidelines, and target audience for final papers.

A. Format

The workshop will be a two-day meeting held in Bishkek, Kyrgyz Republic, in late June 2009. The CAREC Secretariat will coordinate the workshop.

The grantees from the 2009 program will present their research projects and get comments and suggestions from the participants. Three grantees from the 2007 program will be invited to present their research reports.

All research proposals will be shared with all participants well in advance of the event and participants are encouraged to review and be ready to provide comments and ideas (highlight opportunities for cooperation, provide data sources, etc.).

The CAREC Secretariat will provide guidelines on what is expected in terms of quality, format, style, etc. for final papers.

B. Participation

Two researchers including the team leader from each research team will be invited. The team leaders of three grantees from the 2007 program or their representatives will be invited.