



**Workshop on Special Economic Zones:
Challenges and Perspectives for Landlocked CAREC Countries**
21-22 November 2018
Shenzhen, People's Republic of China

Day 1, Wednesday, 21 November	
08:00 – 08:30	Registration of Participants
08:30 – 09:20	<p>Welcome and Opening Remarks</p> <p><i>Mr. Samad Bashirli, Head of Knowledge Services Unit, CAREC Institute</i> <i>Prof. Tao Yitao, Deputy Party Secretary of Shenzhen University, Director of China Center for Special Economic Zone Research</i> <i>Ms. Dorothea C. Lazaro, Regional Cooperation Specialist, Public Management, Financial Sector and Regional Cooperation Division, East Asia Department, Asian Development Bank (ADB)</i></p> <p>Introduction to Workshop Objectives</p> <p><i>Prof. Aradhna Aggarwal (workshop convenor)</i> <i>Department of International Economics and Management, Copenhagen Business School</i></p>
09:20 – 09:45	<p>Session 1: CAREC Integrated Trade Agenda (CITA) 2030 and the Role of SEZs</p> <p><i>This session will focus on SEZs in the context of CITA 2030 and a description of proposed projects that aim to promote cross-border economic zones.</i></p> <p>Speaker: Ms. Dorothea Lazaro, ADB</p>
09:45 – 10:00	Group Photo and Coffee Break
10:00 – 10:30	<p>Session 2: Introduction to SEZs: Rationale, Types and Critical Success Factors</p> <p><i>This session will cover the concept and evolution of SEZs, class (free trade zone, export processing zone, enterprise zone, free port, industrial/logistics/ technology park, etc.), zone configuration and ownership, including what class is favored as economies develop.</i></p> <p><i>This will segue into the rationale for zone development, their role in the economy – i.e., what makes them a viable option in the face of global trade liberalization and a changing environment, and can they be cost-effective drivers – and how they are</i></p>

	<p><i>regulated and governed.</i></p> <p><i>This will also cover core policies and procedures and how they have been developed and managed. Their role in the face of technological change (which affects production techniques, advantages of low labor cost), global value chain development, onshoring of new manufacturing activities, importance of services, slow GDP and trade growth will also be discussed.</i></p> <p>Speaker: Prof. Aradhna Aggarwal</p>
10:30– 11:00	<p>Session 3: Performance and Economic Impact</p> <p><i>This session will focus on the benefits and costs/issues (trade promotion, foreign exchange earnings, foreign direct investment, and employment generation). Are resources channeled into SEZs allocated efficiently and do they effectively promote trade, investments and growth?</i></p> <p>Speaker: Mr. Jong Woo Kang, Principal Economist, Regional Cooperation and Integration Division, Economic Research and Regional Cooperation Department, ADB</p>
11:00 – 11:30	<p>Session 4: Lessons from SEZ Experiences in Asia</p> <p><i>The panel will discuss the preconditions and policies associated with success and failures, i.e. connection to economic corridors, global value chains for landlocked economies of various SEZs such as in PRC, Greater Mekong Subregion, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic and Pakistan.</i></p> <p>Moderator: Ms. Dorothea Lazaro, ADB Panelists: Prof. Tao Yitao, Professor of Economics, Shenzhen University (on PRC) Prof. Aradhna Aggarwal (on KAZ and KGZ) Mr. Jong Woo Kang (on GMS) Mr. Guntur Sugiyarto, Principal Economist, Pakistan Resident Mission, Central and West Asia Department, ADB (on PAK)</p>
11:30 – 12:15	<p>Session 5: Developing a Framework for SEZ Development in Landlocked CAREC to Maximize Developmental Impact</p> <p><i>A consolidation of lessons on core policy framework, incentive framework, regulatory framework, institutional framework, physical development and management. The session will also highlight the importance of linking SEZ development with country development strategy and regional cooperation objectives.</i></p> <p>Speaker: Prof. Aradhna Aggarwal</p>
12:15 – 14:00	Lunch
14:00 – 17:00	<p>Session 6: CAREC country experiences in design, implementation and management of SEZs</p> <p><i>Each country will share their respective experiences, identify the challenges and</i></p>

	<p><i>opportunities for SEZs in their countries, key policies and recent developments taken. They will identify the key elements for successful SEZs in landlocked countries.</i></p> <p><i>After each country presentations, discussions will ask clarificatory questions and provide some suggestions on how issues will be resolved.</i></p> <p>Discussants: Prof. Aradhna Aggarwal, Mr. Samad Bashirli, Mr. Jong Woo Kang, and Ms. Dorothea Lazaro</p>
Day 2, Thursday, 22 November	
09:00 – 10:00	<p>Session 8: Breakout Session into country groups to prepare action plan to develop their country framework for SEZ development and management</p> <p><i>Each country will draft a list of action plans at the country level and identify the needs and potential cooperation with other countries to support economic corridor development.</i></p>
10:00 – 10:15	Coffee Break
10:15 – 12:00	<p>Session 9: Country Presentations of their action plans <i>Each country will present (five minutes each) their proposed Action Plans, identifying their priorities and next steps.</i></p> <p>Discussants: Prof. Aradhna Aggarwal, Mr. Samad Bashirli, Mr. Jong Woo Kang, and Ms. Dorothea Lazaro</p>
12:00 – 12:15	<p>Closing Remarks</p> <p><i>Mr. Samad Bashirli, CAREC Institute</i> <i>Ms. Dorothea C. Lazaro, ADB</i></p>
12:15 – 14:00	Lunch
15:00 – 17:30	Field visit to Shenzhen Special Economic Zone