



Workshop on Promoting Economic Diversification in the CAREC region

16-17 May, 2019
Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia

AGENDA

Day 1: 16 May 2019	Participants will be introduced to various theoretical concepts related to diversification as developed by UNIDO, its partners and others.
08.30 – 09.00	<i>Registration</i>
09.00 – 09.30	<p>Session 1: Opening Session <i>Opening, introduction of participants, aims of the workshop</i></p> <p>Welcome Remarks: <i>Mr. Sanjaa Narantsogt, State Secretary of the Ministry of Finance, Mongolia</i></p> <p>Opening Remarks: <i>Mr. Bayaraa Sanjaasuren, Director, CAREC Institute</i> <i>Mr. Frank Hartwich, Research and Industrial Policy Officer, UNIDO</i></p>
09.30 – 10.00	<p><i>Signing Ceremony of the Memorandum of Understanding between CAREC Institute, EIAS and International Think Tank for LLDCs</i></p> <p><i>Photo Session and Coffee/Tea Break</i></p>
10.00 – 11.30	<p>Session 2: Why diversification matters</p> <p>This session engages participants in the reflection on what diversification means in the context of economic development and structural change in general and for countries with specific resource endowment and in a certain stage of development. It explains when and why diversification is important for a country and when dynamics of specialization constitute an alternative development pathway. It further discusses the importance of policies that can help to achieve diversification. Finally, it provides thoughts on why to measure the stage of diversification of a country and on options on how to do this.</p> <p><i>Presenter: Mr. Frank Hartwich, UNIDO</i> <i>Moderator: Mr. Bayaraa Sanjaasuren, Director, CAREC Institute</i></p>
11.30 – 13.00	<p>Session 3: Pathways towards diversification</p> <p>This session traces different pathways towards industrialization focusing on the East and South-East Asian experience. By analyzing several indicators, it shows how different strategies shaped countries' trajectories and how diversification effected industrialization and de-industrialization.</p> <p><i>Presenter: Mr. Rajah Rasiah, Distinguished Professor of Economics at the Asia-Europe Institute, University of Malaya</i> <i>Moderator: Mr. Frank Hartwich, UNIDO</i></p>
13.00 – 14.00	<i>Lunch</i>
14.00 – 15.30	<p>Session 4: Export diversification: challenges for CAREC countries</p> <p>This session will discuss main challenges for CAREC countries, clearly identify issues</p>

	<p>on export diversification in member countries, what is the main motivations for export diversification in the region, why efforts of CAREC countries so-far have not resulted in a major break-through on export diversification, reasons for the lack of export diversification and why member countries are keen on increasing diversification.</p> <p><i>Presenter: Ms. ENKHBAIGALI Byambasuren, Director of Institute for Strategic Studies</i> <i>Moderator: Mr. Frank Hartwich, UNIDO</i></p>
15.30 – 15.45	<i>Coffee/Tea Break</i>
15.45 – 17.15	<p>Session 5: Country case study I – Republic of Korea</p> <p>This session will explore some of more recent experiences of the Republic of Korea in adapting to ever-changing global markets and keep being a leader in the production of a diverse range of goods, mainly in the high-tech sector.</p> <p><i>Presenter: Mr. Sanghoon Kim, Director, Korea Institute for Industrial Economics & Trade (KIET)</i> <i>Moderator: Mr. Frank Hartwich, UNIDO</i></p>
17.15-17.45	<p>Wrap-up for Day 1</p> <p><i>Moderator: Mr. Frank Hartwich, UNIDO</i></p>
19.00	<i>Dinner reception hosted by CAREC Institute</i>
Day 2: 17 May	Participants will hear about first hand experiences with successful diversification policies from emerging economies and economies in transition.
08.30 – 09.00	<i>Registration</i>
09.00 – 10.30	<p>Session 6: Country case study II – Malaysia</p> <p>This session will explore some of more recent experiences of Malaysia in adapting to ever-changing global markets and keep being a leader in the production of a diverse range of goods, mainly in the high-tech sector.</p> <p><i>Presenter: Mr. R. Rasiah</i> <i>Moderator: Mr. Frank Hartwich, UNIDO</i></p>
10.30 – 10.45	<i>Coffee/Tea Break</i>
10.45 – 11.15	<p>Session 7: Country case study III – Mongolia</p> <p>This session will explore some of more recent experiences of Mongolia in adapting to ever-changing global markets and keep being a leader in the production of a diverse range of goods, mainly in the priority sectors.</p> <p><i>Presenter: Ms. Byambasuren Enkhbaigali, Director of Institute for Strategic Studies</i> <i>Moderator: Mr. Bayaraa Sanjaasuren, CAREC Institute</i></p>
11.15 – 12.45	<p>Session 8: Country case study IV – Azerbaijan</p> <p>This session will explore some factors hampering economic diversification in Azerbaijan and the government policy for eliminating oil dependence by supporting and strengthening the priority sectors of economy.</p>

	<p><i>Presenters: Mr. Rovshan Mahmudov, Senior Trade Officer, CAREC Institute</i> <i>Moderator: Mr. Samad Bashirli, Head of Knowledge Service Unit, CAREC Institute</i></p>
12.45 – 1400	Lunch
14.00 – 15.30	<p>Session 7: Group work exercise: Diversification in the CAREC region</p> <p>During this session, participants will work in smaller groups in trying to identify the biggest challenges to diversification in their countries and what could be the most successful routes towards it, based on the knowledge gathered throughout the workshop.</p> <p><i>Moderator: Mr. Franz Brugger, UNIDO</i></p>
15.30 – 15.45	Coffee/Tea Break
15.45 – 17.15	<p>Session 8: Group work exercise: Presentation and discussion of results</p> <p>In this final session, participants will present the findings from their discussions during the previous exercise. It will be followed by a general discussion with invited experts and the group as a whole.</p> <p><i>Moderator: Mr. Franz Brugger, UNIDO</i></p>
17.15 – 18.00	<p>Final discussion and wrap up for Day 2</p> <p><i>Moderator: Mr. Frank Hartwich, UNIDO</i></p>