

Agenda Framework

The 4th CAREC Think Tanks Development Forum (CTTDF)

Trading for Shared Prosperity

27-28 August 2019 | Shangri-La Hotel, Xian, Shaanxi, People's Republic of China (PRC)

August 26

07:30 – 09:00

Participants Check-in

Welcome Dinner, Changan Room, 2nd Floor, hosted by CI

Day One: August 27

Xian Room, Shangri-La Hotel

08:30 – 09:00

Registration

Session I: Opening Ceremony

09:00 – 09:10

Welcome Remarks by **Syed Shakeel Shah**, Director, CAREC Institute

09:10 – 09:20

Opening Remarks by **Shixin Chen**, Vice President, Asian Development Bank (ADB), Manila, Philippines

09:20 – 09:30

Speech by **Liu Weihua**, Deputy Director General, Ministry of Finance, PRC

09:30 – 09:45

Keynote address by **Xu Datong**, Deputy Governor of Shaanxi Province

09:45 – 10:20

Group Photo and Coffee Break

Session II: Showcasing CAREC Institute's Output

Moderator

CAREC Regional Integration Index

Dr. Abid Qaiyum Suleri

Executive Director

Sustainable Development Policy

Institute (SDPI), Islamabad, Pakistan

Speaker I: **Dr. Saeed Qadir**, Research Associate, China, Law and Development Project, China Center, University of Oxford, UK

Speaker II: **Tess Cruz del Rosario**, Senior Research Associate, Asia Research Institute, National University of Singapore

Assessing participation of CAREC countries in Global and Regional Value Chains

Speaker: **Yaroslava Babych**, Head of Macroeconomic Policy Research Center, ISET Policy Institute, Assistant Professor of Economics, ISET - International School of Economics, Tbilisi State University, Georgia

10:20 – 12:30

The Impact of sanitary, phytosanitary, and quality-related standards on the trade flow between CAREC countries and Georgia

Speaker: **Dr. Phatima Mamardashvili**, Assistant Professor, Head of the Agricultural Policy Research Center, International School of Economics, Tbilisi State University, Georgia

Opportunities and challenges for Agri-food trade between Kyrgyzstan and Pakistan

Speaker: **Dr. Zehra Waheed**, Director, Centre for Business and Society

Assistant Professor, Suleman Dawood School of Business (SDSB), Lahore University of Management Sciences (LUMS), Pakistan

Analysis of cooperation in tourism sector between Uzbekistan and Kyrgyzstan; a study of cross-border Value Chains

Speaker: **Rosa Alieva**, Lecturer, Module Leader for Tourism and its Dynamics, Westminster International University in Tashkent, Uzbekistan

Discussion/Q&A

Session III: Trade on Ancient Silk Road: A Perspective from Xian

Moderator

Exploring Trade Opportunities under BRI

Speaker: **Professor Zongxian Feng**, Xian Jiaotong University

Hao Zhang

Deputy Country Director

ADB Resident Mission, Beijing, PRC

Standardizing Transport and Logistics along the Silk Road

Speaker: **Professor Dong Qianli**, Director, The Institute of Logistics and Supply Chain/ Executive Director of China Logistics Association, Shaanxi, PRC

12:30 – 01:20

Discussion/Q&A

01:20 – 02:20

Lunch, Yi Café, 1st Floor

Session IV: Trading for Shared Prosperity: Challenges and Prospects

Moderator

US-China Trade War – birth of neo-mercantilism

Speaker: **Masahiro KAWAI**, Director-General, Economic Research Institute for Northeast Asia (ERINA)/Professor Emeritus, Graduate School of Public Policy, University of Tokyo, Japan

Safdar Parvez

Director

Asian Development Bank (ADB)

Manila, Philippines

Impact on Region: Building a Counterfactual

Speaker: **Ye Jiandi**, Deputy Director General, International Economics and Finance Institute (IEFI), Beijing, PRC

02:20 – 03:40

Discussion/ Q&A

03:40 – 04:00

Coffee Break

Moderator

CAREC Integrated Trade Agenda (CITA) 2030: Key Pillars and Strategic Action Plan

Syed Shakeel Shah

Director, CAREC Institute

Speaker I: **Dorothea Lazaro**, Regional Cooperation Specialist, Asian Development Bank (ADB), Manila, Philippines

04:00 – 05:30

Speaker II: **Bahodir Ganiev**, Senior Advisor, Center for Economic Development, Tashkent, Uzbekistan

Discussion/Q&A

06:30 – 07:30

Banquet, Grand Ballroom, 2nd Floor, hosted by CI

Day Two: August 28

Xian Room, 2nd Floor

08:30 – 08:45

Registration

Session V: New Technologies: Policy Implications for the CAREC Region

Moderator

Evaluating impact of new technologies on transforming trade

Dr. Siddharth Saxena

Chairman, Central Asia Forum,
Cambridge University, UK

Speaker: **Ian Watt**, Vice Chair, the UN Centre for Trade Facilitation and Electronic Business (UN/CEFACT), United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE)

Policy Implications for CAREC Region in terms of taxation, licensing and regulations

08:45 – 10:15

Speaker: **Dr. Hong Xue**, Director of Beijing Normal University Institute for Internet Policy & Law (IIPL), Co-Director of UNCITRAL-BNU Joint Certificate Program on International E-Commerce Law, Beijing, PRC

Discussion/Q&A

10:15 – 10:30

Coffee Break

Session VI: Embracing E-commerce

Moderator

Readiness of CAREC Region for embracing E-commerce

Altaaf Hasham

Management Program Liaison Officer
Aga Khan Development Network
(AKDN), Bishkek, Kyrgyz Republic

Speaker: **Tengfei WANG**, Economic Affairs Officer, United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP), Bangkok, Thailand

E-commerce: Key takeaways from China's experience

Speaker: **Victor Tseng**, Vice President of Corporate and Investor Relations, Pin Duoduo, Shanghai, PRC

10:30 – 12:00

Discussion/Q&A

Session VII: CAREC Think Tanks Network (CTTN)

Moderator

Overview of CTTN Advisory Panel Meeting

Ziqian Liang

Deputy Director, CAREC Institute

Speaker: **Mr. Davaadorj Ganbold**, Former Deputy Prime Minister of Mongolia/Chair of CTTN Advisory Panel

Strategizing CTTN and the Forum - Progress and Roadmap

Presenter: **Khalid Umar**, CAREC Institute

12:00 – 01:00

Closing Remarks by **Syed Shakeel Shah**, Director, CAREC Institute

01:00 – 02:00

Lunch, Yi Café, 1st Floor

02:00 – 05:00

Networking & Visit to Terracotta Army Museum