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**Webinar**

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**Biographies of Speakers**

**Opening Remark**

	<i>Last Name</i>	<b>Shah</b>	<i>First Name</i>	<b>Syed Shakeel</b>
	<i>Institution</i>	The Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation (CAREC) Institute		
	<i>Position</i>	Director		
<b>Short Bio</b>				
<p>Mr. SYED SHAKEEL SHAH is the CAREC Institute Director. Prior to this, he was the Chief Reforms, Automation and Preferential Trade – Pakistan Customs – Federal Board of Revenue, Government of Pakistan. He has also served as the Joint Secretary, Economic Affairs, Prime Minister’s Office, Government of Pakistan. He has decades of experience working in the civil service system of the Government of Pakistan. He holds two master’s degrees: 1) in Advanced Studies in International Trade Law and Economics (MILE) from World Trade Institute – Bern – Switzerland, and 2) in International Relations from Quaid-e-Azam University – Islamabad - Pakistan. His areas of expertise, include WTO law (Dispute Resolution, SPS, TRIPS/ TRIMS Agreements, Doha Round), Micro and Macroeconomics, Trade (International, Regional and</p>				


Preferential), Economic Corridors, Customs laws, Reforms and Automation including Single Windows for Trade, Ease of doing business in Trading Across Border indicator, and Trade Facilitation Agreement of WTO.

## Moderator

	<i>Last Name</i>	<b>Sabyrova</b>	<i>First Name</i>	<b>Lyaziza</b>
	<i>Institution</i>	Asian Development Bank		
	<i>Position</i>	Director, Regional Cooperation and Operations Coordination Division (CWRC)		
<b>Short Bio</b>				
<p>Lyaziza Sabyrova is a Director, Regional Cooperation and Operations Coordination Division (CWRC), ADB. After obtaining her PhD degree in Economics from Indiana University (Bloomington, IN, USA), she joined ADB in 2000, and worked on infrastructure projects in the People's Republic of China, as well as in the Central Asian and South Caucasus countries. She was also posted in ADB's Resident Mission in the Kyrgyz Republic and led the preparation of the Joint Country Support Strategy for the Kyrgyz Republic from the ADB side (together with DFID, the Swiss Development Agency, the World Bank, and UN Agencies). From 2008–2011, she was on a special leave from the ADB, during which she co-founded an independent economic think tank in Kazakhstan, the RAKURS Center for Economic Analysis. She led the work on ADB's Country Partnership Strategies for several Central Asian and South Caucasus countries. She was also involved in the Department's Knowledge Management and analytical work.</p>				

## Panelists

(Alphabetical order)

	<i>Last Name</i>	<b>Ganiev</b>	<i>First Name</i>	<b>Bahodir</b>
	<i>Institution</i>	Center for Economic Development, Tashkent, Uzbekistan		
	<i>Position</i>	Senior Advisor		
<b>Short Bio</b>				

Mr. Bahodir Ganiev is Senior Advisor at the Center for Economic Development (CED), a think tank based in Tashkent, Uzbekistan. He helps CED staff conduct applied research and formulate policy recommendation aimed at strengthening macroeconomic management and improving the business environment in Uzbekistan. He often carries out consulting assignments for the Asian Development Bank (ADB) and other development institutions. Previously, he taught international economics at Westminster International University in Tashkent and was a staff member of ADB. He also worked as a staff member and/or consultant for the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank.

Mr. Ganiev has extensive experience in designing, implementing and evaluating development projects and programs. His work experience covers over 20 Asian and Eastern European countries. His research interests include trade policy and trade facilitation, regional economic cooperation and integration, international remittances and inclusive economic growth. He has authored, or contributed to, many publications on economic policies and development issues in countries of Central Asia, the South Caucasus, and Southeast Asia. Mr. Ganiev holds a master's degree in international affairs from Columbia University and a Ph.D. degree in economics from Tashkent State University of Economics.

	<i>Last Name</i>	<b>Kakimzhanova</b>	<i>First Name</i>	<b>Zharkin</b>
	<i>Institution</i>	Independent Consultant		
	<i>Position</i>	Former Head of the WTO Section at the Permanent Mission of Kazakhstan		

**Short Bio**

International trade professional with over ten years of experience in WTO accession negotiations.


During 2006-2016 she has been working as a Head of the WTO Section at the Permanent Mission of Kazakhstan to the UNO and other international organizations in Geneva, Switzerland. She has extensive knowledge of international trade law and regulations as well as of Kazakhstan's and Eurasian Economic Union's economic and foreign trade regime including customs and trade facilitation.

Previously Zharkin worked as a Head of the Department of external aid coordination at the Ministry of Finance of Kazakhstan. She also worked for the German Technical Cooperation Agency as a project coordinator and for the UNDP-Kazakhstan as a national consultant.

Zharkin graduated from the Moscow Institute of Fine Chemical Technology named after M. Lomonossov with a degree in chemical technology of biologically active compounds and from the Institute of Market Economy in Almaty with the degree in international economic relations.

Zharkin is fluent in Kazakh (native), English, Russian, French and German.

	<i>Last Name</i>	<b>Mogilevskii</b>	<i>First Name</i>	<b>Roman</b>
	<i>Institution</i>	Institute of Public Policy & Administration, University of Central Asia		
	<i>Position</i>	Associate Director and Senior Research Fellow		
<b>Short Bio</b>				
<p>Dr Roman Mogilevskii is Associate Director and Senior Research Fellow, Institute of Public Policy &amp; Administration, University of Central Asia. He has extensive experience researching trade policy, public finance, labour market, social policy, and macroeconomics in Central Asia and Eastern Europe. Dr Mogilevskii has held advisory positions for the governments of Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan and worked as a consultant for many international organizations, such as the World Bank, Asian Development Bank, UNDP, UNICEF, UN FAO.</p>				

	<i>Last Name</i>	<b>Pomfret</b>	<i>First Name</i>	<b>Richard</b>
	<i>Institution</i>	University of Adelaide Johns Hopkins University SAIS Europe		
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<b>Short Bio</b>				
<p>Richard Pomfret is a Professor of Economics Emeritus at the University of Adelaide and Adjunct Professor of International Economics at the Johns Hopkins University Bologna Center. He has acted as consultant to international organizations such as the Asian Development Bank, the OECD, the UNDP and the World Bank. In 1992-4 he was seconded to the United Nations for a year, advising the Asian republics of the former Soviet Union. Three books on Central Asia were published by Princeton University Press in 1995, 2006, and most recently The Central Asian Economies in the Twenty-first Century: Paving a new silk road (2019).</p>				