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CAREC Chai 3: “Understanding the Drivers of Poverty in Afghanistan”.

Webinar

7 June 2022

14:50 – 16:30 (Beijing time)

The CAREC Institute, in collaboration with the Asian Development Bank, will host a third CAREC Chai event on 7 June 2022, at 15:00 Beijing time, to discuss the main drivers of poverty in Afghanistan over the last two decades and potential interventions for poverty alleviation in Afghanistan today.

Afghanistan has always been a strategically significant location throughout history, and as a transit and transport hub, it is well-positioned to link the markets of South Asia, the Middle East, Central Asia, and China.

However, the persistence of conflict in Afghanistan over the last decades has had a profound impact on its economic development and governance quality. At present, the ongoing political uncertainty and economic instability in Afghanistan, coupled with the COVID-19 pandemic, are causing food security and poverty issues to worsen.

In this regard, experts from the Afghan Biruni Institute, UNDP, the ADB, the CAREC Institute, and partner organizations will convene to discuss the primary drivers of poverty in Afghanistan during the last two decades and share their thoughts and perspectives on current measures and potential interventions for poverty alleviation in Afghanistan.

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Agenda

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14:50-15:00 **Virtual Connection to the Webinar and Speakers’ Group Photo**

Sukhdelger Sosorbaram, Senior Capacity Building Specialist, CAREC Institute

15:00-15:10 **Opening Remarks**

Lyaziza Sabyrova, Director, Regional Cooperation and Operations
Coordination Division (CWRC), ADB

Syed Shakeel Shah, Director, CAREC Institute

15:10-15:15 Introduction of the Speakers by the Moderator

Ayoob Ayoobi, Chief of Capacity Building Division, CAREC Institute

15:15-15:45 Keynote Presentation

Understanding the Drivers of Poverty in Afghanistan

Omar Joya, Executive Director, BIRUNI Institute

Saurabh Shome, Founder, Comparative Policy Design Consulting Company

15:45-16:15 Panel

Abdallah Al-Dardari, United Nations Development Program's Resident
Representative in Kabul, Afghanistan

Artur Andrysiak, Deputy Country Director, Afghanistan Resident Mission,
Central and West Asia Department, ADB

Leonard Zulu, International Human Rights and Refugee Law Specialist,
UNHCR

Hans Holzhaacker, Chief Economist, CAREC Institute

16:15-16:25 Q&A and Discussion: moderator will pick up questions from the audience
and engage in discussion with panelists

16:25-16:30 Concluding Remarks by the Moderator

Notes:

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