

The Sixth CAREC TTD Forum

Recalibrating Growth Dynamics for Inclusive
and Sustainable Economies

15-16 September 2022 | Hyatt Regency Hotel, Baku, Azerbaijan



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Discussant II: Kamalbek Karymshakov, Vice Rector/Associate Professor,
Kyrgyz-Turkish Manas University, Bishkek, the Kyrgyz Republic **(Online)**

Open Discussion

10:45 – 11:00

Coffee @ Guba Foye

Session III: CTTN Regional Research Report

In this session, four case studies, one each from Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Pakistan, and Uzbekistan, on Covid-induced inequalities in health, education, digital access, and women's participation in the workforce will be presented. This Regional Report is produced under the umbrella of the CAREC Think Tank Network (CTTN) Research Grants Program (RGP), aimed to foster regional knowledge-sharing cooperation among member think tanks. Each researcher will present the case for **15 minutes**, followed by participants' feedback and open discussion for **30 minutes**.

11:00 – 12:30

Access to Health, Education, Digital technologies, and Women's Participation in the Workforce: Case Studies from Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Pakistan, and Uzbekistan

Moderator

Ms. Marzia Mongiorgi-Lorenzo

Principal Economist, ADB,
Manila, Philippines

Speaker I: Mr. Emin Mammadov, Senior Researcher/Economist, Center for Economic and Social Development (CESD), Baku, Azerbaijan

Speaker II: Ms. Gulnaz Alibekova, Deputy Director, Institute of Economics, Almaty, Kazakhstan

Speaker III: Dr. Abid Qaiyum Suleri, Executive Director, Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), Islamabad, Pakistan

Speaker IV: Peter Malvicini, Ph.D., DSc, UNESCO Chair
Anticipatory Governance & Sustainable Policymaking Center for Policy Research and Outreach Westminster International University in Tashkent, Uzbekistan
(Online)

Participants' feedback and Open Discussion

12:30 – 13:30

Lunch @ Shusha Room

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Session IV: Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

CAREC region is projected to miss nearly all SDGs by 2030. The session will take stock of the progress on 17 goals, the bottlenecks, and policy prescriptions for achieving the SDGs' targets.

The lead Speaker is expected to present **(20 minutes)** an overview of the CAREC Region on SDGs progress on the above-stated parameters. Three speakers **(10 minutes each)** for this session are drawn from CTTN member think tanks who will present their respective country case studies on the state of progress of SDGs. The moderator facilitates discussions **(30 minutes)** by taking questions from the participants.

13:30 – 14:50

State of Progress on UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in the CAREC Region

Moderator

Khalid Umar

Chief, Strategy and Planning,
CAREC Institute, Urumqi, the
PRC

Lead Speaker: **Ms. Elena Danilova-Cross**, Programme Specialist on Poverty and Inequality, UNDP Istanbul Regional Hub, Turkey **(Online)**

Kyrgyz Republic Case Study: Presented by **Mr. Altaaf Hasham**
Management Program Liaison Officer, Agha Khan Development Network (AKDN), Bishkek, the Kyrgyz Republic

Tajikistan Case Study: Presented by **Mr. Rustam Babajanov**
Deputy Director, Analytical Center "NAVO", Dushanbe, Tajikistan

Turkmenistan Case Study: Presented by **Mr. Charymuhammet Shallyev**,
Head of Management Department, Turkmen State Institute of Economics and Management, Ashkhabad, Turkmenistan

Participants' feedback and Open Discussion

14:50 – 15:15

Coffee @ Guba Foye

Session V: Climate Change and Green Energy

The CAREC economies are confronted with multifaceted challenges, climate change being the most formidable threat to regional food, agriculture, and energy security. The Speaker is expected to take stock **(20 minutes)** of the magnitude of the challenge and how CAREC economies can reposition themselves to minimize the threat posed by climate vulnerabilities and shift to a green and sustainable energy future.

Three CTTN member think tanks will present **(10 minutes each)** their respective country's case studies on the topic. The moderator will anchor participants' feedback and discussions **(30 minutes)**.

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15:15 – 16:45

Moderator

Mr. Ilham Humbatov

Senior Research Fellow, ESRI
Baku, Azerbaijan

Climate Vulnerabilities and the Case for Green Energy in the CAREC Region

Lead Speaker: **Dr. Farhad TAGHIZADEH-HESARY**, Associate Professor;
School of Global Studies, Tokai University/ TOKAI Research Institute for
Environment and Sustainability (TRIES), Japan **(Online)**

Climate Disaster in Pakistan – a brief overview by **H.E. Mr. Bilal Hayee**,
Ambassador of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan to the Republic of
Azerbaijan

Azerbaijan Case Study: Presented by **Mr. Kamran Huseynov**, Deputy
Director, Azerbaijan Renewable Energy Agency, Baku, Azerbaijan

People's Republic of China (PRC) Case Study: Presented by **Ms. Zhang
Minwen**, Deputy Director General, International Economics and Finance
Institute (IEFI), Beijing, PRC **(Online)**

Kazakhstan Case Study: Presented by **Ms. Lidiya Parkhomchik**
Chief Expert of the Eurasian Studies Program, Institute of the World
Economics and Politics (IWEP), Nur-Sultan, Kazakhstan

Participants' feedback and Open Discussion

16:45 – 17:00

First Day Recap by **Dr. Ghulam Samad**, Senior Research Specialist,
CAREC Institute **(Online)**

18:30 – 20:00

Gala Dinner @ Sheki Qala Restaurant, hosted by ESRI

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Day Two: 16 September, Friday

08:30 – 09:00

Registration

Session VI: Geopolitical Uncertainties, Covid-19, and the Impact on Growth and Inclusivity

Geopolitical uncertainties and the pandemic-induced economic slowdown have added more dimensions to inequality as the poor are experiencing the disproportionately high impact of these factors in the form of a sharp escalation in food prices, higher energy prices, and overall inflationary trends in global commodity markets. The Speaker dilates upon **(20 minutes)** the impact of these factors on CAREC countries.

Three CTTN members present **(10 minutes each)** their respective country's case study, highlighting the impact of these factors. The moderator collects participants' feedback and leads an open floor discussion **(30 minutes)**.

09:00 – 10:20

Geopolitical Uncertainties, COVID-19, and the Impact on Growth and Inclusivity

Moderator

Ms. Kanako Mabuchi
Head of UN Resident
Coordinator's Office
Baku, Azerbaijan

Lead Speaker: Hamza Ali Malik, Director, Macroeconomic Policy, and Financing for Development Division, UNESCAP, Bangkok, Thailand

Mongolia Case Study: Presented by **Dr. Tuvshintugs Batdelger**, Director, Economic Research Institute, Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia

Georgia Case Study: Presented by **Dr. Giorgi Khishtovani**, Research Director, PMC Research Center, Tbilisi, Georgia

Pakistan Case Study: Presented by **Zeeshan Salahuddin**, Director for Regional Connectivity, Tabadlab, Islamabad, Pakistan

Participants' feedback and Open Discussion

10:20 – 10:40

Coffee @ Guba Foye

Session VII: Building Alliances for Regional Prosperity

To make economic growth inclusive and sustainable, regional alliances must be built across governments, the private sector, civil society, and other actors such as development partners who support inclusive and

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sustainable economic growth. This session will focus on the role and responsibilities of these stakeholders in shared prosperity.

The Speaker delivers a presentation (**20 minutes**) on the possible role and responsibilities of the stakeholders. Stakeholders' representatives (government, the private sector, civil society, and development partners) to dilate upon (**10 minutes**) their respective roles in forging alliances for promoting regional prosperity.

The moderator opens the floor for discussion and Q&A to capture broader perspectives from the forum participants (**30 minutes**)

10:40- 12:10

Moderator

Dr. Sarah Geraldine Michael

Country Manager,
World Bank Group,
Azerbaijan

Building Alliances for Shared Prosperity

Lead Speaker: **Dr. Debapriya Bhattacharya**, Distinguished Fellow at the Centre for Policy Dialogue (CPD), Dhaka, Bangladesh

Discussant I: Ms. Dolores Borisovna Tyulebekova

Director of the World Economy Research Center, Economic Research Institute (ERI), Nur-Sultan, Kazakhstan

Discussant II: Mr. Eldor Tulyakov, Executive Director, Development Strategy Center (DSC), Tashkent, Uzbekistan

Discussant III: Mr. Natig Madatov, Leading Research Fellow at Economic Scientific Research Institute (ESRI), Baku, Azerbaijan

Discussant IV: Dr. Tuvshintugs Batdelger, Director, Economic Research Institute, Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia

Participants' feedback and Open Discussion

12:10 – 12:40

CTTN Progress Report

Presentation by **Mr. Batsaikhan Zagdragchaa**, Senior Strategic Planning Specialist, CAREC Institute, Urumqi, the PRC

Participants' feedback and Discussion

12:40 – 12:50

Wrap up and vote of thanks by **CI Director Syed Shakeel Shah**

12:50 – 14:00

Lunch @ Shusha Room

14:00 – 17:00

Networking and Old Baku Tour, organized by ESRI