

CAPACITY-BUILDING PROGRAM FOR ASIAN ECONOMIC AND
FINANCIAL TALENTS



**Workshop on Promoting Sustainable
Economic and Social Development
26th – 30th September 2022 | Virtual**

**Xiamen National Accounting Institute
Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation (CAREC)
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I. Background

1. The year 2016 marked the official launch of the *2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development* by the United Nations, which provides guidance on the goal for governments, businesses, civil society, and the public to work together for a better, fair and sustainable future. With the signing of the *United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework* by the UN and many countries, sustainable development has become the main goal for countries worldwide to promote economic and social progress. It aims to address development issues in social, economic, and environmental dimensions, by encouraging countries to form policies toward achieving sustainable development goals.
2. In recent years, suffering from the impacts of COVID-19, geopolitics, external market volatility, global economic development, and transformation have been experiencing increased pressure. Under the Central Asian Regional Economic Cooperation (CAREC) mechanism, CAREC member states could explore ways to promote green economic development and digital transformation, strengthen infrastructure construction and enhance financing model innovation for deepening regional cooperation and promoting sustainable and inclusive economic recovery.
3. Xiamen National Accounting Institute (XNAI) is an important training facility for the financial and economic talents of the Ministry of Finance of the People's Republic of China. Entrusted by the Ministry of Finance, XNAI has long offered training and exchange activities for domestic and overseas high-level talents in the fields of finance and taxation, and economic management, mainly senior fiscal officials and financial management personnel in government departments, public institutions, and enterprises.
4. The CAREC Institute (CI) is committed to enhancing mutual trust and sharing knowledge among CAREC member countries, promoting cooperation among partners and governments at all levels, and contributing to regional economic and social development.
CI currently trains approximately 1,500 CAREC regional government officials each year and is expanding the scope of training through a variety of approaches.
As of 2022, CI has fully transitioned into delivering systematic and holistic capacity-building (CB) activities to targeted participants. The Institute aims to deliver 12 core capacity-building programs annually, each one of which entails a series of extended activities.

II. Program Objectives

5. The overall aim of this program is to jointly build a platform and invite financial officials and experts from CAREC countries to share practical experiences on sustainable economic and social development through promoting capacity building to further find solutions to tackle challenges and deepen cooperation.

III. Workshop Format

6. The workshop will be co-organized by Xiamen National Accounting Institute (XNAI) and Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation (CAREC) Institute, on the theme of “***Promoting Sustainable Economic and Social Development***”.
7. The workshop will be held virtually on the 26th—30th of September 2022, from 15:00—17:30 Beijing time everyday afternoon. Participants can register and join the workshop through the following link: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_gFO05WmaT3eK6CPJD9Q0Yw
8. The workshop will consist of online lectures, case sharing, seminars, etc. Overall, the workshops will be highly participant-centered and interactive. The language of the workshop will be English with Russian simultaneous interpretation.
9. The workshop will invite experts from international institutions, officials from China’s Ministry of Finance, renowned scholars as well as relevant executives from related institutions and enterprises for conducting seminars and case sharing.
10. The workshop will focus on the issues concerned in the process of implementing the sustainable development goals, such as inclusive growth in the post-pandemic era, digital economy, green finance, Public-Private Partnerships (PPP) model, etc.

IV. Workshop Topics and Speakers

(i) CAREC Inclusive Growth in the Post-Pandemic Era

Speaker: Dr. Hans Holzhaacker, Chief Economist of CAREC Institute

Description: Despite substantial achievements, the CAREC economies still face serious challenges on the way to full prosperity. All CAREC economies secured step-by-step improvement from 2010 to 2019 according to the Human Development Index. However, to advance further towards prosperity, additional measures for eradicating poverty, broadening social protection, reducing gender inequality, and propping up education and health care will be essential. COVID-19 caused setbacks in many areas. Hopefully, with active contributions from participants, the workshop will discuss the current status of inclusiveness in CAREC economies, prospects, and measures needed to achieve further progress

(ii) Exploration and Prospects of Digital Finance and Taxation

Speaker: Chongjun TAN, Vice Director of AliResearch Institute

Description: Digitization and intelligence have brought new opportunities and challenges to national governance and fiscal and taxation governance. Through the application of digital technology and the reform of related systems, China has actively explored the field of fiscal and taxation governance, accumulating many successful cases, which can be used for other countries for their digitization of national fiscal and tax governance.

(iii) Carbon Neutrality and Green Finance

Speaker: Xing ZHANG, Senior Climate Policy Specialist of Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank

Description: This course covers the state and trend of climate and green finance. It will also discuss the opportunities and challenges in mainstreaming green finance in developing countries.

(iv) Innovation of PPP (Public-Private Partnership) Implementation and High-quality Development of Infrastructure

Speaker: Jianmin YANG, Deputy Director-General of China Public Private Partnerships Center

Description: This course mainly introduces PPP model and its development in China, including the relationship between China's development philosophy and PPP model, the progress, achievement, practice, experience, and project cases of PPP in China, and relevant international cooperation.

(v) Seminar

Note: The above courses are subject to changes based on actual conditions.

V. Target Participants

11. The primary target participants are officials from ministry of finance and economy, or other relevant departments from CAREC member countries. Five participants from each CAREC member country will be invited to participate in the program. The total number of participants in the workshop shall be around 50.
12. Participants are required to be prepared according to the workshop topics.
13. In order to attain the best result, participants are expected to attend the online courses on time and complete the coursework requirements.

14. Participants, who would successfully complete all activities of the program, shall receive a Course Completion Certificate co-issued by XNAI and CI.

VI. Nomination Criteria

15. Participants shall have an insightful understanding of relevant sustainable economic and social development and the capability to further promote sustainable development in their own country in the future.
16. Moreover, the following set of criteria will be used to select the target participants to attend the program:
 - a) Nominees from the Governmental departments should be a senior official.
 - b) Participants from academia should be professional in finance, economics or relevant subjects.
 - c) Participants should be committed to participating in 5-day workshop.
 - d) Participants should have strong communication skills and be fluent in English or Russian.

VII. Workshop Team

17. XNAI and CI will jointly deliver the workshop. Both organizing partners will cooperate extensively to leverage collective expertise and experience in delivering the program effectively and efficiently. The workshop will be delivered virtually on the 26th -30th of September 2022.
18. **Xiamen National Accounting Institute (XNAI)** was founded in 2002 and is directly affiliated with China's Ministry of Finance. XNAI is an important training base for high-level training in the fields of fiscal and taxation, economic management, accounting and auditing, gathering a strong faculty of top experts at home and abroad, and trainees including officials, corporate executives, and industry elites. XNAI has been cooperating with government departments and international organizations to carry out international financial personnel capacity-building projects. The Research Center for the Belt & Road Financial and Economic Development advocated by the Chinese government was established at XNAI. With a unique system for financial and economic think tanks, XNAI has been carrying out in-depth research on international financial issues and has achieved great outcomes. Teachers of XNAI have constantly provided professional advisory opinions for the Ministry of Finance and other national ministries and commissions, local government departments, and enterprises. They have proactively participated in various dialogues

and seminars on international fiscal and financial policies.
Located in the southern part of Xiamen, embraced by the mountains and facing the sea, XNAI features beautiful surroundings and advanced facilities and is a modern, intelligent landscaped institution for training, teaching, and scientific research with international standards.

19. **The CAREC Institute** is an intergovernmental organization dedicated to promoting regional cooperation and integration (RCI) through knowledge generation, capacity building and knowledge sharing in the CAREC region. As a leading regional knowledge hub, the mission of the CI is to enhance the quality and effectiveness of the CAREC Program by providing evidence-based research and CB services, dissemination of knowledge products, and network with research institutions. The CAREC Institute is a knowledge arm of the CAREC Program, which is a sub-regional development initiative led by ADB and supported by AIIB, EBRD, IMF, IsDB, UNDP and WB. The CAREC Institute acts as a knowledge connector among the five CAREC clusters to ensure coherence in design and implementation of policies, programs, and projects to promote regional economic cooperation and integration: i) economic and financial stability; ii) trade, tourism, and economic corridors; iii) infrastructure and economic connectivity; iv) agriculture and water; and v) human development. The CAREC Institute is jointly shared, owned, and governed by eleven member countries: Afghanistan, Azerbaijan, People's Republic of China, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Mongolia, Pakistan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan.

VIII. Contact Information

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