

The editorial team would like to thank a number of people and teams who have been involved in the development of this second volume of the CAREC Institute annual book. Our foremost thanks go to Syed Shakeel Shah, former Director of the CAREC Institute, and Iskandar Abdullaev, Deputy Director of the CAREC Institute, who have contributed to shaping this volume as reviewers and editors, and led us through this journey. Equally important to note are the efforts made by CAREC Institute research team led by Qaisar Abbas and knowledge management team led by Xin Lei. We also thank Johannes Linn, Non-Resident Senior Fellow at the Brookings Institution, who continuously contributes to the CAREC Institute's knowledge generation activities.

We greatly acknowledge the support of the following members of the CAREC Institute external review board and other partner researchers, including CAREC Institute colleagues who reviewed submitted papers: Sanjay Saxena, Managing Director of Total Synergy Consulting; Ravi Bankar, Senior Tourism Specialist; David Roland-Holst, Professor of Economics, University of California, Berkeley; Kamalbek Karymshakov, Vice Rector at Kyrgyz Turkish Manas University; Rauf Salahodjaev, Director at ERGO Analytics; Yelena Kalyuzhnova, Vice Dean of Henley Business School, University of Reading; Ghulam Samad, Senior Research Specialist, CAREC Institute; Ihtiyor Babadjanov, Research Associate, Leibniz Institute of Agricultural Development in Transition Economies (IAMO); Dil Rahut, Vice Chair of Research and Senior Research Fellow, Asian Development Bank Institute; David Molden, Former Director General, ICIMOD; Zhanna Kapsalyamova, Assistant Professor in Economics, Nazarbayev University; Devendra Kodwani, Executive Dean and Head of Business School, Open University UK; Dina Azhgaliyeva, Research Fellow at Asian Development Bank Institute; Craig Steffensen, Independent Consultant and Advisor to the World Bank on the Central Asia-South Asia Transport Platform; Vaqar Ahmad, Executive Director, Sustainable Development Policy Institute, Pakistan; Ayoob Ayoobi, Chief of Capacity Building, CAREC Institute; Fan Shenggen, Chair Professor at the College of Economics and Management at China Agricultural University in Beijing; Hans Holzacker, Chief Economist, CAREC Institute; Rovshan Mahmudov, Senior Capacity Building Specialist, CAREC Institute; Khong Kie Ee, CPMM Consultant, Asian Development Bank; Atabek Umirbekov, Doctoral Researcher at Leibniz Institute of Agricultural Development in Transition Economies (IAMO); Akmal Akramkhanov, Regional Manager, Central Asia and the Caucasus, International Center for Agricultural Research in the Dry Areas (ICARDA); Minsoo Lee, Senior Economist, Asian Development Bank; Saeed Akbar, Chair in Accounting and Finance, and Head of Accounting, Finance, and Economics Research Centre, the University of Bradford School of Management, Sunderasan Srinivasan, Economist, Verdurous Solutions Private Limited. Once more, we thank all who made invaluable and constructive comments on the chapters; the book is a very much better publication as a result.

# ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

