



PROSPECTS FOR AN INCLUSIVE GREEN GROWTH AND SUSTAINABILITY IN THE CAREC REGION

Calling for Book Chapters & Announcing the Third CAREC Institute Research Conference

The CAREC Institute (CI) is pleased to announce the *call for book chapters* and the third CAREC Institute Research Conference, which is scheduled for 5-6 September 2023 (*tentative*). The selected papers will be presented at the third CAREC Institute Research Conference. The conference aims to provide a platform for conducting high-quality research on the given topic and an opportunity for research networking.

Potential authors are invited to submit original articles, case-studies, and reviews pertinent to the topics elaborated below. The submissions will be commissioned by the Publication Board and External Review Board of the CI, comprising independent reviewers with solid research and professional experience on the topics. Upon acceptance, **the selected manuscripts will be presented in the conference and published as chapters of the digital CAREC Institute Annual Book¹.**

1. Background

Growth and development are necessary for economies to survive and thrive, and they must be both inclusive and sustainable. Particularly now, when any health, environmental, economic, financial, or geo-political disruption may have broad complex implications for all. As have shown the crises over the past years since the beginning of the millennium, increasing interconnectedness of countries can immediately spread the consequences of any disruption. On the other hand, regional connectivity spurs unprecedented economic growth. Hence, inclusivity and sustainability of development and growth equip countries with the ability to deal with the complex consequences of a regional crisis and help them withstand shocks over time. While the CAREC region is currently going through a challenging period, the prospects for inclusive green growth and sustainable development should not be overlooked.

¹ Modus Operandi aligned with Second CI Annual Book:
<https://www.carecinstitute.org/publications/resilience-and-economic-growth-in-times-of-high-uncertainty/>

The conference provides thought leadership and **creates a research cooperation platform for discussing regional issues, generating new ideas and exploring potential ways forward** in addressing complex challenges CAREC countries face by connecting researchers and policy stakeholders. Through synthesizing knowledge activities across the region, the CI aims to build up the region's research partnerships and attract partners from CAREC countries and rest of the world into high-quality research activities.

The event aims to foster connection between research and policymaking by systematically documenting policy-oriented research and creating CAREC-customized up-to-date narratives around economic growth and sustainable development. Through this, the region stays updated and thrives in the changing environment by adapting to new economic, social, and environmental realities of the contemporary world. The conference will catalyze **the sustainable delivery of research findings and their translation into policy prescriptions for better economic development and integration** in the CAREC region. As an outcome of the conference, the digital CI Annual Book will be produced and shared with public policy settings of CAREC countries.

2. Theme

The theme of the third conference will be **"Prospects for an Inclusive Green Growth and Sustainability in the CAREC Region"**. The topic will include, but are not limited to, the following themes/sub-themes:

1. Inclusive Green Growth and Sustainability in CAREC countries

Sub-themes: Low-carbon and green technologies, Renewable energy transition, Circular economy and resource efficiency, Productive capacities and growth, Sustainable resources management, Green finance, Sustainable agriculture and food systems, Ecosystem conservation and restoration, Social inclusion and equity.

2. Seizing Green Business Growth in CAREC

Sub-themes: Development of business models that prioritize sustainability, such as green supply chain management, clean technologies, carbon neutrality, sustainable manufacturing, and sustainable product design.

3. Economic Corridors in CAREC: Green Transboundary Infrastructure

Sub-themes: Development of sustainable transportation infrastructure, Developing renewable energy infrastructure, Green infrastructure design, Sustainable land use planning, Sustainable tourism development along economic corridors, Cross-border collaboration on economic corridors and transboundary infrastructure,

4. Digital Connectivity – Opportunities for Inclusive and Sustainable Growth

Sub-themes: Development of digital infrastructure, Digital inclusion, Opportunities and challenges of e-commerce for inclusive and sustainable growth, Digital health, Digital education, Digital finance, Digital agriculture: Digital governance, Digital entrepreneurship, Digital security and privacy

5. Ensuring Adaptation and Resilience to Climate Change for Sustainable Development

Sub-themes: Climate change adaptation strategies, Ecosystem-based adaptation, Disaster risk reduction, Sustainable agriculture, Climate-resilient infrastructure, Water management, Climate finance, Climate justice, Indigenous knowledge and adaptation, Climate communication and education

Further topics related to green growth and sustainable development in the CAREC region will be considered too. It is expected that the submitted manuscripts will cover the above listed topics, including issues related to them. **Geographic parameters for the manuscripts will be the CAREC region or at least two CAREC countries.** CAREC countries include **Afghanistan, Azerbaijan, the PRC, Georgia, Kazakhstan, the Kyrgyz Republic, Mongolia, Pakistan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan.** The manuscripts focusing on one CAREC country are expected to highlight throughout the manuscript potential implications of the researched topic for regional activities and its impact on regional value chains or the replicability of the explored aspect of the research in another CAREC country.

3. Submission procedure

The CAREC Institutes calls its major partners to submit papers relevant to the above listed thematic areas. Authors should first submit abstract of no more than 500 words by **1 May 2023** to emmat@carecinstitute.org. Notifications of accepted abstracts will be sent on 25 May 2023. First draft of full manuscript of 8,000 words maximum, excluding annexes, should be submitted to the same email address **by 17 July 2023.**

All submissions are required to include the following information on a separate cover page:

- Title of the manuscript
- Name(s) of author(s) in intended order of authorship, their organizational affiliation(s), position(s), and e-mail address(es)
- Lead author's telephone number
- Manuscript words count

The language of manuscript submissions and conference presentations is English. All submissions will be reviewed under a double-blind process by CI's Publication Board and External Review Board based on the following criteria:

- Significance/contribution to the field
- Relevance to conference theme
- Aims and purposes
- Theoretical foundation
- Methodology
- Results and policy recommendations
- Conclusion

4. Formatting, Structure, Style, and Referencing Guidelines

A. Basic paper formatting

- i. Use A4 format
- ii. For the body text, use Calibri (body) font, size 11
- iii. Line spacing: single
- iv. Margins 1" on all sides, text alignment justified.
- v. Paragraphs without indentation, separated by a single line.
- vi. Use Heading 1, Calibri (body) font, size 12, bold, for chapters (use automation function for all headings and use appropriate automated numbering for chapters)

- vii. Use Heading 2, Calibri (body) font, size 11, bold, for sub-chapters (use automation function, and use relevant automated numbering for sub-chapters, e.g., second level subchapter 1.2, third level, 1.2.1, etc.)
- viii. Use Calibri (body) font, size 14, bold, for paper title
- ix. When copy-pasting information from other sources, use "Paste Special" function in MS Word, then "Unformatted." Afterwards, format as per instructions above.
- x. Use plain page number in bottom right corner.
- xi. Use bottom footer if needed, to give a short title of the document, date, or version
- xii. Produce clean well-formatted text with editable tables.
- xiii. Do not incorporate private company or any outsourced logotypes into the paper.

B. Structure, table of contents, lists of figures and tables

The minimum elements that the structure shall contain include:

- i. The title of the paper, name of the author, month and year of the draft production
- ii. Disclaimer (the standard text shall be provided by the CI focal point and amended accordingly, including acknowledgements if needed)
- iii. An automated table of contents
- iv. An automated list of tables
- v. An automated list of figures
- vi. List of acronyms and abbreviations
- vii. Abstract (500 words) and keywords
- viii. Executive summary
- ix. Introduction or background / context including rationale, problem statement, purpose, other research, other activities conducted and value addition of this paper
- x. Research / approach methodology / conceptual framework
- xi. Methodology limitations / caveats
- xii. Findings
- xiii. Conclusion
- xiv. Policy recommendations
- xv. Bibliography / references
- xvi. Annexes (if needed)

Sections and sub-sections must be automated together with the table of contents. Tables and figures must be organized properly in the MS Word file so that visually they can be comprehended well. Tables and figures must correspond with their descriptive part, and they shall convey meaningful information. Their numbering and names must be automated and must be consequential throughout the paper. Tables and figures must be editable where possible, if not, an Excel or other file where the figure/table was generated shall be attached.

C. Country naming and maps

The manuscripts produced by authors shall use country names and maps (if needed) as accepted by the Asian Development Bank (ADB).

D. Referencing

The authors shall use APA style citation in their manuscripts. Examples below:

Material Type	Reference List/Bibliography
A book in print	Baxter, C. (1997). <i>Race equality in health care and education</i> . Philadelphia: Ballière Tindall.
A book chapter, print version	Haybron, D. M. (2008). Philosophy and the science of subjective well-being. In M. Eid & R. J. Larsen (Eds.), <i>The science of subjective well-being</i> (pp. 17-43). New York, NY: Guilford Press.
An eBook	Millbower, L. (2003). <i>Show biz training: Fun and effective business training techniques from the worlds of stage, screen, and song</i> . Retrieved from http://www.amacombooks.org/
An article in a print journal	Alibali, M. W. (1999). How children change their minds: Strategy change can be gradual or abrupt. <i>Developmental Psychology, 35</i> , 127-145.
An article in a journal without DOI	Carter, S., & Dunbar-Odom, D. (2009). The converging literacies center: An integrated model for writing programs. <i>Kairos: A Journal of Rhetoric, Technology, and Pedagogy, 14</i> (1), 38-48. Retrieved from http://kairos.technorhetoric.net/
An article in a journal with DOI	Gaudio, J. L., & Snowdon, C. T. (2008). Spatial cues more salient than color cues in cotton-top tamarins (<i>saguinus oedipus</i>) reversal learning. <i>Journal of Comparative Psychology, 122</i> , 441-444. doi: 10.1037/0735-7036.122.4.441
Websites - professional or personal sites	<i>The World Famous Hot Dog Site</i> . (1999, July 7). Retrieved January 5, 2008, from http://www.xroads.com/~tcs/hotdog/hotdog.html
Websites - online government publications	U.S. Department of Justice. (2006, September 10). Trends in violent victimization by age, 1973-2005. Retrieved from http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/glance/vage.htm
Emails (cited in-text only)	According to preservationist J. Mohlhenrich (personal communication, January 5, 2008).
Mailing Lists (listserv)	Stein, C.(2006, January 5). Chessie rescue - Annapolis, MD [Message posted to Chessie-L electronic mailing list]. Retrieved from http://chessie-l-owner@lists.best.com
Radio and TV episodes - from library databases	DeFord, F. (Writer). (2007, August 8). Beyond Vick: Animal cruelty for sport [Television series episode]. In NPR (Producer), <i>Morning Edition</i> . Retrieved from Academic OneFile database.
Radio and TV episodes - from website	Sepic, M. (Writer). (2008). Federal prosecutors eye MySpace bullying case [Television series episode]. In NPR (Producer), <i>All Things Considered</i> . Retrieved from http://www.npr.org/templates/story/
Film Clips from website	Kaufman, J.C. (Producer), Lacy, L. (Director), & Hawkey, P. (Writer). (1979). <i>Mean Joe Greene</i> [video file]. Retrieved from http://memory.loc.gov/mbrs/ccmp/meanjoe_01g.ram

Material Type	Reference List/Bibliography
Film	Greene, C. (Producer), del Toro, G.(Director). (2015). <i>Crimson peak</i> [Motion picture]. United States: Legendary Pictures.
Photograph (from book, magazine or webpage)	Close, C. (2002). <i>Ronald</i> . [photograph]. Museum of Modern Art, New York, NY. Retrieved from http://www.moma.org/collection/object.php?object_id=108890
Artwork - from library database	Clark, L. (c.a. 1960's). <i>Man with Baby</i> . [photograph]. George Eastman House, Rochester, NY. Retrieved from ARTstor
Artwork - from website	Close, C. (2002). <i>Ronald</i> . [photograph]. Museum of Modern Art, New York. Retrieved from http://www.moma.org/collection/browse_results.php?object_id=108890

5. Important Dates

1 May 2023	Receipt of abstracts
25 May 2023	Notifications of accepted abstracts
17 July 2023	Receipt first drafts of manuscripts
10 August 2023	Feedbacks to first draft of manuscripts
5-6 September 2023	Third CAREC Institute Annual Research Conference
15 September 2023	Receipt of final drafts of manuscripts

6. Programme

The programme of the conference will be formed later and shared with participants.

7. Contacts

For any question regarding the announcement and content or any other request relevant to the conference, please contact Ms Emma Tong emmat@carecinstitute.org