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AND SUSTAINABILITY IN THE CAREC REGION**

Participants' Profiles


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	<i>Institution</i>	Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation (CAREC) Institute		
	<i>Position</i>	Director		
Short Bio				
<p>Mr. Jurazoda has over 25 years of professional experience in public service and public finance management, regional economic cooperation and integration, public social policy, strategic planning, monitoring, and evaluation.</p> <p>Prior to joining the CAREC Institute, Mr. Jurazoda was an Advisor, Office of the Assistant to the President of the Republic of Tajikistan for Economic Affairs. He was also the First Deputy Chairman to the Committee of Youth, Sport and Tourism under the Government of Tajikistan from 2006 until 2014 and Deputy Chairman to the Committee of Youth Affairs under the Government of Tajikistan since 2003 until 2006. He also has experience in international organizations working as a National Coordinator to the World Bank Project on Creating Socio-Economic Opportunities for Youth in the Republic of Tajikistan in 2007-2010.</p> <p>Mr. Jurazoda holds MA in Political Sciences and International Relations from the Tajik State University and to date, he is completing his Dissertation on “Influence of World and Regional Integration Processes on Tajikistan’s Development” for a Ph.D. in Economics.</p>				

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	<i>Last Name</i>	Baek	<i>First Name</i>	Seungju
	<i>Institution</i>	Asian Development Bank Institute		
	<i>Department</i>			
	<i>Position</i>	Deputy Dean (Capacity Building and Training and Special Activities)		
Short Bio				
<p>Seungju Baek joined ADBI as Deputy Dean (Capacity Building and Training and Special Activities) in March 2021.</p> <p>Prior to joining ADBI, he served as Deputy Minister for Planning and Coordination at the Ministry of Economy and Finance of the Republic of Korea.</p> <p>He has 30 years of economic and development policy experience. His other previous roles include serving as a senior policy analyst focused on developing countries for the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, as well as an international development expert at the World Bank Institute.</p> <p>His capacity building and training interests include post-COVID-19 recovery and inclusive growth for sustainable development in Asia and the Pacific.</p> <p>He earned his doctor of public administration degree in public policy from Korea University.</p>				

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	<i>Last Name</i>	Sabyrova	<i>First Name</i>	Lyaziza
	<i>Institution</i>	Asian Development Bank		
	<i>Department</i>	Regional Cooperation and Integration, Central and West Asia Department		
	<i>Position</i>	Regional Head		
Short Bio				
<p>Lyaziza Sabyrova leads the regional cooperation and integration team in the Central and West Asia Department of the Asian Development Bank. It includes the Secretariat for the Central Asia Regional Cooperation (CAREC) Program.</p> <p>After obtaining her PhD degree in Economics from Indiana University (Bloomington, IN, USA), Lyaziza joined ADB in 2000. She worked on infrastructure projects in the People’s Republic of China, and in Central Asia and South Caucasus regions. She was posted in ADB’s Resident Mission in the Kyrgyz Republic from 2006-2008. In the following three years, she was on a special leave from the ADB, during which she was a Deputy Director of an independent private economic think tank in Kazakhstan, the RAKURS Center for Economic Analysis. More recently, she led the preparations of ADB’s Country Partnership Strategies for several Central Asian and South Caucasus countries, steered the work of the CAREC Institute, and was involved in the Department’s analytical work and knowledge management.</p>				

Keynote Address

	<i>Last Name</i>	Park	<i>First Name</i>	Albert
	<i>Institution</i>	Asian Development Bank		
	<i>Department</i>	Economic Research and Development Impact Department		
	<i>Position</i>	Chief Economist and Director General		
Short Bio				
<p>Albert F. Park is Chief Economist of the Asian Development Bank (ADB) and Director General of its Economic Research and Development Impact Department. He is chief spokesperson on economic and development trends and leads the production of ADB's flagship knowledge products and support for regional cooperation fora.</p> <p>Mr. Park has more than 2 decades of experience as a development economist and is a well-known expert on the economy of the People's Republic of China. He has worked on a broad range of development issues including poverty and inequality, intergenerational mobility, microfinance, migration and labor markets, the future of work, and foreign investment.</p> <p>Mr. Park is Chair Professor of Economics, Social Science, and Public Policy at HKUST (on leave). He served as a founding director of HKUST's Institute for Emerging Market Studies and Center for Economic Policy, and previously held faculty positions at the University of Oxford and University of Michigan.</p> <p>A national of the United States, he received his bachelor's degree in economics from Harvard University and his doctorate in applied economics from Stanford University.</p>				

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	<i>Last Name</i>	Linn	<i>First Name</i>	Johannes
	<i>Institution</i>	The Brookings Institution		
	<i>Department</i>	Center for Sustainable Development		
	<i>Position</i>	Nonresident Senior Fellow		
Short Bio				
<p>Johannes F. Linn is a Nonresident Senior Fellow at the Brookings Institution, a Distinguished Resident Scholar at the Emerging Markets Forum in Washington, D.C., and a Senior Fellow at the Results for Development Institute. He also is the co-founder and co-chair of the international Scaling Up Community of Practice, which currently has over 4,000 participants. He is a founding member of the China-West Dialogue.</p> <p>He currently serves as Global Facilitator for the Systematic Observations Financing Facility. In 2019 he was Global Facilitator and Chair for the 1st Replenishment of the Green Climate Fund. In 2011, 2014 and 2017 he chaired three Replenishment Consultations of the International Fund for Agricultural Development. From 2005-2010 he was Director of the Wolfensohn Center for Development at Brookings. Before that, he worked for three decades at the World Bank, including as the Bank's Vice President for Financial Policy and Resource Mobilization and Vice President for Europe and Central Asia. He has a long-standing research and advisory engagement in Central Asia with a special focus on CAREC and the CAREC Institute. In 2022 he served as lead author for the CAREC Climate Change Scoping Study.</p> <p>He holds a bachelor degree from Oxford University (UK) and a doctorate in economics from Cornell University (US).</p>				

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	<i>Last Name</i>	Abuov	<i>First Name</i>	Kenzhekhan
	<i>Institution</i>	Asian Development Bank		
	<i>Department</i>	Regional Cooperation and Integration, Central and West Asia Department		
	<i>Position</i>	Senior Project Officer		
Short Bio				
<p>Mr. Kenzhekhan Abuov is a Senior Project Officer working on a special assignment in the Regional Cooperation and Integration Unit of the Central and West Asia Department (CWRD) of the Asian Development Bank. He is responsible for Climate Change Vision and cross-sectoral assessments, as well as for the energy and tourism sectors in CWRD. Mr. Abuov led the work on promoting the Energy Transition Mechanism in Kazakhstan. He was also part of the team that prepared legal and structural reforms in the Heating sector reforms in Kazakhstan. Mr. Abuov led technical assistance projects in water efficiency, productivity and irrigation and agriculture development. He has more than six years of experience working in ADB and seven years of experience in regional cooperation being part of the CAREC Secretariat. He participated in the establishment of the first economic corridor development project in Central Asia. Prior to joining ADB, he took management positions in the ministries of economy and budget planning, labor and tourism development of Kazakhstan and was responsible for policy and strategy development and international cooperation. He holds a Master of Public Policy from KDI School of Public Policy and Management, Republic of Korea, and a bachelor's degree in economics from Kazakhstan University.</p>				

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	<i>Last Name</i>	Yao	<i>First Name</i>	Yixin
	<i>Institution</i>	Asian Development Bank Institute		
	<i>Department</i>	Research Department		
	<i>Position</i>	Senior Research Fellow		
Short Bio				
<p>Dr. Yao joined the Asian Development Bank Institute (ADBI) as a Senior Research Fellow in September 2021. Before joining ADBI, she worked at the Ministry of Finance (MOF) of the People's Republic of China (PRC) in various capacities, most recently as Director, Division of Finance and Project Programming, Department of International Economic and Finance Cooperation. In this role, she was in charge of preparing the PRC Country Partnership Strategy and leading all loan negotiations between MOF PRC and the World Bank, Asian Development Bank (ADB), KfW, the OPEC Fund for International Development, the Green Climate Fund, and the Governments of Austria and Israel.</p> <p>Prior to that, she worked as the Fund Manager of the ADB-PRC Poverty Reduction and Regional Cooperation Fund at ADB headquarters in Manila and as First Secretary for the Mission of the PRC to the European Union based in Brussels.</p> <p>Throughout her career, she has focused on public finance and fiscal policy, international financial cooperation, sustainable development, green finance, and intellectual property issues. She has also worked as a Senior Fulbright Visiting Scholar at the University of Minnesota and visiting scholar and research fellow at the University of Hong Kong's School of Economics and Finance.</p> <p>She holds a PhD in economics from Northwest University and Lanzhou University, and master's and bachelor's degrees in law from Peking University.</p>				

	<i>Last Name</i>	Ma	<i>First Name</i>	Shengchi
	<i>Institution</i>	Asian Development Bank Institute		
	<i>Department</i>	Research Department		
	<i>Position</i>	Project Assistant		
Short Bio				
<p>Shengchi (Chris) Ma became a Project Assistant at the Asian Development Bank Institute (ADB) in August 2023, after serving as a Research Assistant since March 2023.</p> <p>His research focuses include civil engineering, game theory, sustainability analysis frameworks, and digitalization. Currently, he is a PhD candidate at the Department of International Studies at the University of Tokyo. He earned his master's degree in civil and environmental engineering from Hokkaido University.</p> <p>Prior to joining ADB, he worked as a Junior Fellow at the United Nations University and as a project management professional for five years in Shanghai, People's Republic of China.</p>				


Discussant

	<i>Last Name</i>	Sinha	<i>First Name</i>	Avik
	<i>Institution</i>	Management Development Institute Gurgaon, India		
	<i>Department</i>	Economics & Public Policy		
	<i>Position</i>	Associate Professor		
Short Bio				
<p>Dr. Avik Sinha is an Associate Professor with Economics & Public Policy area at Management Development Institute Gurgaon, India. He is Fellow in Economics from Indian Institute of Management Indore. His research interests include Energy and Environmental Economics, Sustainable Development, and Applied Econometrics. He is now working in the area of policy research for attaining the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), with a special focus on SDG 13, SDG 7, and SDG 8. On methodological front, he is presently working on advanced quantile modeling, decomposition-based inequality assessment, and co-movement analysis.</p>				

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	<i>Last Name</i>	Kumar	<i>First Name</i>	Falendra
	<i>Institution</i>	University of Jammu, India		
	<i>Department</i>	Department of Economics		
	<i>Position</i>	Professor		
Short Bio				
<p>Falendra Kumar is Professor at Department of Economics, University of Jammu, India with specialization in Environmental and Natural Resource Economics, Development Economics and Demography. Prof. Kumar has more than 33 years of teaching and research experience. He is Director, Regional Centre of Expertise in Educational for Sustainable Development under UNDP through UNU, Tokyo and the Visiting Fellow of the CAREC Institute under Visiting Fellow Program 2023. He was Visiting Fellow of the CAREC Institute under Visiting Fellow Program 2021 and an Adjunct Research Fellow to University of South Australia, Adelaide from June 2011 to June 2014. He was awarded Senior Professional Research Fellowship, 2006-2007 by International Water Management Institute, and the Japanese Award for Outstanding Research, 2007 as Semi-Finalist by the Global Development Network, New Delhi. He has completed various inter-disciplinary research projects and published widely in multi-disciplinary perspectives. He holds a Masters, M. Phil, and PhD in Economics.</p>				


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	<i>Last Name</i>	Ozturk	<i>First Name</i>	Ilhan
	<i>Institution</i>	University of Sharjah		
	<i>Department</i>	Department of Finance and Economics		
	<i>Position</i>	Professor		
Short Bio				
<p>Dr. Ilhan Ozturk is Professor of Economics at University of Sharjah, UAE and Nisantasi University, Istanbul, Turkey. His research interests are in the areas of energy and environmental economics, and international economics. The total number of his articles published is more than 290. Of these articles, 270 are listed by ISI Web of Science-Social Sciences Citation Index (SSCI) and Science Citation Index (SCI). His research with an international focus has been published in a number of leading international journals. Dr. Ozturk's research has been cited over 41,000 times in peer-reviewed international journals with H-Index: 100. Recipient of several awards for research and teaching, Dr. Ozturk is an ad-hoc reviewer for various leading international journals and sits on the editorial boards of several refereed international journals. In addition, he is the Editor and Associate Editor of several international refereed journals. Prof. Ozturk is also Highly Cited Researcher in 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022.</p>				


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	Last Name	Liu	First Name	Chang
	Institution	Institute of Russian, East European and Central Asian Studies, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences		
	Department	Central Asia and Caucasus Research Division		
	Position	Assistant Researcher		
Short Bio				
<p>Liu Chang is assistant researcher of Institute of Russian, East European and Central Asian Studies, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences. She earned Ph.D. in International Relations in Chinese Academy of Foreign Affairs and worked as a postdoctoral fellow at Tsinghua University. Her research areas include Central Asian studies, major country relations, international organizations, and more. Ms. Liu Chang has published papers on Central Asia, global governance, and China's diplomacy, and has undertaken research on topics such as the Shanghai Cooperation Organization.</p>				

Discussant

	<i>Last Name</i>	Kayumov	<i>First Name</i>	Abdurasul
	<i>Institution</i>	CAREC Institute		
	<i>Department</i>	Water and Climate		
	<i>Position</i>	International Consultant		
Short Bio				
<p>Abdurasul Kayumov is a water and climate change expert who has worked for a range of international development agencies and donor institutions such as ADB, WB, SDC, USAID, EU, BMZ, BMBF, GIZ, GFA Consulting Group, BORDA etc. He obtained his PhD in transboundary water management from Otto von Guericke University Magdeburg, and studied rural development at Humboldt University Berlin, in Germany. He managed and backstopped several development aid projects in South East Asia, South Asia, Middle East and Central Asia and is an author of several peer-reviewed articles in water management and climate change.</p>				

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	<i>Last Name</i>	Razzaq	<i>First Name</i>	Asif
	<i>Institution</i>	CAREC Institute		
	<i>Department</i>	Research Division		
	<i>Position</i>	Senior Research Specialist		
Short Bio				
<p>Asif Razzaq is Senior Research Specialist at the CAREC Institute. He has earned PhD. in Economic System Analysis and Management from Dalian University of Technology-PR. China His research portfolio comprises digitalization, FDI spillovers, infrastructure development, and environmental sustainability. Currently, Mr. Razzaq leading many projects on climate, and digitalization with ADB and IsDB. He has published more than 60 research papers in reputed journals with 5000+ citations. Previously he worked in commercial and microfinance banks and mainly dealt with SME/Commercial Financing and other related business operations.</p>				

Discussant


Nazarbayev University				
	<i>Last Name</i>	Kapsalyamova	<i>First Name</i>	Zhanna
	<i>Institution</i>	Nazarbayev University		
	<i>Department</i>	Department of Economics		
	<i>Position</i>	Assistant Professor		
Short Bio				
<p>Dr Kapsalyamova is an Assistant Professor of Economics at Nazarbayev University. During her past career she worked as a Deputy Director of the Center for Macroeconomic Research and Quantitative Economic Modeling at the Economic Research Institute under the Ministry of National Economy of Kazakhstan. She was a Fulbright Visiting Scholar at Massachusetts Institute of Technology and postdoctoral research associate at the Masdar Institute of Science and Technology in the United Arab Emirates. She holds her Doctoral degree in Economics from Christian Albrechts University of Kiel. Her research interests lie in Energy Economics, Environmental Economics, and Computable General Equilibrium Modeling.</p>				

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	<i>Last Name</i>	Mogilevskii	<i>First Name</i>	Roman
	<i>Institution</i>	Asian Development Bank		
	<i>Department</i>	Central and West Asia Department		
	<i>Position</i>	Senior Economist		
Short Bio				
<p>Roman Mogilevskii has recently joined Asian Development Bank (ADB). Before that, he worked for different think tanks and universities in Kyrgyzstan and other countries of Central Asia. He has extensive experience researching trade policy, public finance, labour market, social policy, and macroeconomics in Central Asia and Eastern Europe. He advised the governments of Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan and worked as a consultant for many international organizations including different UN agencies and development banks. He has a degree of candidate of physical-mathematical sciences from the Institute of Physics of Earth (Academy of Sciences of the USSR) and the Institute of Mechanics and Seismic Resistance of Structures (Academy of Sciences of Uzbekistan)</p>				


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	<i>Last Name</i>	Symeonidis	<i>First Name</i>	Dimitris
	<i>Institution</i>	Decentralized Solutions Global Network		
	<i>Department</i>	Department of Energy		
	<i>Position</i>	Chairman		
Short Bio				
<p>Dimitris Symeonidis is an energy policy & geopolitical risk advisor specialized on the energy transition, an agroforestry innovator and an educator in climate & the environment. He is the founder of the Decentralized Solutions Global Network (DSGN), which provides boutique advisory services in stakeholders in Sub-Saharan Africa and Central Asia on how to scale deployment of renewable energy and regenerative agriculture services through enabling policy frameworks. His specialization is on Sub-Saharan Africa, Central Asia and South Caucasus, on the geoeconomics of the energy sector.</p> <p>He is an educator, mentor and leader of various youth organizations including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Young Leaders in Energy & Sustainability - Global Energy Community - Energy Sustainability Program - EU Youth Energy Ambassador <p>He is currently a PhD candidate at the University of York in collaboration with SEERC on circular agri-food supply chains.</p>				


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	<i>Last Name</i>	Fenyu	<i>First Name</i>	Zeng
	<i>Institution</i>	Shanghai University of Electric Power (SUEP)		
	<i>Department</i>	International Exchange and Cooperation Office		
	<i>Position</i>	Director		
Short Bio				
<p>Fenyu Zeng is Professor at the Shanghai University of Electric Power (SUEP). She got her Ph.D in 2003 in Xiamen University China, and she was as the Post-Doctoral researcher in Tongji University from 2003-2006. Her research portfolio comprises Urbanization, Regional Economics, Environmental and Resource Economics, Energy Economics, International Trade, and International Marketing.</p> <p>Prof. Zeng has published more than 60 research papers in reputed CSSCI/SCI journals, like <i>Prospect Analysis of Energy Cooperation Between China and Vietnam under the Background of “Belt and Road” Initiative</i>(2021), <i>Study on comprehensive evaluation and countermeasures of natural gas safety in EU</i>(2023), etc.</p> <p>She has led and completed multiple research projects at the provincial and ministerial levels. She is currently the Director of SUEP International Exchange and Cooperation Office and is committed to promoting collaboration between SUEP and other world famous Universities and Research Institutions.</p> <p>She is also the member of the Academic Committee of the School of Economics and Management of SUEP.</p>				


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	<i>Last Name</i>	Sulaimanova	<i>First Name</i>	Burulcha
	<i>Institution</i>	OSCE Academy		
	<i>Department</i>	Economics		
	<i>Position</i>	Postdoctoral research fellow		
Short Bio				
<p>Dr. Burulcha Sulaimanova earned her PhD in Economics from Kyrgyz-Turkish Manas University in 2016. Since 2022 she is serving as a Postdoctoral Research Fellow at the OSCE Academy in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan. Her prior academia experience includes serving as an Assistant Professor at the Economics Department of Kyrgyz-Turkish Manas University, where she was lecturing courses in Macroeconomics, Econometrics, Time Series Analysis and Economic Forecasting.</p> <p>Her research encompasses diverse topics, such as energy transition and gender, employment vulnerability, education-job mismatch, infrastructure impact on trade.</p> <p>Dr. Sulaimanova has publications in peer-reviewed scientific journals such as The Journal of Development Studies, Asia Europe Journal and International Journal of Manpower.</p> <p>Dr. Sulaimanova's contributions have been acknowledged through various awards and honours, including the Certificate of Honor from the Ministry of Education and Science of the Kyrgyz Republic in 2021.</p>				


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	<i>Last Name</i>	ULLAH	<i>First Name</i>	IRFAN
	<i>Institution</i>	Dalian Maritime University		
	<i>Department</i>	Transportation Engineering College		
	<i>Position</i>	Postdoctoral		
Short Bio				
<p>Irfan Ullah is a highly accomplished Postdoctoral researcher at Dalian Maritime University. He earned his PhD in Transportation Engineering from Dalian University of Technology in the People's Republic of China. With a wealth of experience and expertise in his field, Mr. Ullah has established a distinguished research portfolio that encompasses various critical areas within transportation and urban planning. His research interests span a wide spectrum of topics, including: Transport modeling and simulation, Sustainable cities, Sharing Mobility (car sharing, ride-sharing, customized bus, electric vehicles, autonomous vehicles), Traffic safety, Traffic engineering, Travelers Behavior, Intelligent Transportation Systems, Logistics and supply chain management. Over the course of his career, Mr. Ullah has authored and published 20 research papers in well-regarded SSCI/SCI journals, amassing over 350 citations. His extensive academic and professional research experience, spanning approximately six years at Dalian University of Technology in the PRC, has contributed significantly to the advancement of transportation engineering and sustainable urban planning. His dedication and contributions to these fields continue to make a positive impact on the way to approach transportation and urban development.</p>				

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	<i>Last Name</i>	Sharif	<i>First Name</i>	Ilma
	<i>Institution</i>	University of Karachi		
	<i>Department</i>	Applied Economics Research Center		
	<i>Position</i>	Research Scholar		
Short Bio				
<p>Ilma Sharif is a research scholar at the Applied Economics Research Centre, University of Karachi. Her core interest topics are environmental economics and ecological sustainability. Recently, she has published articles in reputed journals such as Frontiers in Environmental Science, Environmental Science and Pollution Research.</p>				

Discussant

	<i>Last Name</i>	Sharif	<i>First Name</i>	Arshian
	<i>Institution</i>	Sunway University		
	<i>Department</i>	Sunway Business School		
	<i>Position</i>	Associate Professor		
Short Bio				
<p>Dr. Arshian Sharif is working as an Associate Professor at Sunway Business School, Sunway University, Malaysia. He received his Ph.D. in Financial Analysis and Policy from the Northern University of Malaysia, Malaysia, in 2021. His teaching and research interests lie in Applied Econometrics, Financial Econometrics, Financial Management Policy, Energy Finance, Energy, and Environmental Economics. He has vast experience in publications and reviewing in top publishers like Elsevier, Taylor & Francis, Wiley, Springer, Sage, Inderscience, etc. Moreover, he has published more than 150 research articles in International Journals (12,000+ citations and H-Index 60). He is serving as an Editor, Associate Editor, member of the Editorial Board, and reviewer of numerous journals. Also, he is among the Top 1% Highly Cited Researchers by Clarivate Analytics 2022 and World's Top 2% Scientists List published by Stanford University.</p>				

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	<i>Last Name</i>	Azhgaliyeva	<i>First Name</i>	Dina
	<i>Institution</i>	Asian Development Bank Institute (ADBI)		
	<i>Position</i>	Research Fellow		
Short Bio				
<p>She joined ADBI as a Research Fellow in July 2019. Previously she worked as a Research Fellow in the energy economics division of the Energy Studies Institute, National University of Singapore. She was a Research Fellow at the Henley Business School, University of Reading (United Kingdom), where she worked on a project entitled “Kazakh-British Centre for Competitiveness.” She also worked as a leading and chief specialist for the Tax Committee at the Ministry of Finance of Kazakhstan.</p> <p>Her research focuses on energy policy, particularly renewable energy, energy efficiency, and energy storage. Dina has published articles on these topics in journals such as Energy Economics, Technological Forecasting and Social Change, Australasian Journal of Environmental Management, Journal of Environmental Management, Energy Policy, and Journal of Sustainable Finance & Investment. She is currently a guest editor for the Applied Energy special issue “Integration of Renewable Energy in Energy Systems, Perspectives on Investment, Technology, and Policy.”</p> <p>She earned her PhD and MSc in economics from the University of Essex (United Kingdom). She also holds an internationally recognized teaching qualification from the Fellow of Higher Education Academy and a qualification in research career management from the Staff Educational and Development Association.</p>				


Discussant

	<i>Last Name</i>	Murshed	<i>First Name</i>	Muntasir
	<i>Institution</i>	Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies (BIDS)		
	<i>Department</i>	General Economics Division		
	<i>Position</i>	Research Associate		
Short Bio				
<p>Muntasir Murshed Research Associate at the Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies (BIDS) in Bangladesh. His core research interests stem from Energy Economics, Environmental Economics, Financial Economics, and Sustainable Development Goals. His expertise include macroeconomic modeling for ensuing energy security and environmental sustainability. Besides, he also specializes in microeconomic modeling of determinants of energy adoption in developing countries. Mr. Murshed has published more than 145 research papers in reputed SSCI/SCI journals and secured 500+ impact factor and 8000+ citations. Previously he worked as Research Analyst at BIDS and also served as Programme Associate at the Centre for Policy Dialogue (CPD) in Bangladesh. He is currently engaged in several research initiatives including joint research collaborations between BIDS and the World Bank.</p>				

Speaker

	<i>Last Name</i>	Ummara	<i>First Name</i>	Razi
	<i>Institution</i>	Sunway University Business School		
	<i>Department</i>	Economics and Finance		
	<i>Position</i>	Research Scholar		
Short Bio				
<p>Ummara Razi is a PhD scholar at Sunway University Business School on a full scholarship. With 12 published papers in esteemed SSCI/SCI journals, she boasts over 350 plus citations. Her research interests include sustainable finance, environmental economics, Banking and Finance, and energy economics. Ummara brings to her academic pursuits a wealth of practical experience, having spent over a decade in the corporate landscape of the banking industry, with a particular specialization in foreign trade management.</p>				

Discussant

	<i>Last Name</i>	Ilhom	<i>First Name</i>	Abdulloev
	<i>Institution</i>	CAREC Institute		
	<i>Department</i>	Knowledge Management Division		
	<i>Position</i>	Senior Specialist on Research and Knowledge Connectivity		
Short Bio				
<p>Ilhom Abdulloev is the Senior Specialist on Research and Knowledge Connectivity at the CAREC Institute. He is also a research fellow at the European Institute for the Study of labor and the Global Labor Organization, and the corresponding member of Engineering Academy of Tajikistan. Abdulloev graduated from the Tajik National University, attended advanced courses on International Trade in the Northeastern University of China, and earned an MLitt from the University of Saint Andrews (UK) and a PhD in economics from Rutgers University (USA).</p>				

Recap

	<i>Last Name</i>	Jing Jing	<i>First Name</i>	Huang
	<i>Institution</i>	Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation Institute		
	<i>Department</i>			
	<i>Position</i>	Deputy Director One		
Short Bio				
<p>Ms. Huang graduated with BA (1991) and MA in Economics (1994) and holds a Ph.D. in management (2000) from Xiamen University, and worked as a Deputy Director of the Teaching and Research Center, Director of Academic Affairs, the Assistant President and the Vice President of Xiamen National Accounting Institute.</p> <p>With ten years at an accounting firm, and over twenty years of academic experience in accounting and audit in higher education, Ms. Huang holds the title of the national leading accountant (academic) and an outstanding teacher in Xiamen. She is a member of the Internal Control Standards Committee of the Ministry of Finance of the People's Republic of China, a council member of the Accounting Society of China and the Chinese Institute of Certified Public Accountants. And she is a distinguished professor with strong expertise on audit, financial fraud prevention and internal control.</p>				

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Chair

	<i>Last Name</i>	Umar	<i>First Name</i>	Khalid
	<i>Institution</i>	Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation Institute		
	<i>Department</i>	Strategic Planning Division		
	<i>Position</i>	Chief		


Short Bio

Mr. Khalid Umar is the Chief of the Strategic Planning Division (SPD) and Coordinator of the CAREC Think Tank Network (CTTN) at the CAREC Institute (CI). He joined CI in late 2016 and has been instrumental in the conception, design, and implementation of CI's long-term strategies, and operational plans, building strategic alliances and establishing and nurturing networks and partnerships. At CI, he also held the portfolio of the head of finance, HR, and administration for a year and worked with a group of ADB-supported consultants to draft rules, regulations, and procedures for streamlining financial and human resource management. His professional interests include strategic management, economic policy, regional cooperation and integration (RCI), financial inclusion, fintech, and partnerships and alliances.

Earlier in his career, as a civil servant, he has worked in various departments in the government of Pakistan, including the Prime Minister's office, the office of the Auditor General of Pakistan, and PIFRA – a World Bank-funded project – on multiple assignments in economic policy and public financial management. Before joining the civil service, Khalid worked in the NGO sector in Pakistan.

Khalid is a Fulbright Scholar and holds an MA degree in International Economics and Finance from Brandeis University, Massachusetts, the USA, and another master's degree in economics from Quaid-e-Azam University, Islamabad, Pakistan. He attended two courses on disruptive strategy and strategic management at Harvard Business School and Wharton Business School (Online).

Speaker


	<i>Last Name</i>	Daud Butt	<i>First Name</i>	Hassan
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	<i>Department</i>	Management studies		
	<i>Position</i>	Associate Professor		

Author I

Dr. Hassan Daud Butt is an International Projects Management specialist and is currently serving as **Associate Professor at Bahria University, Islamabad since Nov 2022**. Prior to that, He has served as **CEO Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Provincial Board of Investment & Trade (KP-BOIT) (Aug 2019–Nov 2022)**. In January 2020, he was assigned additional charge of **CEO Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Special Economic Zones Authority (KP-SEZA)**. He articulated the **5-year investment strategy for KP and KP's Industrial Policy 2020 and Commerce & Trade Strategy**.

Previously, as **Project Director/Dy PD of China China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) (2016-2019)**. He has also served as a **Diplomat (2009-2013) in the Embassy of Pakistan, Beijing, China, and Hanoi, Vietnam**, . He was **awarded the Medal of Honour by the Chinese Government in 2013** for improving relations between both countries and **also awarded the prestigious Dongfang Fellowship/ Scholarship at Peking University by the Chinese Government**.


He is an Advisor and Research Fellow for many local and foreign think tanks including **SDPI, Kashi University, Institute of Strategic Studies Islamabad (ISSI)**, and a member of the Academic Committee at **China Global Governance Institution (CGGI)**, Beijing **Centre for China and Globalization**, Beijing. He is the author of several research articles and **publications focusing on Globalization, industrial management, and BRI**.

	<i>Last Name</i>	Ahmed	<i>First Name</i>	Dr. Zainab
	<i>Institution</i>	Lahore Garrison University		
	<i>Department</i>	International Relations		
	<i>Position</i>	Assistant Professor and Chairperson of the Department of International Relations		

Short Bio-Author II

Dr. Zainab Ahmed is Assistant Professor and Chairperson of Department of International Relations at Lahore Garrison University, University and is Associate Editor of Academic Journal of Social Sciences. She did her PhD in International Relations from Punjab University, Lahore. She has 12 national and international publications as has been associated with various national and international research projects. As member of the review panels of three research journals she contributes peer review. In four national and international books, her chapters have been published. Her areas of interest are Water security, Environmental security, National Security, Regional Connectivity and Strategic Communication.


Discussant

	<i>Last Name</i>	Surry	<i>First Name</i>	Agnes
	<i>Institution</i>	ADB Institute		
	<i>Department</i>	Capacity Building and Training Department		
	<i>Position</i>	Senior Capacity Building and Training Economist		
Short Bio				
<p>Agnes Surry is a Senior Capacity Building and Training Economist at the Asian Development Bank Institute (ADB I). Her areas of interest include development and public finance, climate change adaptation, gender equality, social policies, fiscal policies, public debt sustainability, resource mobilization, and country risk analysis. She is seconded from the Asian Development Bank (ADB), where she worked in the Strategy, Policy, and Partnerships Department for more than 6 years. As senior planning and policy specialist, she supported policy work including country classification processes to determine access to concessional finance and reforms to provide better solutions to ADB developing member countries. She led the replenishment of the Asian Development Fund 13 in 2020, which is the main ADB grant facility. Prior to joining ADB, she worked at the African Development Bank as a resource mobilization expert and at the Treasury of France as a social economist and policy analyst. She has a master's degree in international economics (development) and bachelor's degrees in econometrics and social sciences from Sciences Po Paris and École Normale Supérieure de Lyon, France.</p>				

Speaker


	<i>Last Name</i>	Xin	<i>First Name</i>	Fu
	<i>Institution</i>	Hohai University		
	<i>Department</i>	Business School		
	<i>Position</i>	PhD		
Short Bio				
<p>Xin Fu is a PhD in accounting, doctoral supervisor, deputy director of accounting in Business School of Hohai University. He is a Candidates of the International Accounting Talents of the Ministry of Finance in China and a key researcher of the Jiangsu Provincial University Collaborative Innovation Center (World Water Valley and Water Ecological Civilization),</p>				

previously visited Marshall Business School at University of Southern California, Accounting Department of National University of Singapore, and City University of Hong Kong.

	<i>Last Name</i>	Sheng	<i>First Name</i>	Ran
	<i>Institution</i>	Hohai University		
	<i>Department</i>	Business School		
	<i>Position</i>	PhD student		

Short Bio

Ran Sheng is a current PhD student in business administration major at the Hohai University. She embarked on her academic journey with a B.S. in Accounting from Nanjing University of Finance and Economics and the University of Exeter in 2018. She further studied in Durham University with a Master's degree.


	<i>Last Name</i>	Zhang	<i>First Name</i>	Changzheng
	<i>Institution</i>	Hohai University		
	<i>Department</i>	Business School		
	<i>Position</i>	PhD		

Short Bio

Zhang Changzheng is a PhD in management, doctoral supervisor, Vice Dean of the Business School, and Deputy Director of the Industrial Economics Research Institute. He is a key researcher and office director of the Jiangsu Provincial University Collaborative Innovation Center (World Water Valley and Water Ecological Civilization), key researcher of the Jiangsu Provincial Party Committee and Government Decision Consulting Base (Enterprise

Internationalization), previously visited Columbia University Water Center (CWC), and a member of the Jiangsu Talent Association.

Discussant

	<i>Last Name</i>	Li	<i>First Name</i>	Shi
	<i>Institution</i>	Xiamen National Accounting Institute		
	<i>Position</i>	Associate Professor of Accounting Vice Dean, Research Centre of Financial Accounting and Auditing		

Short Bio

Ms. Li Shi is an Associate Professor of Accounting as well as the Vice-dean of the Research Centre of Financial Accounting and Auditing at Xiamen National Accounting Institute. Her main teaching and research areas are financial accounting, corporate finance, and securities investment. She hosted and participated in a number of National Natural and Societal Science funding projects, Provincial projects and projects funded by World Bank, participated in the writing of five monographs in both English and Chinese, including *Contemporary Challenges in Corporate Governance* (Oxford Publishing). In addition, she serves as an independent director of listed companies such as Xiamen Rural Commercial Bank Co., Ltd. and Dnake (Xiamen) Intelligent Technology Co., Ltd.


Prior to that, Ms. Li worked in the Board Office of Zijin Mining Group Co., Ltd, as well as the finance department of Starbucks Coffee Corporation in Australia, which brought her rich working and practical experience.

Ms. Li started her teaching career at Xiamen National Accounting Institute in 2013. For her, this is a challenging job, but also a sacred profession filled with happiness and gratitude. She has won many honors in her teaching career. Since 2020, she has been awarded as the Excellent Supervisor of MPAcc Case Competition for three consecutive years. In 2022, she won the Teaching Achievement Award of Xiamen National Accounting Institute. Moreover, she has achieved several academic achievements and has published more than 30 papers in academic journals such as *North American Journal of Economics and Finance*, *World Economy*, *Nankai Business Review International*.

Ms. Li graduated from the Business School of University of Sydney with a bachelor's degree in Accounting and Management in 2004, and a master's degree in Accounting in 2006. In

2013, she graduated from the Department of Accounting of Xiamen University with a Doctor's degree in Accounting. From 2019 to 2020, she was a visiting scholar at Boston College.


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	<i>Last Name</i>	Shahzad	<i>First Name</i>	Mohsin
	<i>Institution</i>	Liaoning Normal University, China		
	<i>Department</i>	LNU-MSU College of International Business		
	<i>Position</i>	Associate Professor		
Short Bio				
<p>Mohsin Shahzad is working as an Associate Professor at LNU-MSU College of International Business, Liaoning Normal University, Dalian, China. Before that, he completed his Postdoc Fellowship and Ph.D. from the School of Economics and Management, Dalian University of Technology, Dalian, China. His research mainly includes adopting green technology, sustainable development, CSR, green innovation, and knowledge management. He has published more than 45 research articles in top-tier international journals such as Business Strategy and the Environment, Journal of Knowledge Management, Journal of Cleaner Production, Journal of Innovation and Knowledge, Operations Management Research, Journal of Environmental Planning and Management, Internet Research, Asia Pacific Journal of Marketing and Logistics, Information Technology & People, Sustainability, etc. He also participated in various conferences, such as Resilient Networks POMS International Conference 2022. He is also the guest editor and reviewer of many SSCI/SCI International Journals. He has many highly cited papers (top 1 %) and hot papers (top 0.1 %) during 2020 and 2022. He has more than 2000 scholarly citations, and his Google h-index is 21.</p>				


Discussant

	<i>Last Name</i>	Khan	<i>First Name</i>	Adnan
	<i>Institution</i>	University of Waikato's Joint institute (Hangzhou City University)		
	<i>Department</i>	School of Management		
	<i>Position</i>	Senior Lecturer in Management		
Short Bio				
<p>Adnan Khan is a Senior Lecturer of Management at the University of Waikato, New Zealand, stationed at the Hangzhou campus, in China. Prior to his current position, he served as a post-doctoral researcher at the School of Management, Jiangsu University, China. Adnan Khan obtained his Ph.D. from Dongbei University of Finance and Economics in Dalian, China, and holds an MBA from the University of Wales, UK. Additionally he has published his research work in several Esteemed Journals such as Journal of Environmental Planning and Management, Journal of Innovation and Knowledge, Journal of Cleaner Production, European Journal of Innovation Management, Journal of Creativity and Innovation and Journal of Current Psychology etc.</p>				


Speaker


	<i>Last Name</i>	Deng	<i>First Name</i>	Yujia
	<i>Institution</i>	Xinjiang Agricultural University		
	<i>Department</i>	School of Economics and management		
	<i>Position</i>	Associate Professor		
Short Bio				
<p>Deng Yujia is Associate Professor at the School of Economics and management, Xinjiang Agricultural University. She has earned PhD. in World Economy from Xinjiang University,. China. Her research portfolio comprises Resource Allocation and policy in Central Asia, agricultural trade, and industrial cooperation model. Ms. Deng has published more than 10 research papers in Core Chinese journals. She has been working at Xinjiang Agricultural University since 2017. She presided over the provincial-level subjects above 5, as the main participants to complete the national social science fund and other levels of subjects 7.</p>				

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	<i>Last Name</i>	Abdullaev		Iskandar
	<i>Institution</i>	Centre for International Development and Environmental Research (ZEU), Justus Liebig University, Giessen, Germany		
	<i>Position</i>	Visiting Professor	<i>Country</i>	Uzbekistan
Short Bio				
<p>Dr. Iskandar Abdullaev holds MSc and PhD degrees from Tashkent Institute of Irrigation and Agriculture Mechanization Engineers (TIAME), Tashkent, Uzbekistan. Part of his PhD work Dr. Abdullaev conducted at Iowa State University (ISU), Iowa, USA. Dr. Abdullaev have intensive training and education programmes in Israel (1996-1997), USA (1999) and the Netherlands, (2000), Switzerland (2002). Dr. Iskandar Abdullaev has over 25 years of experience in water management, water institutions, environmental activities in Afghanistan and five Central Asian countries.</p> <p>Dr, Iskandar Abdullaev currently Visiting Professor of Centre for International Development and Environmental Research (ZEU), Justus Liebig University, Giessen, Germany. Dr. Iskandar Abdullaev worked as Deputy Director II of Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation (CAREC) Institute in 2019- 2023 From 2013-2019 Dr. Abdullaev worked as an Executive Director of Regional Environmental Center (CAREC) for Central Asia.</p> <p>Prior joining of CAREC in 2009-2013, Dr. Abdullaev worked as Regional advisor for Germany’s Berlin Initiative- Transboundary Water Management in Central Asia (Programme) at the German Society for International Cooperation (GIZ). During 2007-2009, he worked in position of Senior Researcher at ZEF Centre for Development Research University of Bonn (Germany) and conducted research in Central Asia and Afghanistan.</p> <p>During 2001-2007, Dr. Abdullaev worked as a regional researcher at International Water Management Institute (Headquarters in Sri Lanka). His research focus included Central Asia, Iran, Pakistan, Thailand and Sri-Lanka.</p> <p>Dr. Abdullaev very well linked with research, scientific societies of the region and worldwide. He is member of International Water Resources Association (IWRA), member of editorial boards of few internationally peer reviewed journals.</p> <p>Dr. Abdullaev author of 3 monographic books, over 30 peer reviewed articles, policy papers and presented more than 150 conference papers. Dr. Abdullaev have been regular guest and key-note speaker at the many international conferences such as Annual World Water Weeks, World Water Forums.</p>				

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	<i>Last Name</i>	Kadri	<i>First Name</i>	Adeel
	<i>Institution</i>	Manzil Pakistan		
	<i>Department</i>	Social Sector Research Unit		
	<i>Position</i>	Senior Researcher		
Short Bio				
<p>Mr. Adeel Sultan Kadri brings a wealth of academic and research experience, and is a part of Manzil's Social Sector Research Unit. He has strong analytical background in quantitative (time series, cross sectional and macro-economic modelling framework) and qualitative research methods, provide firm basis to conduct research in economic policy and socio-economic areas. His research interest includes International Trade, Regional Integration, Public Sector Economics with a key focus on Public Policy. He has numerous research publications to his credit.</p>				

	<i>Last Name</i>	Musa	<i>First Name</i>	Muhammad
	<i>Institution</i>	Manzil Pakistan		
	<i>Department</i>	Law Research Unit		
	<i>Position</i>	Senior Research Assistant		
Short Bio				
<p>Mr. Muhammad Musa is a law graduate and working in Manzil Pakistan in 2021 as a Senior Research Assistant in the Law Research Unit. He is well versed in Contract law, International law and International Trade regulation and has a taste for writing in the said subjects. He strives to utilize his abilities to bring positive changes in the society by suggesting transformations for them in accordance with the needs of the society.</p>				


Discussant

	<i>Last Name</i>	Samad	<i>First Name</i>	Ghulam
	<i>Institution</i>	Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation Institute		
	<i>Department</i>	Research Division		
	<i>Position</i>	Senior Research Specialist		
Short Bio				
<p>Dr. Ghulam Samad is a Senior Research Specialist at the Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation (CAREC) Institute, ADB. Before joining CAREC Institute, Dr. Samad was a Senior Research Economist at the Pakistan Institute of Development Economics (PIDE), Ministry of Planning, Development and Special Initiatives. Dr. Samad also served as an Economist at the Planning Commission of Pakistan. Dr. Samad holds a Ph.D. in Economics from Colorado State University, USA. He brings together an experience spanning over 15 years of high-level research and teaching and providing valuable contributions to peer-reviewed national and international journals and several international books on key economic themes. As a consultant, Dr. Samad worked for International Development Research Centre (IDRC) Canada, World Bank, Asian Development Bank, United Nations Development Program (UNDP), United Nations Environmental Program (UNEP), and UN World Intellectual Property Organization (WTO).</p>				

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	<i>Last Name</i>	Zhaksybayeva	<i>First Name</i>	Nurlyaiym
	<i>Institution</i>	Nazarbayev University		
	<i>Department</i>	Research Centre for Entrepreneurship (NURCE)		
	<i>Position</i>	Research Fellow		
Short Bio				
<p>Nurlyaiym Zhaksybayeva is a Research Fellow at Nazarbayev University's Research Center for Entrepreneurship (NURCE).</p> <p>Nurlyaiym is a Chevenor for 2023-2024, and a graduate student in the London School of Economics and Political Science. She has over seven years of research experience in public policy area, specifically in business climate, trade policy, regional and urban policy. She worked at the governmental think-tanks such as QazTrade and QazIndustry in Kazakhstan. Nurlyaiym was an expert of the Industry Change Management Program of the Government of Kazakhstan (2020).</p> <p>Nurlyaiym has a master's degree in public policy from Nazarbayev University (2016).</p>				

Discussant


	<i>Last Name</i>	Mahmudov	<i>First Name</i>	Rovshan
	<i>Institution</i>	CAREC Institute		
	<i>Department</i>	Capacity Building Division		
	<i>Position</i>	Senior Capacity Building Specialist		
Short Bio				
<p>Mr. Mahmudov is an international trade expert with over 15 years of experience in trade negotiation, capacity building, and management. He is currently the CAREC Institute's Senior Capacity Building Specialist, responsible for designing and delivering trade-related capacity-building activities in support of the CAREC Program (ADB), utilizing his expertise as a trade resource person to lead sessions at relevant events.</p> <p>Prior to joining the CAREC Institute, Mr. Mahmudov was the Head of the Trade Division at the Ministry of Economy of the Republic of Azerbaijan, a position developing trade policy and proposing recommendations, including regulatory policies and strategies to promote foreign trade and commerce, as well as working closely with the CAREC Program's trade-related projects.</p> <p>He obtained his MA degree in international trade and economic cooperation from Kyung Hee University (South Korea). He holds a BA diploma in Economics from Karadeniz Technical University (Turkiye).</p>				

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Chair

	<i>Last Name</i>	Holz hacker	<i>First Name</i>	Hans
	<i>Institution</i>	Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation Institute		
	<i>Position</i>	Chief Economist		
Short Bio				
<p>Before joining the CAREC Institute, Hans was for two years Lead economist for Central Asia with the EBRD, based in Almaty, Kazakhstan. Hans has 30 years of experience as an economist focusing on transition economies. Hans was chief economist at Golomt Bank in Mongolia and of ATFBank in Kazakhstan. He was also teaching at the Turan the Narxoz universities in Almaty. Earlier, he was a Vienna-based senior economist focused on Russia and Ukraine for Bank Austria, a member of UniCredit group, and was also in charge of CEE country rating. Hans was Senior Economist covering the Czech Republic, Slovakia, Slovenia and Ukraine at the Institute of International Finance in Washington, DC from 1999-2001, Head of Country Risk/Research at GiroCredit Research, Investmentbank Austria, from 1993-99, and Central European Economist at the Nomura Research Institute from 1989-93.</p> <p>Hans holds a Ph.D. in Sociology and a Masters in Economics from the University of Vienna, and completed a postgraduate scholarship at the Economics Department of the Institute for Advanced Studies in Vienna.</p>				


Panelist

	<i>Last Name</i>	Aziz	<i>First Name</i>	Imran
	<i>Institution</i>	IMF CCAMTAC		
	<i>Position</i>	PFM Advisor		
Short Bio				
<p>Imran Aziz has 20 years' experience in financial management in the public sector, specializing in PFM reform processes, public investment management, budgeting and fiscal risks management. Since 2013 he has worked with the IMF to support over 27 developing and middle-income countries through technical assistance and diagnostic assessments. Prior to this he worked as an advisor based in Ministries of Finance in Uganda, Liberia and Mozambique for over seven years after beginning his career in the UK civil service with HM treasury and DFID.</p>				


Panelist

	<i>Last Name</i>	Zheng	<i>First Name</i>	Yuan
	<i>Institution</i>	New Development Bank		
	<i>Department</i>	Strategy, Policies and Partnerships Department		
	<i>Position</i>	Climate Specialist		
Short Bio				
<p>Ms. Yuan ZHENG works as a Climate Specialist at the Strategy, Policies and Partnerships Department of the New Development Bank (NDB). She leads the climate workstream at NDB, including the development of the Bank's strategic approach on just transition, climate finance tracking and reporting, as well as Paris Alignment assessment. She represents NDB at varied discussion forums, including diverse joint MDB working groups related to climate change, the G20 Sustainable Finance Working Group and the United Nations Climate Change Conferences etc. Prior to joining NDB, she worked as an Economist at United Nations Development Program (UNDP), China.</p> <p>Yuan holds a Ph.D. in Environmental Economics from University of Copenhagen. She gained a Joint-Double MSc. in Sustainable Forest and Natural Resource Management from University of Copenhagen and University of Gottingen.</p>				


Panelists

	<i>Last Name</i>	TAGHIZADEH-HESARY	<i>First Name</i>	Farhad
	<i>Institution</i>	Tokai University and The International Society for Energy Transition Studies (ISETS)		
	<i>Department</i>	School of Global Studies		
	<i>Position</i>	Associate Professor and Vice-President		
<p>Short Bio</p> <p>Dr. Farhad Taghizadeh-Hesary, an associate professor at Tokai University, Japan, is also a co-founder and vice president of the International Society for Energy Transition Studies (ISETS). In 2022, he earned recognition on Clarivate's Highly Cited Researchers list. In 2023, Japan's Minister of Education honored him with the Medal and Commendation for Science and Technology for exceptional contributions to renewable energy financing research. He serves as Editor-In-Chief of the <i>Journal of Environmental Assessment Policy and Management</i> and holds editorial roles in several other journals and a book series on <i>Energy Transition, Carbon Neutrality, and Sustainability</i>. With 300+ academic papers and 22 edited books, he holds a Ph.D. in economics from Keio University, Japan.</p>				


Panelist


	<i>Last Name</i>	Wang	<i>First Name</i>	Meng
	<i>Institution</i>	Chinese Academy of Sciences		
	<i>Department</i>			
	<i>Position</i>	Senior Geologist		
Short Bio				
<p>Meng WANG is a Senior Geologist in the Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS) and the past president of the Young Earth Scientists (YES) Network which is an international scientific organization with more than 5000 members of young and early career earth scientists. He was nominated as the Executive Secretary of World Youth Scientist Summit (WYSS) and the Secretary general of World Association of Young Scientists (WAYS) since 2019, which led the young generation of scientists to dialogue with senior scientists, entrepreneurs, and innovators with strong support from the government, industries and scientific communities. He is currently leading several national and international scientific research projects on climate, environment, and industry to implement the SDGs into action, as well as the leading member of SDGs realited international organizations such as Youth UNESCO Climate Action Network (YoU CAN), IUCN WCPA Geoconservation & Climate Change Working Group and so on.</p> <p>Meng started his career in the Ministry of Natural Resources of China in scientific counselling and project management, and transferred to China Minmetals Group, which is a world leading company in mining industry, and then to the CAS in 2017. This has given him very good experience with government, industry, and science. He is also the adjunct professor of Bologna University in Raw Materials Exploration and Sustainability (RaMES).</p> <p>Meng is doing his second PhD in geological record track to rebuild the paleo-climate and paleo-environment in Mesozoic in Chinese Academy of Sciences and holds two bachelors and two master's degrees in Geology with Law and Economy. He completed the Master exchange program in the United Nations University (UNU) on Building Resilience to Climate Change in 2011.</p>				

Panelist

	<i>Last Name</i>	Dosmagambet	<i>First Name</i>	Yergali
	<i>Institution</i>	MYB Policy Advice		
	<i>Department</i>			
	<i>Position</i>	Chief Executive Officer and Founder		
Short Bio				
<p>Yergali Dosmagambet has obtained Ph.D in Development Economics from University of Clermont Auvergne, Center for Studies and Research on International Development (CERDI) in 2008. His thesis was entitled as “Technological Absorptive Capacity and Productivity Dynamics with a Special Reference to Kazakhstan”. Dr Dosmagambet has gained work experience from the National (Central) Bank and Agency for regulating Monopolies and Competition Protection of Kazakhstan. He also served as a vice-governor of Atyrau Oblast. He spent a six-month fellowship at University of Pennsylvania and a four-month sabbatical at University of Maryland. He provided substantial consulting services to international and national institutions such as World Bank, OECD, EBRD and others.</p> <p>Dr Dosmagambet completed a three-year term contract with CAREC Institute from 2016 to 2019 years as the first deputy director on capacity building and research activities. He has research publications and his research interests cover a broad area of public policy.</p>				

<CLOSING SESSION>

	<i>Last Name</i>	Holzacker	<i>First Name</i>	Hans
	<i>Institution</i>	Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation Institute		
	<i>Position</i>	Chief Economist		
Short Bio				
<p>Before joining the CAREC Institute, Hans was for two years Lead economist for Central Asia with the EBRD, based in Almaty, Kazakhstan. Hans has 30 years of experience as an economist focusing on transition economies. Hans was chief economist at Golomt Bank in Mongolia and of ATFBank in Kazakhstan. He was also teaching at the Turan the Narxoz universities in Almaty. Earlier, he was a Vienna-based senior economist focused on Russia and Ukraine for Bank Austria, a member of UniCredit group, and was also in charge of CEE country rating. Hans was Senior Economist covering the Czech Republic, Slovakia, Slovenia and Ukraine at the Institute of International Finance in Washington, DC from 1999-2001, Head of Country Risk/Research at GiroCredit Research, Investmentbank Austria, from 1993-99, and Central European Economist at the Nomura Research Institute from 1989-93.</p> <p>Hans holds a Ph.D. in Sociology and a Masters in Economics from the University of Vienna, and completed a postgraduate scholarship at the Economics Department of the Institute for Advanced Studies in Vienna.</p>				

	<i>Last Name</i>	Jurazoda	<i>First Name</i>	Kabir
	<i>Institution</i>	Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation (CAREC) Institute		
	<i>Position</i>	Director		
Short Bio				
<p>Mr. Jurazoda has over 25 years of professional experience in public service and public finance management, regional economic cooperation and integration, public social policy, strategic planning, monitoring, and evaluation.</p> <p>Prior to joining the CAREC Institute, Mr. Jurazoda was an Advisor, Office of the Assistant to the President of the Republic of Tajikistan for Economic Affairs. He was also the First Deputy Chairman to the Committee of Youth, Sport and Tourism under the Government of Tajikistan from 2006 until 2014 and Deputy Chairman to the Committee of Youth Affairs under the Government of Tajikistan since 2003 until 2006. He also has experience in international organizations working as a National Coordinator to the World Bank Project on Creating Socio-Economic Opportunities for Youth in the Republic of Tajikistan in 2007-2010.</p> <p>Mr. Jurazoda holds MA in Political Sciences and International Relations from the Tajik State University and to date, he is completing his Dissertation on “Influence of World and Regional Integration Processes on Tajikistan’s Development” for a Ph.D. in Economics.</p>				