



# Newsletter

## CAREC Institute’s 6th Advisory Council Meeting Establishes Strategic Pathways for Regional Development

The CAREC Institute (CI) convened its 6th Advisory Council meeting on 26 August 2024, bringing together the Institute’s leadership, Advisory Council members, and key stakeholders to set strategic directions and evaluate ongoing initiatives. This meeting was characterized by in-depth discussions, insightful presentations, and interactive feedback sessions aimed at enhancing the Institute’s regional development impact.

The session opened with remarks from Mr. Kabir Jurazoda, Director of the CAREC Institute, and Dr. Lyaziza Sabyrova, Regional Head of Cooperation and Integration at the Asian Development Bank (ADB), who extended a warm welcome and provided a comprehensive progress update since the previous Advisory Council meeting. Mr. Jurazoda underscored the successful implementation of strategies that have significantly improved the Institute’s operational effectiveness and strategic clarity.

The first session featured a presentation by Mr. Craig Steffensen, ADB CAREC consultant, who shared preliminary findings from the CAREC Strategy 2030 Mid-Term Review. He highlighted notable advancements in regional connectivity, trade facilitation, and economic diversification while addressing the challenges of post-pandemic recovery and climate change. His presentation outlined six critical recommendations advocating for a climate-smart development approach and stronger multilateral cooperation.

In the pivotal second session, Mr. Jurazoda introduced the CI’s Revitalization Plan, developed in collaboration with ADB and the Ministry of Finance of the People’s Republic of China (PRC). This strategic framework aims to ensure financial sustainability and align initiatives more closely with regional needs, with an emphasis on impactful activities, strategic partnerships, and maintaining high-quality outputs.

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Group Photo from the CAREC Institute’s 6th Advisory Council Meeting

Dr. Kuat Akizhanov, Deputy Director Two at the CAREC Institute, led the third session, which focused on operational priorities for 2025-2026. He proposed a streamlined approach to managing multiple priorities with limited resources and emphasized refining the Institute’s thematic focus to enhance the relevance and impact of its activities.

Throughout the day, Advisory Council members and key stakeholders engaged actively in each session, offering valuable comments and recommendations. Their insights were crucial in aligning the CAREC Strategy 2030 Mid-Term Review with CI’s developmental and strategic objectives, revitalization plans, and operational priorities for the next two years. A notable moment was the virtual intervention by Mr. Zhan Shu from the PRC Ministry of Finance, who reaffirmed the ministry’s unwavering support for CI’s revitalization efforts, emphasizing a sustained commitment to the Institute’s strategic advancement.

In the afternoon, Dr. Sabyrova skillfully moderated the Chai Talk brainstorming session, fostering a dynamic exchange of ideas among Advisory Council members. Their critical feedback and strategic suggestions played a key role in refining CI’s strategic direction. The discussions highlighted CI’s dedication to regional cooperation and identified crucial strategic priorities, including climate change mitigation, energy solutions, and corridor performance measurement and monitoring. Additionally, the discussions addressed optimizing the use of Advisory Council members’ expertise, improving management structures, recruiting top talent, financial sustainability, and implementing operational enhancements to boost efficiency and effectiveness.

Mr. Jurazoda expressed his gratitude, stating, “The insights shared today are foundational for the CAREC Institute, offering invaluable guidance from our Advisory Council members and key stakeholders that will be instrumental in shaping our strategic direction. We are committed to enhancing our operational capabilities, deepening our research, and reinforcing our role as a catalyst for regional cooperation and integration.”

In conclusion, Dr. Jingjing Huang, Deputy Director One at the CAREC Institute, expressed deep gratitude to all Advisory Council members, the ADB, and the PRC Ministry of Finance for their engaged participation and invaluable contributions. These inputs are set to substantially shape the Institute’s strategic initiatives, facilitating sustained advancement in regional development and cooperation. The Advisory Council Meeting continues to be an essential forum for the exchange of innovative ideas and the progression of the Institute’s knowledge-driven agenda.



On-Site Photo from the CAREC Institute’s 6th Advisory Council Meeting

# CAREC Think Tank Development Forum: Regional Leaders Champion Climate Action and Strategic Growth

The Eighth CAREC Think Tank Development Forum concluded successfully in Almaty, drawing over 120 participants from across the CAREC region and beyond. This two-day event focused on “The Climate Challenge: Thinking Beyond Borders for Collective Action,” serving as a platform for intensive dialogue and strategic planning on climate change.

## Day One: Setting the Stage for Climate Action

The forum opened with a compelling call to action by Mr. Kabir Jurazoda, Director of the CAREC Institute, who underscored the severe economic impacts of climate change in the CAREC region and the urgent need for coordinated regional strategies.

Prominent keynote speakers emphasized the importance of regional cooperation in addressing climate challenges. Mr. Yang Yingming, Vice President of the Asian Development Bank (ADB), delivered the opening speech, reinforcing **the ADB’s commitment to supporting the CAREC Institute and aligning its programs with the CAREC 2030 Strategy**. He also highlighted ADB’s efforts to bridge climate financing gaps, noting, “In response to identified climate financing gaps within these countries, we are actively progressing with the CAREC Climate and Sustainability Project Preparatory Fund (CSPPF), supported by ADB, with contributions from various multilateral and bilateral sources.”

The forum was also honored by a keynote speech from Ms. Assel Sarsenbayeva, Chairman of the Management Board of the Economic Research Institute and Member of the Board of Directors at the Ministry of National Economy of Kazakhstan. She detailed Kazakhstan’s commitment to achieving carbon neutrality by 2060, enhancing renewable energy use, and adhering to strict environmental, social, and governance (ESG) principles.

Throughout the day, participants engaged in discussions on global climate initiatives, sub-regional strategies, and the role of innovative technologies in climate mitigation and adaptation. The forum also showcased research from the CAREC Think Tank Network (CTTN) Research Grants Program, emphasizing the importance of academic contributions to regional climate solutions.

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Group Photo from the 8th CAREC Think Tank Development

## Day Two: Addressing Climate Finance and Institutional Growth

The second day of the forum focused on financial and institutional aspects of climate action, with discussions centering on the significant gap between global climate finance commitments and actual disbursements. Participants called for substantial and sustained investments to support effective climate strategies.

Key sessions explored how to create a conducive policy environment for private sector engagement in climate initiatives. Representatives from the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP), Eurasian Development Bank (EDB), ADB, and other institutions shared insights on mobilizing resources to bridge the climate finance gap and foster innovations in green technologies.

Dr. Kuat Akizhanov, Deputy Director Two of the CAREC Institute, moderated a session on the sustainability of think tanks in the CAREC region, discussing strategies for navigating complex political and business environments while maintaining independence and driving institutional growth.

### Strategic Achievements and Future Directions

The forum provided an update on the progress of the CAREC Think Tank Network (CTTN). Dr. Hans Holzacker, Chief Economist at the CAREC Institute, highlighted key achievements in 2024, including the development of research papers, the launch of the CTTN Talk Series, and the establishment of 23 Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) aimed at strengthening regional collaboration.

The forum concluded with closing remarks from Dr. Jingjing Huang, Deputy Director One of the CAREC Institute, who expressed gratitude for the rich exchange of ideas and reinforced the institute's commitment to continued collaboration among regional stakeholders. "Today's deliberations have laid a robust foundation for our future collaborative efforts," remarked Mr. Kabir Jurazoda, reflecting on the forum's outcomes.

### Looking Ahead

The CAREC Institute remains dedicated to fostering a sustainable and resilient future for the CAREC region through innovative research, strategic partnerships, and impactful dialogue.



On-site Photo from the 8th CAREC Think Tank Development Forum

# Fourth CAREC Institute Annual Research Conference in Almaty Charts New Pathways for Sustainable Development in the CAREC Region



Group Photo from the 4th CAREC Institute Annual Research Conference

The CAREC Institute's 4th Annual Research Conference, hosted at KIMEP University, concluded on 30 August 2024, marking a pivotal moment in advancing sustainable development strategies within the CAREC region. This significant event brought together over 70 prominent figures from academia, policy circles, development partners, and industry, all committed to forging pathways for green, innovative, and inclusive growth.

Held in person for the first time, the conference was a collaborative effort involving KIMEP University's College of Social Sciences, the China & Central Asia Studies Center, and the ADB-PRC Regional Knowledge Sharing Initiative (RKSI). Strong support was also provided by the Asian Development Bank and the PRC Poverty Reduction and Regional Cooperation Fund.

In his opening remarks, Mr. Kabir Jurazoda, Director of the CAREC Institute, underscored the conference's collaborative spirit, stating, "This conference demonstrates the power of partnership across borders and disciplines. Together, we are laying the groundwork for an environmentally and socially sustainable future in the CAREC region." Mr. Damian Riviez, Vice President of Academic Affairs at KIMEP University, and Mr. Ibrahim Shoukry, Head of the Islamic Development Bank Regional Hub Almaty, also emphasized the crucial role of regional partnerships pursuing sustainable development goals.

A highlight of the conference was the keynote address by Dr. Johannes F. Linn, a Nonresident Senior

Fellow at the Brookings Institution. Dr. Linn stressed the importance of actionable research in tackling global challenges: "Research on regional development and climate action is foundational for successful policy design and implementation. The 4th CAREC Institute Research Conference offers an exceptional opportunity for experts from the CAREC region and beyond to deepen our understanding of critical development and climate issues. However, it is imperative that we translate this knowledge into action for sustainable impact at scale. Bridging the gap from research to impactful action is a key role for think tanks such as the CAREC Institute."

The heart of the conference comprised six thematic sessions covering a broad range of topics, including energy transitions, green initiatives, trade connectivity, and innovative approaches to inequality. A notable session, conducted in partnership with ADB-PRC RKSI, featured insights from the CAREC Corridor Performance Measurement and Monitoring Database, sparking valuable discussions on enhancing trade and connectivity.

Distinguished panelists, including representatives from the U.N. Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP), the Islamic Development Bank (IsDB), KIMEP University, the ASEAN+3 Macroeconomic Research Office (AMRO), and the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB), engaged in dynamic debates, exploring innovative solutions and policy needs essential for the region's progress.

The conference also marked the launch of the CAREC Institute's 3rd Annual Book, "Prospects for Inclusive Green Growth and Sustainability in the CAREC Region," along with a strategic joint report with UNESCAP on Digital and Sustainable Trade Facilitation. These publications embody the collaborative spirit of the conference and serve as critical resources for future policymaking.

The event concluded with closing remarks from Dr. Kuat Akizhanov, Deputy Director Two at the CAREC Institute, and Dr. Xiaotong Zhang, Academic Director at the China and Central Asia Studies Center, KIMEP University. Over two days, the event featured rich discussions and forward-looking strategies. This collaboration reaffirmed the commitment of both institutions to regional development and set the stage for ongoing research and dialogue aimed at sustainable prosperity.

# CAREC Institute Drives Regional Collaboration Through Strategic Partnerships

At the 8th CAREC Think Tank Development Forum, the CAREC Institute (CI) reinforced its dedication to regional cooperation, engaging in crucial discussions with partner institutes. These interactions highlighted the Institute's focus on tackling regional challenges through collaboration.

## CAREC and Mekong Institutes Enhance Cooperation

During the forum, Mr. Kabir Jurazoda, CI Director, and Dr. Suriyan Vichitlekarn, Executive Director of the Mekong Institute, discussed strengthening ties to advance sub-regional development. They explored synergies in climate resilience, energy transition, and trade, agreeing to draft a Memorandum of Understanding and a cooperation plan, marking a key step in their partnership.

## Strengthening Collaboration with Turkmenistan and Tajikistan

The forum also featured discussions with delegations from Turkmenistan and Tajikistan, focusing on enhancing participation in CI's initiatives. Emphasis was placed on funding opportunities, country-specific events, and broadening expert engagement.

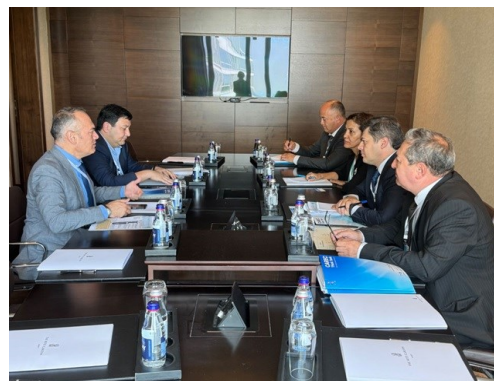
## Deeper Ties with Eurasian Fund for Stabilization and Development

The CAREC Institute and the EFSD reaffirmed their partnership, discussing joint research initiatives and capacity building. Both parties committed to ongoing collaboration to drive regional economic stability.

## Strengthening Ties with Eurasian Research Institute

In a visit to the Eurasian Research Institute, Mr. Jurazoda expressed gratitude for their support and explored potential joint projects in economics, energy, and climate change. The discussions also included plans for joint research conferences, visiting fellow programs, and broader dissemination of research outputs. Both parties agreed to draft a Memorandum of Understanding and a joint action plan, reinforcing their commitment to regional development.

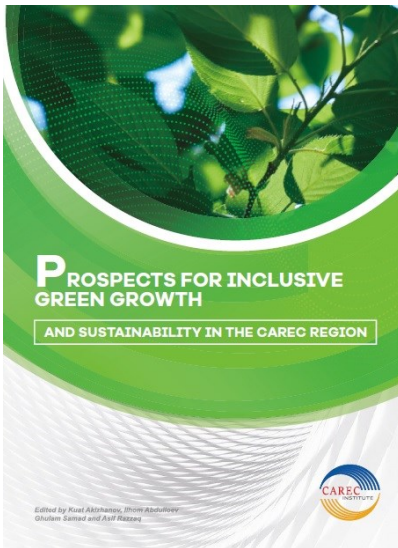
These discussions at the forum reinforce the CAREC Institute's pivotal role in regional cooperation, spearheading initiatives that address the pressing needs of the CAREC region.



Photos with Partners, including Mekong Institute, Turkmenistan and Tajikistan Delegations, EFSD, and ERI, arranged from upper left to lower right.

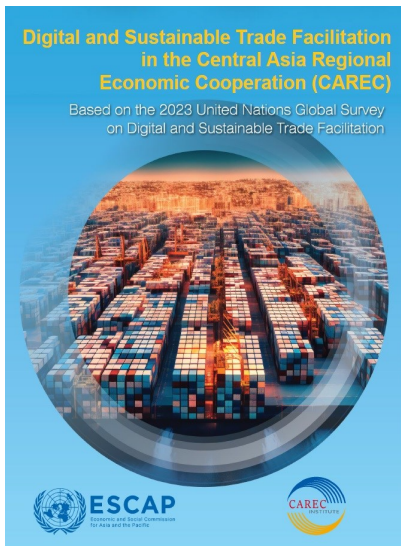
## CAREC Institute Launches Landmark Publication on Inclusive Green Growth and Sustainability in the CAREC Region

The CAREC Institute has released its latest publication, "[Prospects for Inclusive Green Growth and Sustainability in the CAREC Region](#)." This essential work, unveiled at the 4th CAREC Institute Annual Research Conference, explores the challenges and opportunities in achieving sustainable development across the region. The publication is divided into three key sections: climate change and carbon neutrality, energy transition and green growth, and sustainable supply chain management. It emphasizes the importance of regional cooperation, economic integration, and knowledge exchange in fostering climate-resilient growth. Contributions from leading experts provide actionable recommendations tailored to the CAREC region's unique context.



## New Report Unveiled: Transforming Trade in Central Asia Through Digital and Sustainable Facilitation

The CAREC Institute, in collaboration with the UN Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP), has released a pivotal report titled "[Digital and Sustainable Trade Facilitation in the CAREC Region](#)." Presented at the 4th Annual Research Conference, the report analyzes the 2023 UN Global Survey on Digital and Sustainable Trade Facilitation across 11 CAREC countries, examining 60 trade measures. Key findings include a 69% implementation rate for general and digital trade facilitation measures, with China leading at 91%. The report also underscores potential trade cost reductions of up to 15% through full digital implementation and highlights the Framework Agreement on Cross-border Paperless Trade as essential for regional advancement.



# Unlocking Trade Efficiency: CPMM Insights Drive Discussions at the 4th CAREC Research Conference

On August 29, 2024, the 4th CAREC Institute Research Conference featured a specialized session co-hosted with the ADB-PRC Regional Knowledge Sharing Initiative (RKSII), titled “Evidence from the CAREC Corridor Performance Measurement and Monitoring (CPMM) Database.” Experts utilized data from [the CPMM Database](#) to present strategies aimed at enhancing trade efficiency across the CAREC region. In his keynote address at the conference, Dr. Johannes F. Linn, Nonresident Senior Fellow at the Brookings Institution, underscored the CPMM as a vital tool for measuring reforms intended to improve transport and trade connectivity within the CAREC region, highlighting its uniqueness and the critical need for its ongoing maintenance to fully understand corridor efficiency dynamics and barriers.

The CPMM, an empirical framework developed by the Asian Development Bank (ADB) in 2009, meticulously tracks the time and cost of transporting goods across 11 CAREC countries, including Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, and the People’s Republic of China. Over the past decade, the CPMM has been instrumental in pinpointing bottlenecks at border crossings, thereby aiding policymakers in optimizing procedures and improving regional trade facilitation.

The session, moderated by Akiko Terada-Hagiwara, Principal Country Specialist at ADB, emphasized the importance of non-tariff measures in facilitating trade. “Understanding how best to facilitate cross-country trade is critical to support sustainable and inclusive development. It is more so for the CAREC region, where access to ocean ports is limited. The session aimed to enhance our understanding by using the granular data collected under ADB’s Corridor Performance Measurement and Monitoring project. We now know that non-tariff measures are more important in helping perishables such as food items

and pharmaceutical products transported across the key border crossing points in the region,” Ms. Terada-Hagiwara noted.

Kijin Kim, Senior Economist at ADB, highlighted the significant impact of COVID-19 mobility restrictions on trade, noting a 23.7% increase in average clearance time at border crossing points (BCPs) in 2020, compared to the previous year. The broader implications of policy measures were also explored, with findings suggesting that stricter mobility restrictions could increase inbound cargo clearance times by up to 40%.

Dorothea Ramizo, Associate Economics Officer at ADB, addressed the effects of non-tariff measures on perishable goods, while Kamalbek Karymshakov, Vice-Rector and Professor at Kyrgyz-Turkish Manas University, discussed the role of infrastructure in facilitating international trade within Central Asia. Ghulam Samad, Chief of Research Division at CAREC Institute, examined the trade impacts of geographical proximity within the CAREC region.

Max Ee, a leading international consultant for CPMM, underscored the significance of the session, stating, “It is important to connect research and practical applications. Corridor Performance Measurement and Monitoring offers a rich database for 14 years with more than 2000 samples per year. We are grateful to CAREC Institute for organizing this seminar that promotes research and use cases. A marvelous job in promoting CPMM.”

The CAREC Institute, in partnership with ADB, remains committed to promoting the CPMM database for research and policy development, thereby contributing to the region’s economic resilience and connectivity.



Map of CPMM Corridors, sourced from: <https://cpmm.carecprogram.org/>



## Inception Meeting for “Renewable Energy Investment Ecosystem in Central Asia” Project Successfully Held by CAREC Institute

The CAREC Institute (CI) successfully held the inception meeting for the “Renewable Energy Investment Ecosystem in Central Asia” project, which is jointly funded by the Islamic Development Bank (IsDB), the Islamic Centre for Development of Trade (ICDT), and the CI. This meeting marked a significant milestone in the project, which aims to assess and enhance the renewable energy investment landscape across Central Asia.

Dr. Asif Razzaq, the Senior Research Specialist and project leader from the CAREC Institute, presented the project’s objectives and the proposed outline of the report. The report is structured into two key sections: the first focuses on the “Energy Investment Ecosystem,” identifying key drivers and challenges, while the second delves into operational issues, particularly those related to Investment Promotion Agencies (IPAs) and regulatory frameworks. Dr. Razzaq emphasized the importance of these pillars in shaping effective policy recommendations that can drive sustainable energy investments throughout the region.

Dr. Ghulam Samad, the Chief of Research Division at the CAREC Institute, moderated the session, providing strategic guidance to the consultant team and highlighting the project’s critical expectations and broader significance for the future of energy in Central Asia.

Representatives from IsDB and ICDT, including Kadir Basboga and Mohamed Ahmed, actively contributed to the discussions, suggesting a stronger emphasis on IPA and regulatory issues. They also recommended identifying the best-performing country regarding investment promotion agencies, which could serve as a model for other countries in the region. The consultant team, led by Arild Dyseth, presented the proposed energy investment ecosystem framework and the draft questionnaire. They proposed 16 core pillars of the renewable energy investment ecosystem, including institutions and regulations, IPAs, market conditions, resource availability, grid infrastructure, market access, investment projections, financing environment, workforce skills, public-private partnerships, social factors, innovation, transparency, and regional cooperation. Consultants from five Central Asian countries provided valuable insights into their respective nations’ unique features and discussed potential data collection challenges.

The inception meeting concluded on a positive note, with all participants agreeing on the proposed outline. The project task force team and the consultant team are fully engaged in refining the research instruments and are committed to delivering the final report on schedule. This project is expected to guide future renewable energy investments in Central Asia, contributing to the region’s sustainable development and energy security.



## CAREC Institute Advances Regional Integration and Sustainable Development at 10th “Overseas China” and “World Water Valley” Forums

The 10th “Overseas China” Forum and 10th “World Water Valley” Forum were successfully convened in Urumqi, Xinjiang, the People’s Republic of China, attracting over 200 industry experts and scholars. This event provided a vital platform for in-depth discussions on pivotal topics including free trade zone development and innovations in the water sector.

Dr. Jingjing Huang, Deputy Director One at the CAREC Institute, led the Institute’s delegation and delivered the opening address. During a focused thematic session, Ms. Marina Wang, Senior Research Specialist at the CAREC Institute, delivered a detailed analysis of the WTO’s Trade Facilitation Agreement (TFA). She explained the TFA’s substantial impact on global trade, with a special emphasis on Central Asia. Ms. Wang highlighted the reductions in trade costs and the enhanced flexibility it provides to developing countries, thereby boosting economic resilience and fostering regional integration. She also tackled pressing issues such as macroeconomic volatility, digital infrastructure deficiencies, and sustainability challenges, calling for enhanced regional cooperation and accelerated digitalization efforts.

During a parallel session, Mr. Shiliang Lu, Research Specialist at the CAREC Institute, spoke about “Pathway and policy implications for the green transport transition in the CAREC region”, underlining the critical role of electrifying road transport in mitigating CO2 emissions. Despite hurdles such as infrastructural deficits and elevated costs, he pointed out that the CAREC countries are progressively embracing electric vehicles (EVs), sustained by supportive policies. Mr. Lu emphasized the importance of increasing public awareness, enhancing infrastructure, and implementing cost-reduction strategies like local EV production to facilitate this essential transition.

These expert discussions highlight the CAREC Institute’s dedication to tackling global challenges and promoting sustainable development throughout the region.



Dr. Huang Jingjing Delivered an Opening Speech at the forum

## CAREC Institute Participates in Technology and Economics Forum on Borderland Ecology and Resources at Xinjiang University



Group Photo from the Technology and Economics Forum on Borderland Ecology and Resources

On August 4, 2024, the China Society for Technical Economics, in collaboration with Xinjiang University, hosted the annual academic conference and the 5th Technology and Economics Forum on Borderland Ecology and Resources. Supported by Dali University and the CAREC Institute, the event focused on protecting frontier ecological resources and promoting high-quality development. Experts from institutions such as the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences and Fudan University delivered keynote speeches. Dr. Huang Jingjing of the CAREC Institute highlighted its role in regional development and the impact of its Post-Pandemic Framework for a Green, Sustainable, and Inclusive Recovery. kindly click the [link](#) for more information.

## CAREC Institute Hosts Dialogue on Trade Diversification: Experts Highlight Opportunities and Challenges for Regional Growth

The CAREC Institute facilitated a pivotal virtual Think Tank Network (CTTN) Dialogue on August 9, focusing on “Trade Diversification in the CAREC Region: Opportunities and Challenges.” This gathering brought together distinguished experts from the CAREC Institute (CI), the Asian Development Bank (ADB), and national representatives from Azerbaijan, Georgia, Kazakhstan, the Kyrgyz Republic, and Pakistan. The event explored the complexities of current trade dynamics, barriers, and pathways toward diversification within the region.

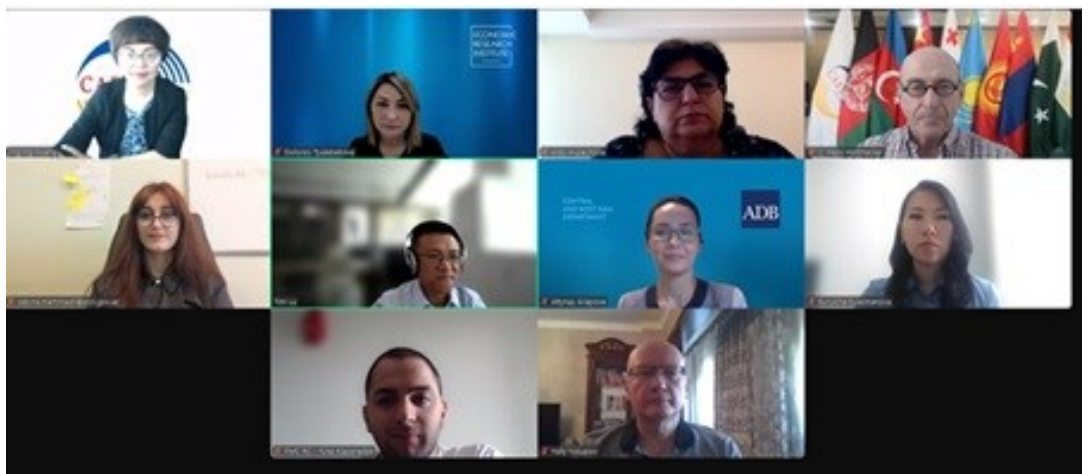
Ms. Altynay Arapova, an Economist at the ADB, addressed challenges within global value chains such as high trade costs and the reliance on primary-sector exports. She advocated for regional cooperation to streamline trade processes, digitalize operations, and develop economic corridors that emphasize sustainability and green value chains.

Mr. Yuliy Yusupov from the Center for Economic Development at CAPS Unlock highlighted Central Asia’s reliance on raw materials and imports from dominant trading partners. He recommended crucial reforms such as tariff reductions, enhanced digital infrastructure, and greater regional integration to strengthen economic resilience and diversify exports.

Dr. Hans Holzacker, Chief Economist at CI, explored the impact of decarbonization and new industrial policies on CAREC’s foreign trade, highlighting the region’s heavy reliance on mineral fuel exports, which account for over 50%. He stressed the rising importance of copper and the potential for growth in transport and tourism services. To seize these growth opportunities and diversify the economy, he advocated for reducing trade barriers and strengthening regional collaboration.

Panelists from CAREC Think Tanks and Development Partners contributed deep insights into the region’s unique trade challenges and opportunities. Discussions highlighted the urgent need for improved infrastructure to reduce transportation costs, lower trade barriers, and leverage digitalization to enhance trade and economic growth.

The dialogue concluded with a robust call for strategic policy reforms and investments, urging coordinated government actions to leverage trade diversification opportunities. The aim is to lessen the region’s reliance on raw materials and commodities, fostering a more diversified and resilient economic future.



Participants of virtual Think Tank Network (CTTN) Dialogue

# Job Advertisement:



## Recruitment of a Chief Economist

The Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation (CAREC) Institute is an intergovernmental organization dedicated to promoting economic cooperation in Central Asia and along the Silk Road through knowledge generation and sharing. The Institute is headquartered in Urumqi, Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region, the People's Republic of China (PRC).

The CAREC Institute is jointly shared, owned, and governed by eleven member countries: Afghanistan, Azerbaijan, the PRC, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Mongolia, Pakistan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan. It is a knowledge support arm of the CAREC Program which is a proactive facilitator of practical, results-based regional projects, and policy initiatives critical to sustainable economic growth and shared prosperity in the region, guided by the overarching vision of "Good Neighbors, Good Partners, and Good Prospects."

The Institute acts as a knowledge connector among the five CAREC clusters (Economic and Financial Stability, Trade, Tourism, and Economic Corridors, Infrastructure and Connectivity, Agriculture and Water, Human Development) to ensure coherence in the design and implementation of policies, programs, and projects to promote regional economic cooperation and integration. The main operational activities of CAREC Institute include research, capacity building, knowledge management, and networking and forging partnerships.

The CAREC Institute invites applications for the position of **Chief Economist, who will also head the Chief Economist Team. The position will be recruited on a global basis** and applicants should meet the qualifications and requirements stated in the Terms of Reference (TOR).

### Application Procedures

Applications should be emailed to **Jia Ni** ([hr@carecinstitute.org](mailto:hr@carecinstitute.org)) by **7:00 p.m., 4 September 2024 (Wednesday), Beijing time**. CAREC Institute is an equal opportunity employer, and women are encouraged to apply. Only short-listed candidates will be contacted.

Candidates are required to certify that all information provided on any employment application form, resume, or CV is complete, true, and accurate to the best of their knowledge. Candidates should understand that information may be verified, and any misrepresentation of facts may be considered the cause for dismissal regardless of when it is discovered by the CAREC Institute.



## Event Announcement

### CAREC Institute and ADB to Conduct Advanced Road Asset Management Workshops in Uzbekistan and Kazakhstan

The CAREC Institute, in partnership with the Asian Development Bank (ADB), will hold specialized workshops on Road Asset Management (RAM) in Uzbekistan and Kazakhstan. These workshops aim to enhance expertise in RAM practices, including asset data management, GHG emission reduction strategies, and capacity building. Targeting senior officials, industry experts, and academics, the sessions seek to foster regional cooperation and develop a core group of skilled asset managers, contributing to sustainable regional development under the CAREC Program.

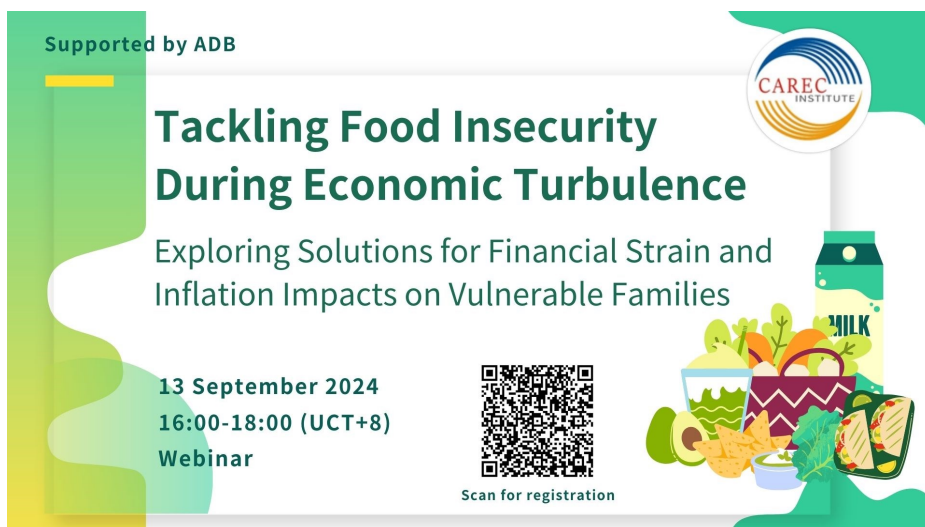
<https://www.carecinstitute.org/events/navigating-economic-storms-strategies-for-ensuring-food-security-in-carec-countries/>



### Navigating Economic Storms: Strategies for Ensuring Food Security in CAREC Countries

The CAREC Institute, in collaboration with the Asian Development Bank Institute (ADBI), will host a webinar on “Tackling Food Insecurity during Economic Turbulence.” The event will focus on the impacts of inflation on vulnerable families, exploring regional solutions and best practices. Key presentations will include findings from the report “Food Insecurity, Inflation, and Government Aid.” Targeted participants include policymakers, researchers, and practitioners engaged in food security and economic resilience.

<https://www.carecinstitute.org/events/carec-chai-x%ef%bc%9aaddressing-socio-economic-inequality-in-the-carec-region/>



# CAREC Chai X: Addressing Socio-Economic Inequality in the CAREC Region

The CAREC Institute, in partnership with the Asian Development Bank, will host the Chai X webinar focused on addressing income inequality and labor market challenges in the CAREC region. Key objectives include analyzing current trends, exploring collaborative frameworks to reduce inequality, and sharing best practices. The target audience comprises government officials, international organizations, NGOs, academics, private sector stakeholders, and civil society organizations involved in economic development and social inclusion. The event is sponsored by the Asian Development Bank as part of Technical Assistance 6694.

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## Chai X Addressing Socio-Economic Inequality in the CAREC Region: Enhancing Equality and Decent Work

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24 September 2024  
16:00-18:00 (UCT+8)  
Webinar



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