

The CAREC Institute Participants in the CAREC Senior Official's Meeting in Bishkek

The CAREC Institute participated in the CAREC Senior Officials' Meeting (SOM), held from June 17 to 19 in Cholpon-Ata, Kyrgyz Republic. The meeting served as a preparatory platform for the upcoming 24th CAREC Ministerial Conference, scheduled for November 2025 in Bishkek.

The meeting brought together CAREC National Focal Points, development partners, and senior officials to review the implementation of recommendations from the CAREC 2030 Strategy Midterm Review (MTR), coordinate flagship projects, and discuss deliverables for the Ministerial Conference. Representatives from the CAREC Institute, including Deputy Director Two Dr. Kuat Akizhanov, Mr. Josh Hu, Chief of the Human Resource and Finance Division, and Mr. Turdakun Tashbolotov, Chief of the Strategic Planning Division, led by Director Charymuhammet Shallyyev, actively participated in the event.

During the discussions, Director Shallyyev reaffirmed the Institute's support for the Rolling Implementation Action Plan (IAP) developed from the MTR and expressed the Institute's readiness to contribute to its implementation. The Institute highlighted its role as a strategic knowledge partner focused on evidence-based policy advice, regional dialogue, and capacity development within the framework of the IAP.

At the meeting, Director Shallyyev provided an update on the Institute's Revitalization Plan, which addresses institutional priorities such as strategic focus, governance, talent retention, and sustainable funding. He also briefed senior officials on preparations for the upcoming CAREC (Tianshan) Development Forum, scheduled for early December 2025 in Urumqi, People's Republic of China. Coinciding with the Institute's 10th anniversary, the forum will be held alongside the 9th CAREC Think Tank Development Forum and aims to facilitate knowledge exchange, promote investment, assess regional connectivity, and strengthen partnerships across transport, digital, energy, financial, and people-to-people sectors.

In addition to the main meeting, CAREC Institute representatives participated in the side events covering topics such as critical minerals investment, cross-border public-private partnerships, and regional tourism cooperation. Director Shallyyev also attended the 22nd Transport Sector Coordinating Committee Meeting on June 16 in Bishkek, where he provided an overview of the Institute's ongoing and completed research activities and capacity-building initiatives, including containerization project, CAREC Corridor Performance Measurement and Monitoring (CPMM), and road safety series training programs. The Institute remains committed to supporting regional cooperation and will continue collaborating with member countries, the CAREC Secretariat, and development partners to advance shared objectives.



Group Photo of the CAREC Senior Official's Meeting

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CAREC Institute Deepens Regional Partnerships at 2025 AIIB Annual Meeting

A delegation from the CAREC Institute (CI), led by Director Charymuhammet Shallyyev, concluded a productive engagement at the 2025 Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) Annual Meeting in Beijing from June 24 to 27, advancing collaboration with multilateral partners to accelerate regional cooperation and integration across CAREC region.

The delegation, including Deputy Director Two Dr. Kuat Akizhanov, Mr. Josh Hu, Chief of the Human Resource and Finance Division, Mr. Turdakun Tashbolotov, Chief of the Strategic Planning Division, and Ms. Jesscy Hu, Coordination Specialist, participated in high-level dialogues, including the AIIB Annual Meeting Opening Ceremony, Governors' Official Session, Governors' Business Roundtable and other high-level sessions, and held strategic meetings with AIIB leadership, the Multilateral Cooperation Center for Development Finance (MCDF), and the ADB-PRC Regional Knowledge Sharing Initiative (RKSI).

In discussions with AIIB Chief Economist Dr. Erik Bergl f, CI discussed opportunities for joint research on infrastructure financing, green transition, and regional connectivity. Both institutions agreed to explore data-sharing mechanisms to enhance CI's policy tools, such as its Quarterly Economic Monitor, and to collaborate on sessions at the upcoming Tianshan Development Forum in Urumqi, which will focus on unlocking CAREC's investment potential.

A pivotal meeting with MCDF CEO Mr. Wang Zhongjing and senior staff yielded plans to co-organize an "Invest in CAREC Region" Roundtable at the Tianshan Forum, aiming to mobilize public-private financing for priority projects. The two institutions also discussed developing joint technical assistance programs and knowledge products addressing regional infrastructure gaps, alongside institutional peer-learning initiatives.

The delegation reaffirmed its strategic partnership with RKSI during discussions with Ms. Chen Lijuan, Senior Economist at the Asian Development Bank. CI management acknowledged RKSI's sustained support for the CAREC Institute's flagship Think Tank Development Forum (CTTDF) since 2019. Both parties committed to deepening collaboration through RKSI's participation in the 2025 Tianshan Development Forum and joint capacity-building programs for CAREC officials. A dedicated RKSI-led session at future events will focus development successes across member economies.

Director Shallyyev held productive discussions with AIIB Acting Vice President Ms. Zheng Quan, emphasizing shared priorities

in sustainable infrastructure development and institutional collaboration. The CAREC Institute highlighted its position as a regional knowledge hub and proposed formalized partnership mechanisms to enhance coordination under the CAREC 2030 strategy and complementary regional initiatives.

In his remarks, Director Shallyyev noted: "This gathering marks a turning point in CI's mission to bridge policy and practice. By uniting AIIB's financial expertise, MCDF's multilateral networks, and RKSI's technical knowledge, we can catalyze transformative investments and innovation for a resilient CAREC region."

CI will further finalize action plans with partners, prioritizing joint research, event co-hosting, and technical exchanges. These efforts align with CAREC's goals to boost connectivity, climate resilience, and inclusive growth.



Group Photo with AIIB Acting Vice President Ms. Zheng Quan

CAREC Institute and ADB Launch the New Book on Fintech's Potential in the CAREC Region

The CAREC Institute, in partnership with the Asian Development Bank (ADB), launched the new book titled “Unlocking the Potential of Fintech in the CAREC Region” during a formal event held at the CAREC Institute headquarters in Urumqi, People’s Republic of China, on June 23, 2025. The event attracted a diverse group of stakeholders, including government officials, scholars from Xinjiang, and development partners, all gathered to explore the transformative opportunities that financial technology (fintech) presents for the CAREC region.

The Director of the CAREC Institute, Mr. Charymuhammet Shallyyev, opened the event with remarks highlighting that fintech extends beyond technological innovation to serve as a strategic driver for inclusive economic growth. He stressed the importance of regional collaboration in realizing the full potential of fintech solutions across CAREC, emphasizing that technological advancements must be complemented by cooperative efforts among countries.

ADB’s Lead Economist, Dr. Kiyoshi Taniguchi, provided insights into fintech’s role as a catalyst for innovation on a global scale, noting its capacity to significantly enhance financial services within CAREC. He pointed out that fintech innovations, such as mobile payments and digital wallets, are crucial for reducing barriers to financial access, fostering entrepreneurship, and supporting sustainable development initiatives across borders.

The event featured presentations from the book’s editors, Dr. Minsoo Lee, and international consultant, Mr. George Kvirikashvili. Dr. Lee introduced the book, which offers a comprehensive analysis of the fintech landscape in CAREC. The book introduces a four-pillar index—Finance, Technology, Capability, and Regional Cooperation—to evaluate the region’s progress relative to global leaders. It identifies key opportunities for growth, including enhancing cross-border payment systems, integrating capital markets, and expanding e-commerce, while also addressing significant challenges such as regulatory fragmentation, outdated legal frameworks, and limited public-private sector collaboration.

Mr. Kvirikashvili outlined the goals of ADB’s initiative, the Fintech-themed Technical Assistance project (TA6803). The project aims to develop cross-border cooperation in fintech among countries in the region. He discussed the key areas needed to build a collaborative fintech community in CAREC. These include establishing cross-border digital payment systems, open banking and data ecosystems, and regional capital markets. He stressed that policymakers and financial regulators should work together to create coordinated strategies. These strategies should support innovation, promote financial inclusion, and ensure responsible digital financial practices, such as protecting consumer data and privacy.

Dr. Ghulam Samad, Chief of the Research Division at the CAREC Institute, served as the discussant at the book launch event, emphasizing the importance of establishing formal mechanisms to strengthen regional cooperation in fintech. He highlighted successful models, such as Georgia’s fintech strategies—including open banking initiatives and regulatory sandboxes—as valuable templates that could be adapted for the CAREC region. Dr. Samad advocated for the creation of a Regional Fintech Council to address shared challenges, promote collaborative efforts, and facilitate co-investment in digital public goods, thereby fostering a more cohesive and innovative fintech ecosystem across CAREC.

At the end of the event, Dr. Kuat Akizhanov, Deputy Director Two at the CAREC Institute, emphasized the importance of the Institute’s Knowledge and Research Hub in supporting informed policymaking. He highlighted the need for ongoing regional cooperation to fully realize the potential of fintech for sustainable development in CAREC. The CAREC Institute is dedicated to using this research and discussion to promote cooperation and support inclusive economic growth through financial technologies.



CAREC Institute and ADB Book Launch Photo

Director Charymuhammet Shallyyev Highlights Deepening China-Central Asia Economic Integration

In a recent interview with CGTN, Charymuhammet Shallyyev, Director of the CAREC Institute, emphasized the increasing importance of economic integration between China and Central Asian countries, as the region prepares for the China-Central Asia Summit to be held in Kazakhstan on June 16.

Director Shallyyev noted that economic integration goes beyond mere economic linkages, highlighting that the China-Central Asia partnership within the framework of South-South cooperation is playing a crucial role in enhancing connectivity and unlocking trade and growth potential across Eurasia. “Central Asia is one of the most important regions for China in terms of economics, and China’s role in the region continues to expand,” he said.

China has established itself as a key trade partner for all Central Asian nations, providing significant investment, particularly in the energy sector. In return, Central Asian countries have actively supported China’s major initiatives, including the revitalization of the Belt and Road Initiative, and cooperation in areas such as the digital economy, education, and tourism.

Recent memorandums of understanding between China and Central Asian states, especially in the digital economy, reflect a shared commitment to building a China-Central Asia community with a shared future. Director Shallyyev also commended China’s proactive fiscal policies, prudent monetary approach, and consistent economic strategies, which have contributed to regional development.

Additionally, he praised the CAREC Institute for its dedication to academic excellence, talent development, and the production of original research, positioning it as a significant contributor to regional progress.

The upcoming summit is expected to further deepen economic cooperation and promote sustainable growth across China and Central Asia. Relevant news can be found on the CGTN official website at the following link: <https://news.cgtn.com/news/2025-06-15/Trade-expansion-in-Central-Asia-underpins-rise-of-Global-South-1EeqGEVlcFq/p.html>



CAREC Institute Director’s Interview with CGTN

CAREC Institute Welcomes Outcomes of Second China–Central Asia Summit: Dr. Kuat Akizhanov Shares Expert Insights



Dr. Kuat Akizhanov’s Interview on “World Insight with Tian Wei”

The CAREC Institute welcomes the outcomes of the second China–Central Asia Summit, emphasizing its significance for regional cooperation and sustainable growth.

In a June 17 interview with CGTN’s “World Insight with Tian Wei,” Dr. Kuat Akizhanov, Deputy Director Two of the CAREC Institute, underscored the Summit’s focus on “localized integration”—adapting policies and investments to the unique needs of Central Asian countries. He stressed the significance of expanding digital technology, strengthening energy links, and improving transport infrastructure to enhance trade and economic resilience.

Dr. Akizhanov further highlighted the Summit’s commitment to joint efforts on food and energy security, climate action, and environmental challenges. He welcomed China’s support for renewable energy and recognized the CAREC Program’s expanding role in promoting regional collaboration.

The CAREC Institute remains dedicated to advancing practical solutions that foster cooperation, connectivity, and sustainable growth across Central Asia. Relevant news can be found on the CGTN official website at the following link: <https://www.cgtn.com/tv/replay?id=CGFafEA>

CAREC Institute Calls for Stronger Partnerships to Advance Food Security at FAO Roundtable

On 30 June 2025, CAREC Institute Director Mr. Charymuhammet Shallyyev participated online as a distinguished panelist at the high-level roundtable titled “Four Betters for Small Island Developing States, Least Developed Countries, and Landlocked Developing Countries” during the 44th Session of FAO Conference in Rome. Organized by the UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), the event brought together ministers, development partners, farmers’ organizations, Indigenous Peoples, and private sector leaders to discuss systemic challenges faced by vulnerable economies.

FAO Director-General Mr. Qu Dongyu opened the session by emphasizing that “strong agrifood systems are essential for a secure, prosperous future” through sustainable production and resilient value chains. The discussions centered on FAO’s Four Betters framework—better production, nutrition, environment, and life—as a global strategy for inclusive agrifood transformation.

During the meeting, Mr. Shallyyev highlighted CAREC’s leadership in translating this framework into regional initiatives. He outlined CAREC’s priorities to operationalize the Four Betters, including policy integration to optimize the agricultural-energy-water nexus, scaling cross-border trade and climate-smart infrastructure investments, and enhancing data-sharing platforms to improve food security. He reaffirmed CAREC Institute’s commitment to strengthening South-South Cooperation, regional value chain development, transport connectivity, and cross-border knowledge exchange to build climate resilience.

Given that eight of CAREC’s eleven member countries are landlocked, the Four Betters framework aligns closely with the CAREC Cooperation Framework for Agricultural Development and Food Security, endorsed at the 21st CAREC Ministerial Conference. Mr. Shallyyev emphasized the importance of stakeholder collaboration, stating, “Food security cannot be achieved through natural resources or technological advancements alone; it fundamentally depends on the cooperation of all stakeholders.”

Through this engagement, the CAREC Institute continues to advance its mandate of fostering inclusive and coordinated agrifood development across CAREC region, leveraging its expertise in policy solutions and multi-stakeholder partnerships.



CAREC Institute Participated FAO Roundtable

CAREC Institute Expert Highlights Green Fiscal Policy at International Scientific Conference in Turkmenistan

Mr. Merdan Yazyyev, Senior Strategic Planning Specialist at the CAREC Institute, participated virtually in the **International Scientific Conference on “Science, Technology and Innovation in the Period of the Revival of the New Epoch of the Powerful State”**, held on June 12–13, 2025, in Ashgabat, Turkmenistan. The event was organized by the Academy of Sciences of Turkmenistan and brought together national policymakers, academic leaders, and international experts to explore how scientific progress, innovation, and economic policy can jointly support sustainable and inclusive development.

Mr. Yazyyev delivered a presentation in Section V: “Innovative Economy”, which took place at the Turkmen State Institute of Economics and Management. His talk, titled “Fiscal Instruments Supporting the Green Energy Transition in Central Asia,” addressed the growing importance of fiscal policy in driving low-carbon development and building climate-resilient economies in the region.

In his remarks, Mr. Yazyyev emphasized that fiscal policy is not merely a budgeting tool but a strategic instrument that governments can use to shift incentives, unlock investment, and foster innovation in clean energy. He provided a comparative overview of current efforts across Central Asian countries, showcasing how carbon pricing initiatives, targeted subsidies, sovereign green bonds, and climate-aligned public investment can be tailored to national contexts. Particular attention was given to the importance of integrating environmental objectives into fiscal planning and promoting regional collaboration in energy policy.

“The green transition is not only about technology—it’s also about economic strategy and sound public policy,” Mr. Yazyyev stated. “Well-designed fiscal instruments are essential to unlocking low-carbon development pathways while ensuring economic resilience and social equity.”

The CAREC Institute’s participation in this high-level event underscores its continued commitment to providing knowledge support and fostering policy dialogue that empowers member countries to advance sustainable development goals, strengthen regional economic cooperation, and build capacity to address complex cross-border challenges such as climate change and energy transition.



Mr. Merdan Yazyyev Delivered a Presentation at International Scientific Conference

Gerpisa Colloquium in Shanghai Highlights China's Central Role in Global Automotive Industry

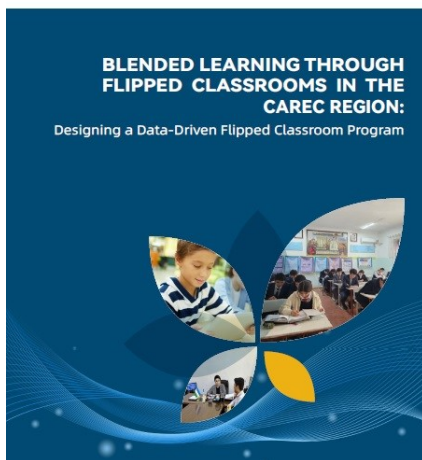
The 33rd International Colloquium of Gerpisa, held from June 24th to 27th 2025 in the School of Economics and Management at Tongji University, Shanghai, convened for the first time in China. Centered on the theme “**The Central Role of China in the Global Automotive Industry**,” the conference attracted more than 60 renowned scholars from 14 countries, alongside senior industry executives and policymakers. Participants were engaged in in-depth discussions on industrial automotive policies, smart vehicle technologies, supply chain innovation, labor transformation, among others. The colloquium also saw the launch of two Gerpisa books focused on the global automotive industry, and an exclusive session to meet with the Editor-in-Chief of the International Journal of Automotive Technology and Management (IJATM). This gathering served as a high-level platform for academic and industry exchange, promoting the co-evolution of theoretical development and practical application in the automotive industry.

Mr. Shiliang Lu, research specialist at the CAREC Institute, was invited to present at one of the sessions, where he emphasized the critical role of electric vehicles (EVs) in climate change mitigation. He highlighted the urgent need for EV adoption to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from the transport sector and stressed the importance of developing robust EV infrastructure in the CAREC region. Mr. Lu proposed actionable recommendations such as strengthening domestic business environment to attract more EV related FDI, phasing out fossil fuel subsidies and shifting toward renewables, and integrating local automakers into global value chains. He also encouraged CAREC countries to join international initiatives on electromobility to foster collaboration and accelerate their EV adoption process. His insights underscore the transformative potential of EVs in promoting environmental sustainability and economic development in the region.



Group photo from the Conference on “the Central Role of China in the Global Automotive Industry”

Revolutionizing Education in the CAREC Region: Launch of the Blended Learning Report



The CAREC Institute, in collaboration with the Islamic Development Bank (IsDB), announces the publication of its latest report, [Blended Learning through Flipped Classrooms in the CAREC Region: Designing a Data-Driven Flipped Classroom Program](#). This report presents a strategic framework aimed at improving educational outcomes throughout the CAREC region by integrating innovative pedagogical approaches and modern technology.

The report examines the role of video lectures (VLs) as a key component of the flipped classroom model. It recommends structuring content into concise, engaging segments, with research suggesting that optimal VL length ranges from six to fifteen minutes to maximize student engagement and understanding. The report also emphasizes the significance of incorporating local languages into educational resources, which can strengthen student engagement and enhance the overall learning process.

Based on these findings, the CAREC Institute and IsDB propose a phased adoption of the flipped classroom model. Initial implementation is recommended in selected subjects, with gradual expansion to a broader curriculum. This approach is intended to support student motivation and retention while fostering a more inclusive and culturally responsive educational environment.

The report serves as a valuable resource for educators and policymakers working to advance educational practices in the CAREC region. Through ongoing collaboration with stakeholders, the CAREC Institute and IsDB remain committed to supporting the evolution of teaching and learning methods, ensuring that education systems are equipped to address the challenges of the 21st century and prepare future generations for success.

Call for Papers: Challenging Global Trade Environment and Private Sector Businesses in Asia and the Pacific-Extension

The Asian Development Bank (ADB) and the CAREC Institute invite submissions of papers for the conference on “*Challenging Global Trade Environment and Private Sector Businesses in Asia and the Pacific*” to be held on 13 November 2025 in Baku, Azerbaijan. The conference aims to promote high-quality, frontier research on private sector development, fostering knowledge sharing among social scientists, development practitioners, and policymakers.

Themes:

We welcome submissions of unpublished empirical analyses, survey articles, and policy-oriented research on a range of topics related to private sector development (especially, micro, small, and medium-sized enterprises (MSMEs) development), impact assessments of geopolitical risks on international trade for MSMEs, investment/financing matters to private sector business or MSMEs, and related policy design, including, but are not limited to:

- Private Sector Development and Inclusive Growth – The Role of MSMEs under Global Agendas
- International Trade for MSMEs
- Technology Adoption for MSMEs
- Investing and Financing MSMEs
- MSME Trade Policies and Assessments
- Institutional Arrangements for MSMEs

Important Dates:

- Paper submission deadline: 30 June 2025
- Decision notification: July 2025
- Registration period: August–September 2025
- Program finalized: October 2025
- Conference: 13 November 2025

Submissions:

Interested authors are invited to register [here](#) to submit papers by **30 June 2025**. Only completed papers with an abstract will be considered for evaluation. Submissions will be evaluated in terms of originality, analytical rigor, and policy relevance in the Asian context. Decisions on paper selections will be announced in July 2025. Authors of selected papers will be invited to present their work at the conference, and after review, their papers will be considered for publication in the book “**Challenging Global Trade Environment and Private Sector Businesses in Asia and the Pacific**” (to be published in February 2026)

For more information, please visit: [Call for Papers: Challenging Global Trade Environment and Private Sector Businesses in Asia and the Pacific](#)



The poster features the ADB and CAREC Institute logos at the top. The main title is 'Call for papers: Challenging Global Trade Environment and Private Sector Businesses in Asia and the Pacific'. Below this, it states the conference name and date: 'Conference on "Challenging Global Trade Environment and Private Sector Businesses in Asia and the Pacific" Organizers: Asian Development Bank (ADB) and CAREC Institute Conference Date: 13 November 2025, Baku, Azerbaijan'. A list of 'Topics of Interest' includes MSME Development & Inclusive Growth, International Trade for MSMEs, Technology Adoption & Financing for MSMEs, and MSME Policies & Assessments. A purple box highlights the submission deadline: 'Submit your paper and abstract by 30 June 2025 for consideration'. Below this, it says 'Selected papers will be considered for publication in a book to be released in February 2026.' The 'Submission Details' section lists: Paper Submission Deadline: 30 June 2025, Decision Notification: July 2025, Registration Period: August–September 2025, and Program Finalized: 13 November 2025. At the bottom, it says 'For more information, visit QR code' next to a QR code.

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Invitation to Participate: AIIA 2025 Artificial Intelligence Pioneer Case Collection

Artificial intelligence (AI), as a strategic technology leading the new round of scientific and technological revolution and industrial transformation, profoundly changes the way humans produce and live.

The CAREC Institute is proud to join the Artificial Intelligence Industry Alliance (AIIA) 2025 Artificial Intelligence Pioneer Case Collection as a partner. This initiative, originally launched by the AIIA, the Press and Publicity Center of the Ministry of Industry and Information Technology of the People's Republic of China, and the China Academy of Information and Communications Technology, seeks to identify and promote exemplary applications of artificial intelligence across diverse sectors, driving innovation and supporting the growth of the global AI ecosystem. Through its participation, the CAREC Institute aims to enhance cooperation in the field of AI among CAREC countries and with other regions worldwide.

Target applicants include government agencies, industrial parks, academic institutions, enterprises, industry associations, and business alliances.

Submission Topics

This initiative, focused on AI technologies and applications, invites submissions in four key areas: new industrialization, industry applications, technology base, and people's livelihood and government affairs. It highlights the deployment of foundation models and generative AI across all stages of production, operations, management, and business processes.

Case Requirements

- **Technological Breakthroughs:** Showcase core innovations in AI across areas like data, models, algorithms, computing power, security, value alignment, embodied intelligence, or software engineering. Submissions must highlight clear technical advancements and their practical relevance.
- **Business Model Innovation:** Present new products, service models, or business formats enabled by AI, including solution innovation, expanded application scenarios, and secure, trustworthy governance practices.
- **Proven Impact:** Cases must be deployed at scale and demonstrate tangible economic or social value.

Submission Guidelines

Applicants are required to submit a soft copy of the completed submission form, stamped with the official seal, to AIIA at aiaa@caict.ac.cn and copy garyh@carecinstitute.org at the CAREC Institute.

To submit a case nomination, please complete and submit the [Submission Form](#).

Deadline

All submissions must be received by **August 15, 2025**. The evaluation and selection process will be completed by **September 2025**.

Benefits for Selected Cases:

- Publication in the "AIIA 2025 Artificial Intelligence Pioneer Case Collection".
- Opportunity to present at the AIIA annual conference and other key events.
- Widespread distribution of cases across multiple media channels.
- Priority consideration for presentation opportunities at future AIIA events.
- Inclusion of contributions in AIIA research reports.

CAREC Institute Chai Talk on Global Trade Tensions and Potentials for Intra-regional Trade in the CAREC

Trade tensions have disrupted global supply chains and altered international investment flows. Existing trade barriers, including tariffs and controls on exports and imports, have already contributed to declining trade and caused trade diversion. Further restrictions risk not only exacerbating bilateral trade frictions but also reshaping global trade dynamics, distorting investment patterns, undermining economic stability, and straining international relations.



THE CENTRAL ASIA REGIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION INSTITUTE

Chai Talk

Global Trade Tensions and Potentials for Intra-regional Trade in the CAREC

Webinar 9 July 2025

14:50 - 16:30 (Beijing Time)

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Register via Zoom



As of 2024, China remains a dominant force and a key player in the global economy, including within the CAREC region. Current economic trends in China include moderate growth, a focus on economic stability, a shift toward green development, and an expansion of consumption and services—all while its global trade relations continue to evolve.

With trade tensions intensifying, Central Asia is gaining greater strategic importance as countries seek to diversify trade routes and supply chains. This shift presents both opportunities and challenges. The current tariff environment could offer Central Asian economies a chance to diversify supply chains and strengthen regional cooperation.

The upcoming CAREC Institute Chai Talk, scheduled for **9 July 2025, from 14:50 to 16:30 (Beijing Time)** via Zoom, will delve into these trade developments and explore the evolving role of the CAREC region in global supply chains, highlighting both emerging risks and potential opportunities.

Registration:

Please use the following link to register for this insightful event:

https://carecinstitute-org.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_UEjBGsNtTOOeCUBfyZdUg

Note: This event may be photographed or recorded. By participating, you consent to the possible use of your name and likeness in future publications. Simultaneous interpretation in English and Russian will be provided via Zoom.

About the CAREC Institute Chai Talk:

The CAREC Institute Chai Talk is an informal discussion forum designed to foster meaningful dialogue among experts, policymakers, and stakeholders from across the CAREC region and beyond. These sessions create a relaxed environment where participants can enjoy tea (“chai”) while engaging with expert speakers who offer insights on current topics such as economic trends, public policy, and sustainable development.

The Chai Talk format encourages interactive discussion, allowing participants to ask questions, exchange views, and explore ideas. It also offers valuable networking opportunities to support partnerships and collaboration. By addressing pressing regional challenges, the Chai Talk series aims to promote knowledge sharing and advance economic development and cooperation within the CAREC region.

Job Advertisement: Senior Research Specialist (Energy & Water)-Extension

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 Uyghur 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, Kyrgyzstan, 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. CI's main operational activities include research, capacity building, knowledge management, and networking and forging partnerships.

The CAREC Institute invites applications for the position of **Senior Research Specialist – Energy & Water**, an international staff position in the Research Division. Applicants should meet the qualifications and requirements stated in the Terms and Reference (TOR). **This is an internationally recruited professional staff position, open to qualified candidates from across the globe.**

Application Procedures

- Applications should be emailed to Jia Ni (hr@carecinstitute.org, jiani@carecinstitute.org) by **7:00 p.m., 8 August 2025 (Friday), 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.

[TORs – Senior Research Specialist – Energy&Water](#)



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