



What We Have Achieved

 180+	180+ research publications available on the CI website, delivering robust, evidence-based insights that inform policy, drive innovation, and support sustainable development.
 150+	150+ workshops and training sessions delivered, empowering institutions and individuals with practical skills and knowledge.
 21,500+	21,500+ trainees engaged, resulting in strengthened expertise and enhanced leadership across the region.
 30+	30+ partner organizations collaborated with us to expand our reach and impact through strategic partnerships.

These achievements demonstrate our commitment to advancing knowledge, building capacity, and promoting cooperation for inclusive and sustainable development in the region.



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About Us

The Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation (CAREC) Institute is an intergovernmental organization dedicated to advancing regional economic cooperation and integration among CAREC member countries. Headquartered in Urumqi, Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region, the People's Republic of China (PRC), the Institute serves as a regional knowledge hub owned and governed by eleven member countries: Afghanistan, Azerbaijan, the PRC, Georgia, Kazakhstan, the Kyrgyz Republic, Mongolia, Pakistan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan. The CAREC Institute began its physical operations in 2015.

Our Vision

To be a leading knowledge center that promotes economic cooperation in the CAREC region for shared and sustainable development.

Our Mission

To enhance the quality and effectiveness of the CAREC Program through evidence-based research, capacity building, knowledge dissemination, and networking.

What We Do

Research

Conduct strategic studies on key regional priorities and publish knowledge products such as Quarterly Economic Monitor, Economic Briefs, Policy Briefs, Research Reports, Working Papers, Annual Books, Visiting Fellow Papers, and CAREC Think Tank Network Research Grant Papers.

Capacity Building

Strengthen institutional and individual capacities through initiatives including the CAREC Leadership Training Workshops, Regional and Country Specific Workshops, CAREC Institute Chai Talks, Policy Dialogues, E-learning, and other knowledge and learning events.

Knowledge Sharing

Facilitate the exchange of best practices, policy experiences, and lessons learned across the CAREC region to enhance regional learning and cooperation.

Partnerships and Networking

Collaborate with think tanks, academic institutions, and international organizations to promote policy dialogue and create synergies in support of CAREC's objectives.

Key Flagship Initiatives and Strategic Priorities for 2026–2030

Tianshan Forum on Central Asia Economic Cooperation
Inaugural Forum: “Unlocking Connectivity and Investment in Central Asia”
2–3 December 2025, Urumqi, the PRC

CAREC Institute Flagship Research Reports

CAREC Leadership Training Workshop
Inaugural Workshop: “Leveraging AI for Social and Economic Transformation in the CAREC Region”
4–5 December 2025, Urumqi, the PRC

Research Priorities



Trade and Trade Facilitation



Transport and Connectivity



Investment and Private Sector Uptake

Climate Action

Digital Development

Inclusive Growth

Capacity Building Priorities



Leadership Training for Regional Economic Cooperation



Trade-Transport-Investment Nexus

Agriculture and Water



AI and E-commerce

Green and Digital Transitions