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CAREC 2030 Strategy Midterm Review, Progress on Review of Sectoral Strategies, and CAREC Corridor 2 Development

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CAREC 2030 Strategy Midterm Review

10-Point Recommendations

- 1 Streamline Scope for Enhancing Impact of CAREC Initiatives
- 2 **Review and Recalibrate Sector Strategies**
- 3 Pursue Regional Public Goods (RPGs) to Address Common Issues
- 4 Reinvigorate Regional Ownership for Sustaining Outcomes
- 5 Promote Integrated and Climate-Smart Development
- 6 Strengthen Engagement with Development Partners and Private Sector
- 7 Improve Program Effectiveness and Monitoring
- 8 Strengthen the CAREC Secretariat
- 9 Enhance CAREC Institute's role as a Strategic Partner for Knowledge-Driven Development
- 10 Prepare the Midterm Review Implementation Action Plan

MTR Rolling Implementation Action Plan

**NFP Strategic
Planning Meeting
(March 2025)**

**Consultation with
Country
Stakeholders and
Development
Partners (April -
June 2025)**

**Progress updates
on Rolling
Implementation
Action Plan at 24th
CAREC Ministerial
Conference
(November 2025)**

**Draft Rolling
Implementation
Action Plan (IAP)
2025-2030 for
comments (May
2025)**

**MTRs of transport
and trade
preliminary
findings for SOM
(June 2025)**

Midterm Review of Sectoral Strategies

For SOM Consideration
(June 2025)

MTR Implementation
Action Plan

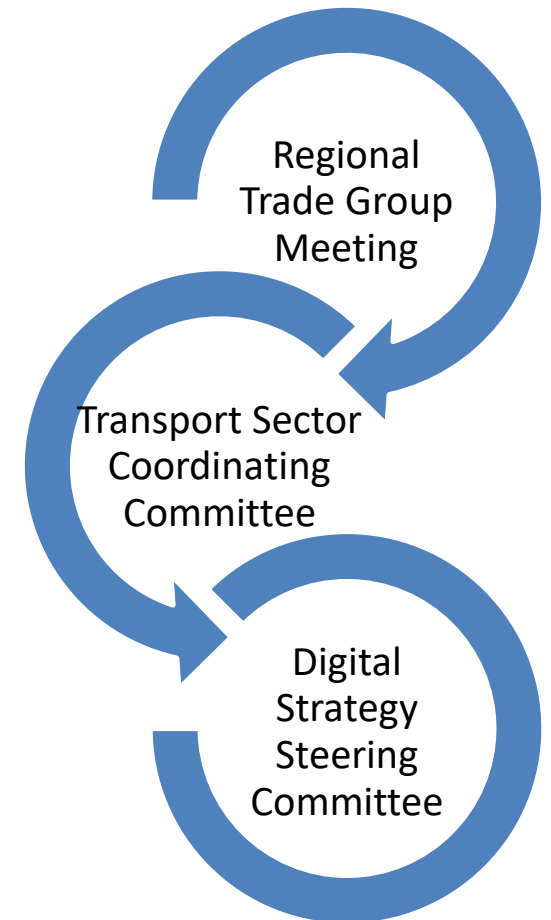
CAREC Transport
Strategy 2030

CAREC Integrated
Trade Agenda 2030

CAREC Digital
Strategy 2030

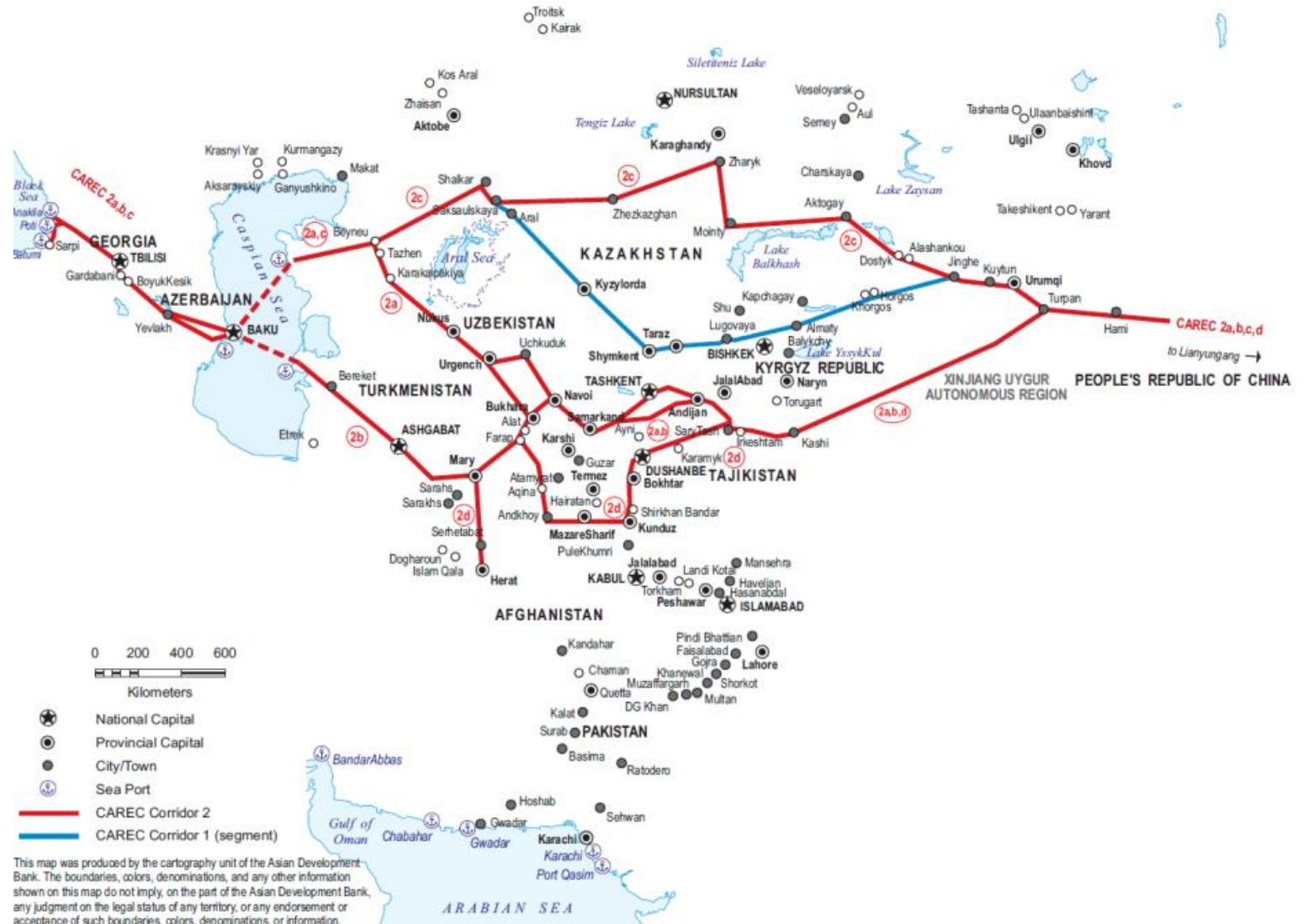
Consultations for Transport, Trade and Digital Strategies

- MON (Mar 2025)
- KAZ (Mar 2025)
- PRC (Mar 2025)
- AZE (Apr 2025)
- KGZ (Apr 2025)
- UZB (Apr 2025)
- TAJ (Apr 2025)
- GEO (May 2025)
- TKM (May 2025)
- PAK (May 2025)

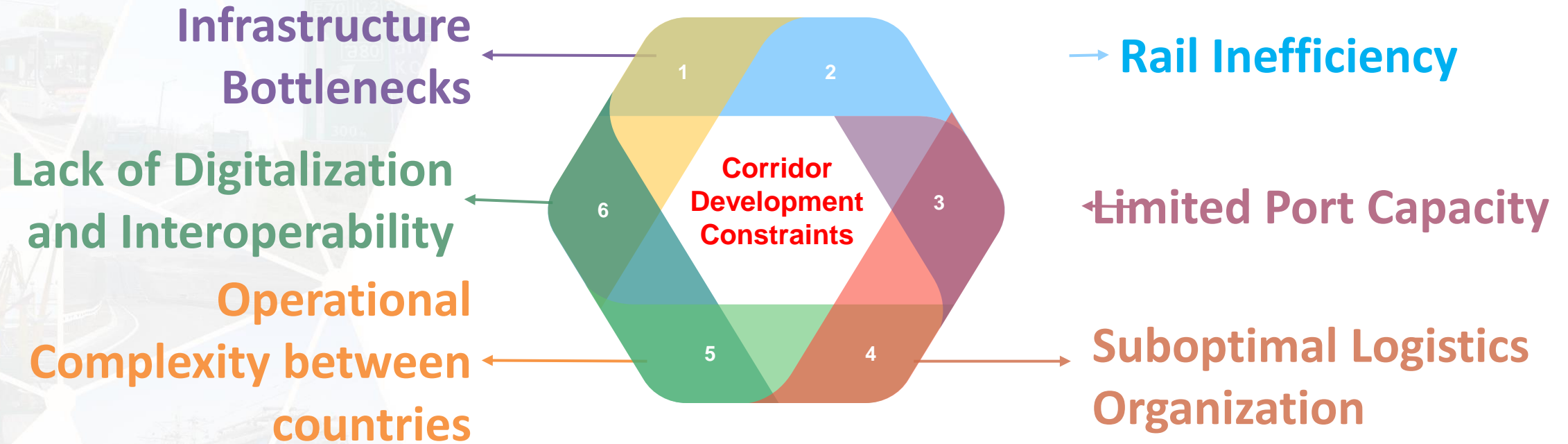


CAREC Corridor 2 Development Study

Needs and Potential Projects



CAREC Corridor 2 Development Study: Key Challenges



CAREC Corridor 2 Development Study: Strategic

Strategic Objective: Competitive and sustainable corridor facilitating socioeconomic development

Infrastructure Upgrades

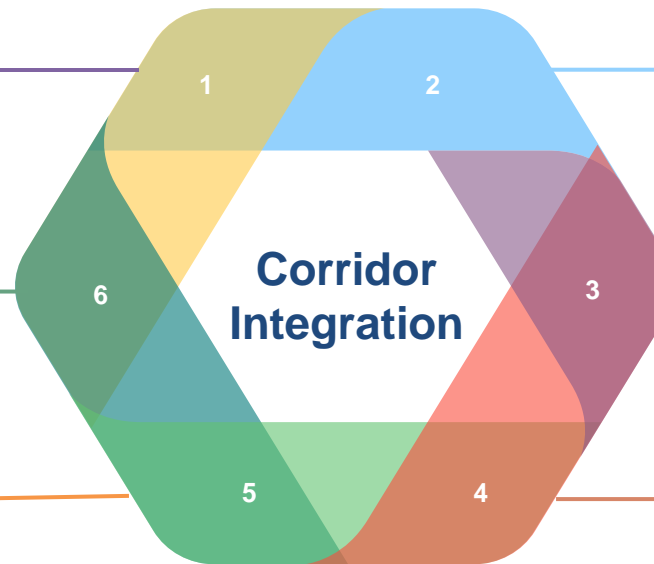
Modernize road and rail networks, focusing on double-tracking and electrification for increased capacity.

Digitalization

Implement advanced digital systems for tracking cargo, streamlining customs, and optimizing logistics operations.

Transnational coordination

Strengthen links between domestic regions and neighboring countries through harmonized tariffs, synchronized customs, and improved cross-border planning.



Rail Efficiency

Enhance scheduling and streamline operations to increase speed and reliability of rail services.

Port Capacity

Expand port infrastructure and improve operational efficiency to eliminate bottlenecks and handle larger trade volumes effectively.

Logistics Hubs

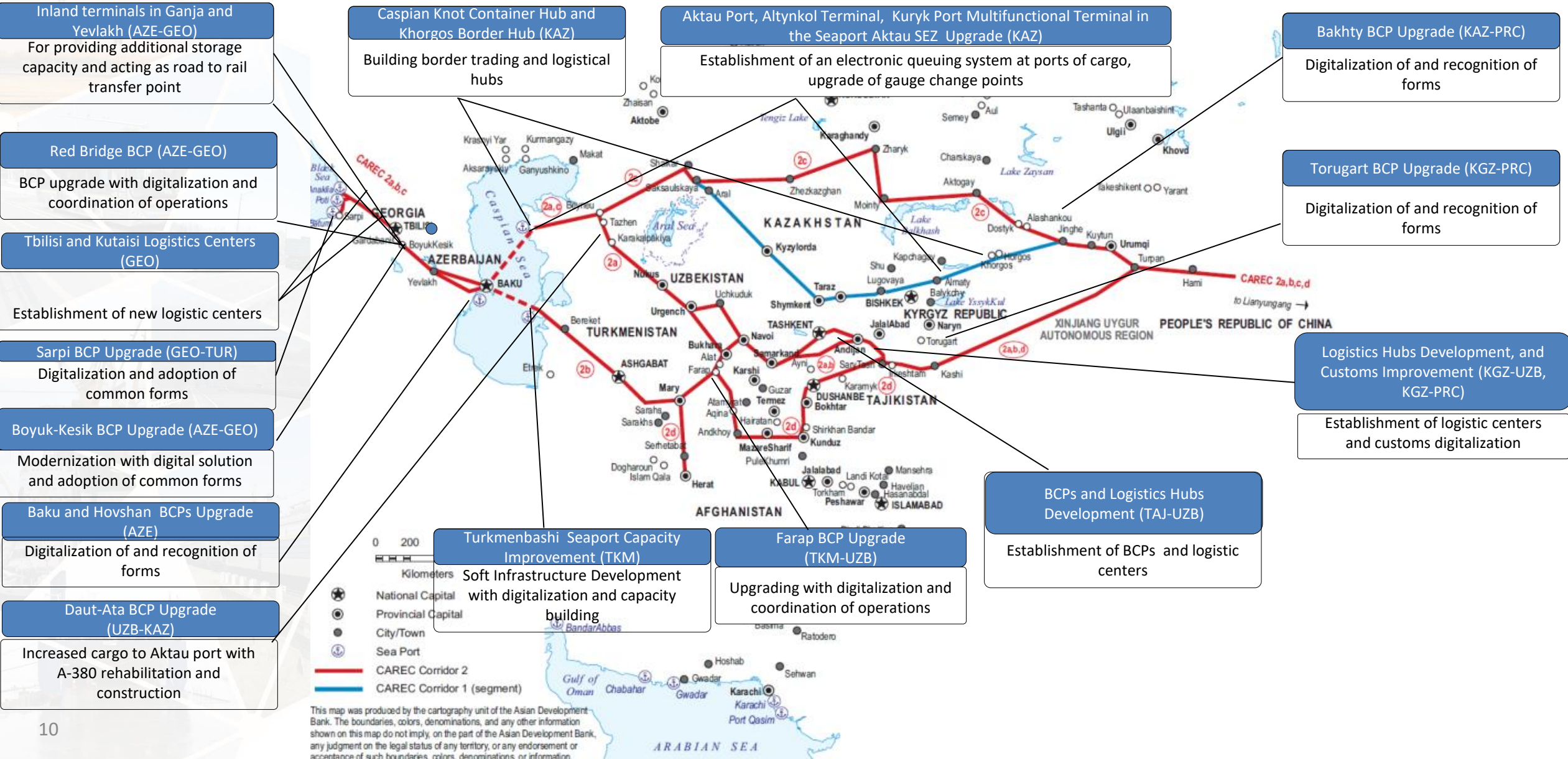
Develop intermodal terminals to facilitate efficient rail-to-road transfers and improve access for industries to regional and international markets.

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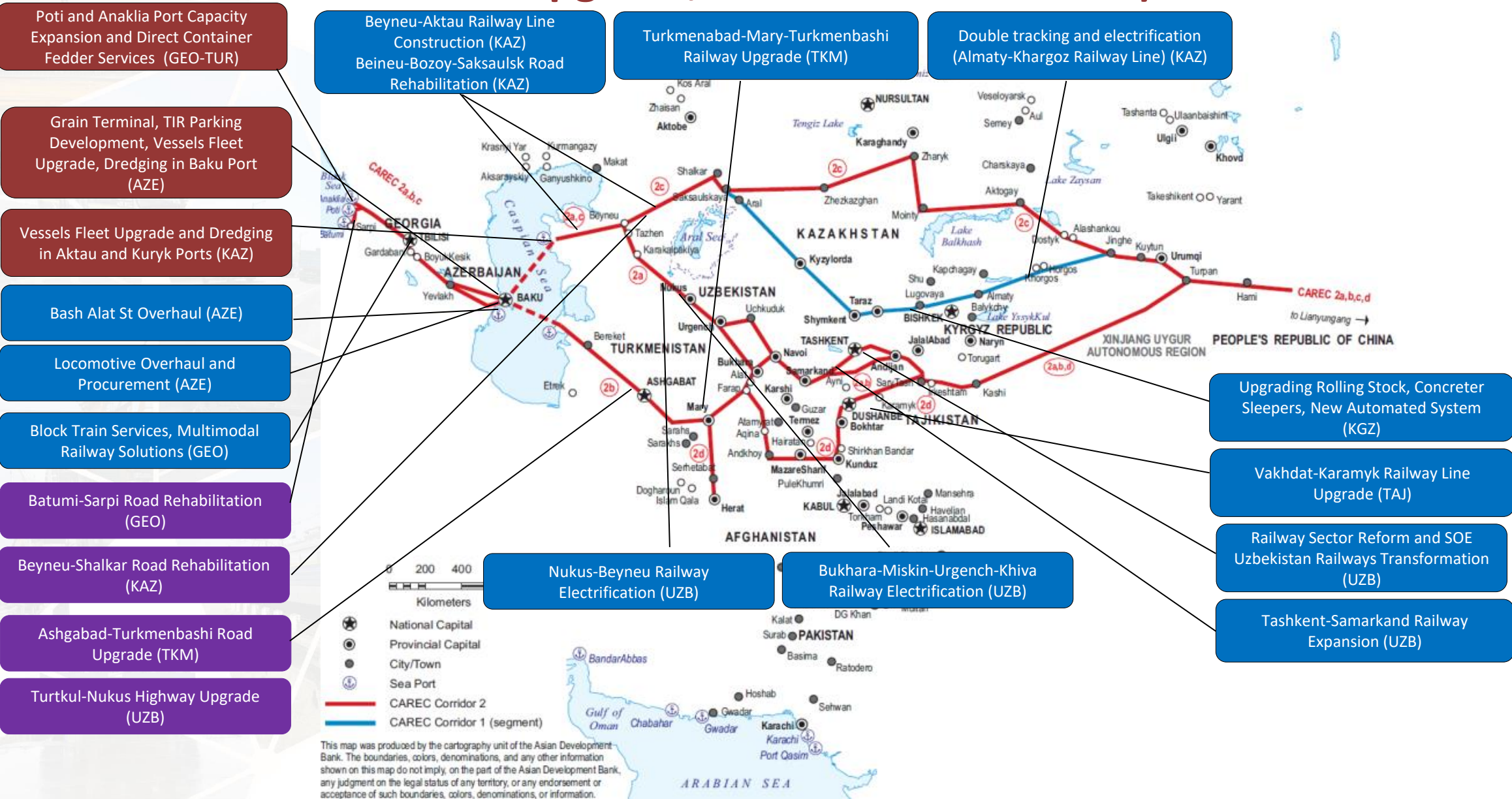
Consistency with National Priorities

Country	Key National Strategic Documents
Azerbaijan	Action Plan to Increase the Transit Potential of International Transport Corridors Passing through the Territory of the Republic of Azerbaijan and Stimulate Transit Cargo Transportation for 2024-2026
Georgia	National Transport and Logistics Strategy, 2023-2030
Kazakhstan	Concept for the Development of Transport and Logistics Potential of the Republic of Kazakhstan until 2030
Kyrgyz Republic	National Development Program of the Kyrgyz Republic until 2030 (forthcoming)
Tajikistan	National Development Strategy of Republic of Tajikistan until 2030 State Program for Transport Sector Development of the Republic of Tajikistan until 2025
Turkmenistan	Turkmenistan's Program of Transport Diplomacy Development for 2022-2025
Uzbekistan	Concept of Transport and Logistics Systems Development 2030 of the Republic of Uzbekistan

Needs for Short-term Interventions (Border-crossing Points, Transport Logistics Centers, Digital Solutions)



Needs for Medium-term Interventions (Railway, Road, Ports Infrastructure Upgrade, Institutional Reforms)



Needs for Long-term Interventions to Transform into Economic Corridor

Support to SMEs in Regional Value Chain and Trade Participation (GEO, AZE, UZB, KAZ)

Development of Cooperatives of Farmers and Export Potential (KAZ)

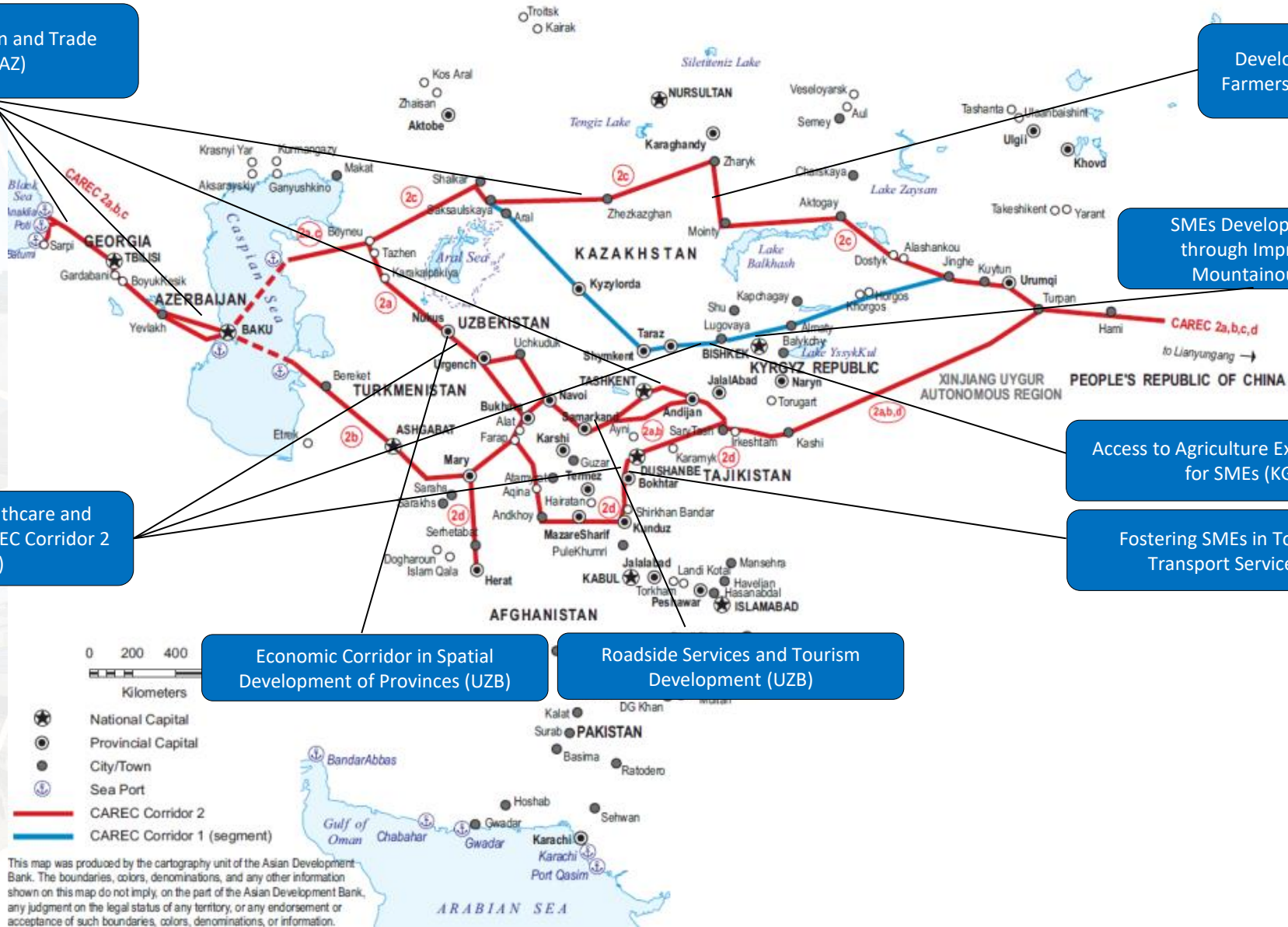
SMEs Development in Tourism through Improved Access to Mountainous Areas (KGZ)

Access to Agriculture Export Markets for SMEs (KGZ)

Fostering SMEs in Tourism and Transport Services (TAJ)

Improving Remote Areas' Access to Healthcare and other Social Services by Accessing the CAREC Corridor 2 Infrastructure (KGZ, TAJ, UZB)

Economic Corridor in Spatial Development of Provinces (UZB) Roadside Services and Tourism Development (UZB)



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CAREC Corridor 2 Development Study: Roadmap



Upstream: Analytics and Demand Scoping

- Regional transport planning
- Scoping study for block trains establishment
- Review of logistics services markets



Midstream: Reform Support and Advisory for Programming Projects

- Investment planning based on transport modeling
- Advisory services for planning, building infrastructure and optimizing logistics for block train operations
- Co-design regulatory reforms to stimulate private transport operations in logistics services (third-party logistics and above)



Downstream: High-quality Projects and Implementation

- Demand-based financing of road rehabilitation, operation and maintenance upgrade
- Invest in block trains establishment to reduce the rail-freight transportation time
- Finance to create competitive and transparent logistics services markets, and the development of transport logistics centers with intermodal transfer

CAREC Corridor 2 Development: Programmed Projects (2025-2028)

Azerbaijan:

- Railways Digital Transformation Project, 2025
- Railway Signalling and Electrification (Baku-Böyük Kəsik) Project, 2026

Georgia:

- Batumi-Sarpi Road Project, 2025
- Tbilisi Bypass Project Lots 4 and 5, 2026
- Railway Sector Reform Program, Subprograms 1 and 2, 2027-2028

Kyrgyz Republic:

- Transport Development Project (Border crossing point/Railway), 2028

Tajikistan:

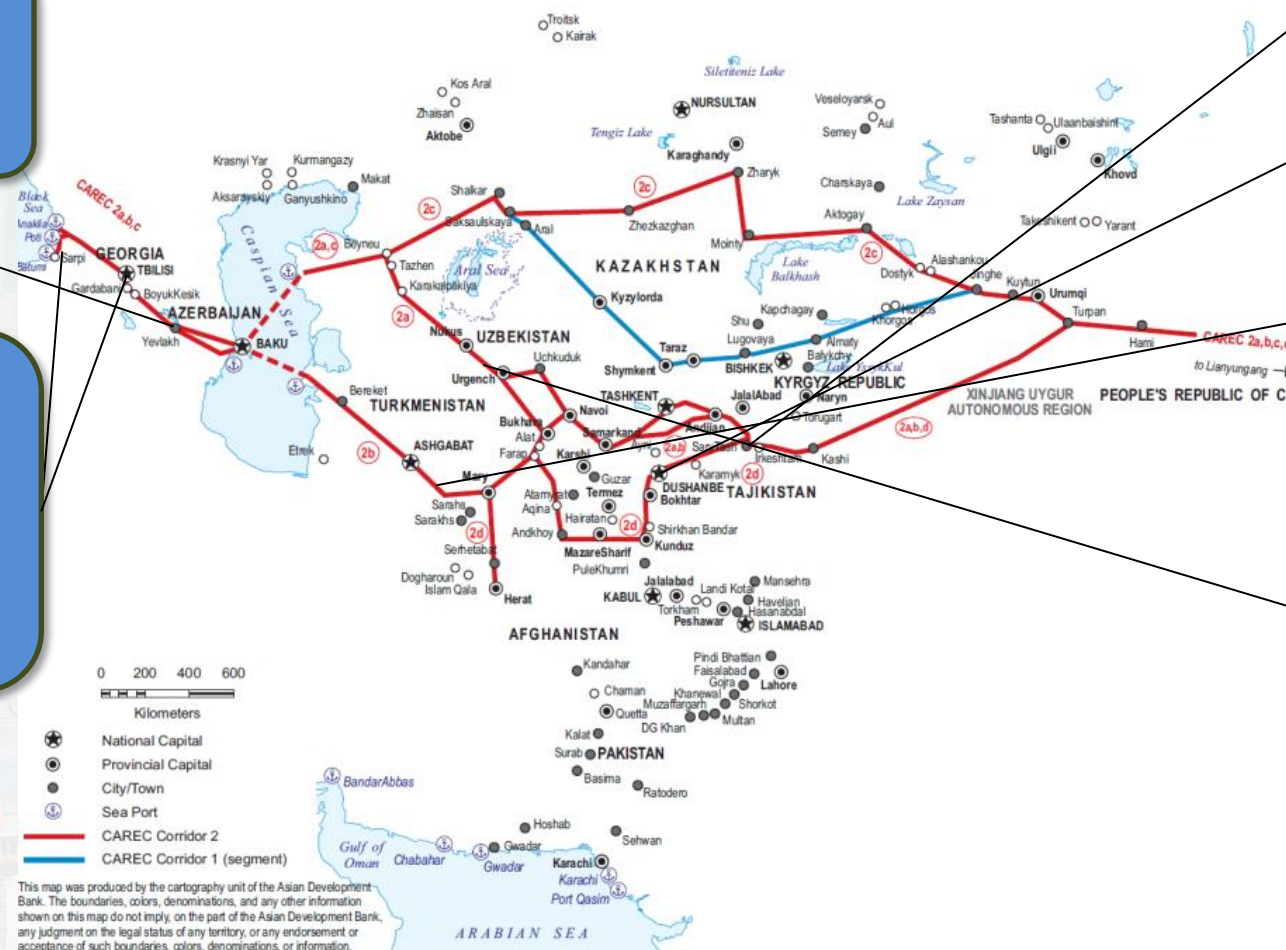
- Green Road Improvement Project, 2028

Turkmenistan:

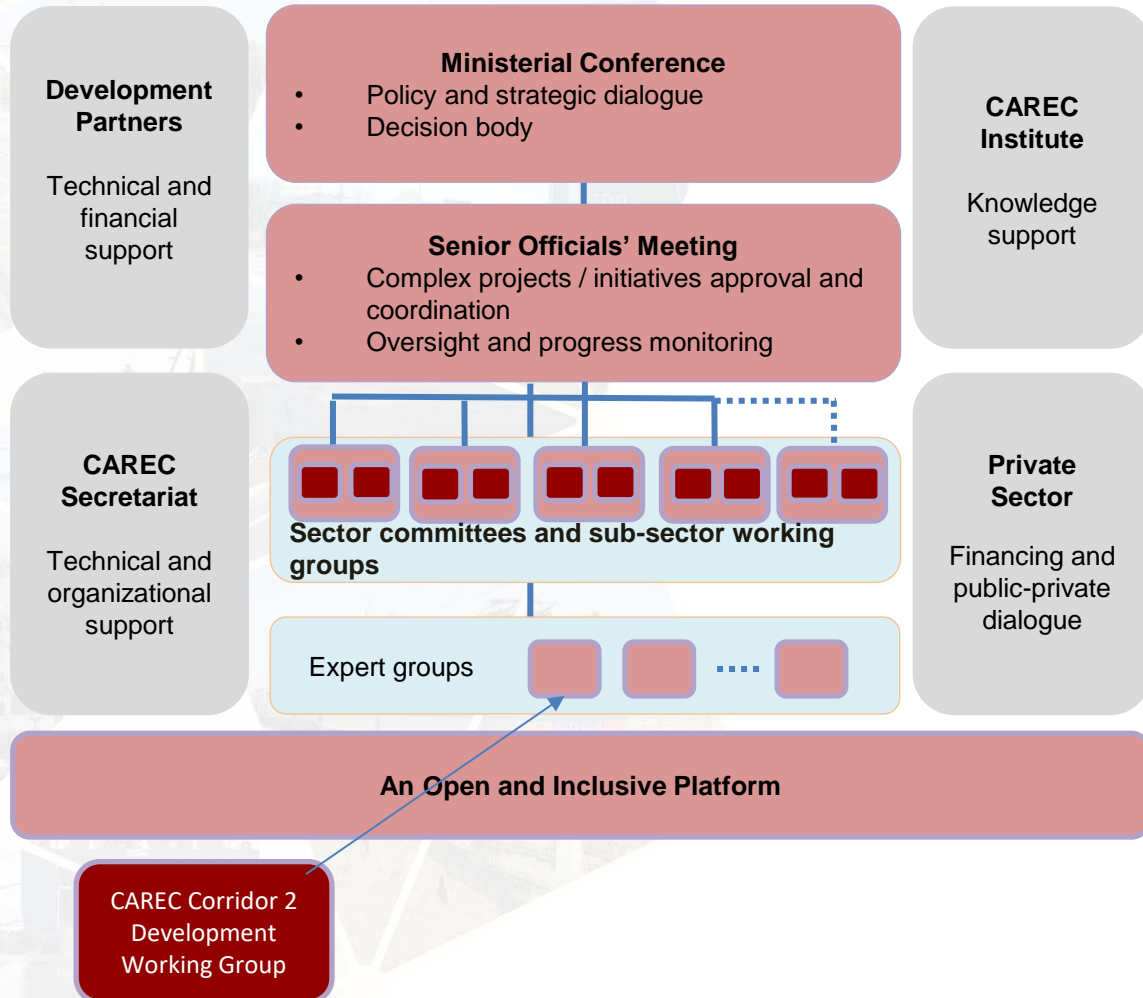
- Trans-Turkmenistan Railway Modernization Project:
Phase 1 (Ashgabat-Dushak) 2026
Phase 2 (Mary-Dushak) 2027

Uzbekistan:

- CAREC Road Corridor 2 Resilience and Modernization Project (92 km of A380 Section, 581 km-673 km), 2025
- CAREC Corridors 2 and 6 Road Modernization and Safety Project, 2027
- CAREC Corridors 2 and 6 Road Modernization Program, Tranche 1 (Navoi-Karman Bypass, 147-181.5 km section of M37 Road), 2028



CAREC Corridor 2 Development: Proposed Implementation Arrangement



Objectives of the CAREC Corridor 2 Development Working Group:

1. To ensure coordinated investment planning of countries to avoid mismatch in timing of projects implementation
2. To guide programming missions on emerging needs for finance
3. To facilitate line ministries in timely processing programmed projects
4. To monitor and suggest adjustments in projects
5. To facilitate dialogue among countries in aligning regulations