

## 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting of the Working Group on Climate Change

### Draft Agenda

29 May 2024, Astana, Kazakhstan

#### Background and Objectives

As part of the implementation of the [Regional Action on Climate Change: a Vision for CAREC](#) (CAREC Climate Change Vision) endorsed at the 22<sup>nd</sup> CAREC Ministerial Conference on 30 November 2023 in Tbilisi, Georgia, the CAREC Secretariat is initiating the establishment of the CAREC Working Group on Climate Change (WGCC). The CAREC WGCC will focus on aligning Paris Agreement-related activities in CAREC's priority clusters and cross-cutting thematic areas. It will serve as an essential platform to (i) coordinate and accelerate regional climate action in the CAREC region, (ii) share best practices and experiences on and identify priority sectors for climate change adaptation and mitigation, (iii) mobilize climate finance, and (iv) promote One CAREC voice on climate change agenda at global and regional forums such as the 29<sup>th</sup> Session of the Conference of the Parties (COP 29) on 11–22 November 2024 in Baku, Azerbaijan.

14:15–14:30	<b>Registration</b>
14:30–14:35	<b>Opening Remarks</b> Mr. Nurlan Kurmalaev, Vice Minister of Ecology and Natural Resources, Kazakhstan Mr. Yevgeniy Zhukov, Director General, Central and West Asia Department (CWRD), ADB
14:35–14:40	<b>Introduction of Program</b> Objective: Overview of the outcomes of the first virtual meeting of the WG, an initial work plan for 2024/2025, and the goals and agenda for this WG meeting.  Ms. Lyaziza Sabyrova, Regional Head, CWRC, CWRD, ADB
14:40–15:50	<b>Session 1. Mainstreaming Climate Change across CAREC 2030's operational areas: Energy, Transport, Trade, DRM</b> Objective: Align existing sectoral strategies and projects with the Paris Agreement and countries' climate commitments and identify potential climate-related regional projects and initiatives in the sectors.  Presentations by:  Mr. Oleg Samukhin, Senior Transport Specialist, SG-TRA

	<p>Mr. Martin Jaer, Energy Specialist, SG-ENE (virtual)</p> <p>Ms. Dorothea Lazaro, Senior Regional Cooperation Specialist, CWRC, CWRD</p> <p>Ms. Kirthi Ramesh, Social Sector Specialist (virtual)</p> <p><b>Q&amp;A (20 mins)</b></p>
15:50–16:10	<b>Group Photo and Coffee/Tea Break</b>
16:10–17:50	<p><b>Session 2. Financing Regional Climate Projects</b></p> <p><i>Objectives: Discussing Financing and Regional Climate Change Projects, including showcasing ongoing project examples of regional projects in the CAREC region.</i></p> <p><i>Presentations of Selective Projects by CAREC Member Countries and Development Partners</i></p> <p>Presentations by:</p> <p>Mr. Faig Mutallimov, Head of Ecological Policy Department, Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources, Azerbaijan</p> <p>Ms. Saule Sabieva, Director of the Department of Climate Policy and Green Technology, Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources</p> <p>Ms. Asel Madybayeva, Deputy Director, Center for Climate Finance of the Kyrgyz Republic</p> <p>Ms. Urvashi Narain, Sustainable Development Program Leader for Central Asia, World Bank (virtual)</p> <p>Ms. Maira Karassayeva, Principal Banker, Green Economy Transition, EBRD</p> <p>Mr. Maksim Surkov, Regional Manager, Eastern Europe and Central Asia (EECA), Mongolia/China/Korea, Green Climate Fund</p> <p><b>Discussion on CAREC Climate Change Action Plan</b></p>
17:50–18:00	<p><b>Wrap-up</b></p> <p><i>Objective: Summary of key takeaways from the discussions and next steps.</i></p> <p>Ms. Lyaziza Sabyrova, Regional Head, CWRC, CWRD, ADB</p>
19:30	<b>Dinner Hosted by ADB</b>