



Special Meeting on CAREC Digital Strategy 2030 Midterm Review
13:30 --16:30 | 26 June 2025 | Multi-Function Hall 2, ADB Headquarters

Agenda

13:30–13:40	<p>Opening Session</p> <p>Mr. Azamat Zhamangulov, Minister, Ministry of Digital Development and Innovative Technologies, Kyrgyz Republic</p> <p>Ms. Lyaziza Sabyrova, Regional Head, Regional Cooperation and Integration, Central and West Asia Department (CWRC), ADB</p>
13:40–14:40	<p>Session 1: CAREC Digital Strategy 2030: Progress and Midterm Review</p> <p><i>The session will present progress on initiatives implemented under the Digital Strategy 2030, and preliminary outcomes of the country consultations for the CAREC 2030 Strategy Midterm Review</i></p> <p>Moderator: Ms. Lyaziza Sabyrova, Regional Head, CWRC, ADB</p> <p>Presentation: Mid Term Review of the CAREC Digital Strategy 2030 Mr. Khalid Umar, Regional Cooperation Specialist, CWRC, ADB Dr. Asya Rudkovskaya, Consultant, ADB</p> <p>Tour de Table: All CAREC Member Countries <i>Country delegates and members of the CAREC Digital Strategy Steering Committee will share their perspectives, feedback and recommendations for the CAREC Digital Strategy 2030 Midterm Review.</i></p>
14:40–14:50	<p>Coffee break</p>
14:50–15:45	<p>Session 2: Ongoing or Proposed CAREC Digital Investment Projects</p> <p><i>The session will discuss ongoing investments as well as proposals from CAREC member countries, including the CAREC Digital Corridor. The session may also present examples of ADB investment projects and lessons learned.</i></p> <p>Moderator: Mr. Antonio Zaballos, Director, Digital Sector Office, ADB</p> <p>Presentation: Pakistan as Digital Corridor for CAREC Member Countries Mr. Asfand Yar Khan, Director General IT, Ministry of Information Technology, Pakistan</p>

	<p>Presentation: CAREC Digital Corridor – Scoping Study Mr. Khalid Umar, Regional Cooperation Specialist, CWRC, ADB Mr. Peter Lange, Consultant ADB</p> <p>Presentation: CAREC Funds of Funds Ms. Carolyn Florey, Digital Development Specialist, SD2 Mr. Irakli Kashibadze, Consultant ADB</p> <p>Reactions/Interventions from CAREC Member Countries</p>
15:45–16:20	<p>Session 3: CAREC Digital Sector Key Activities, Developing Regional Investment Framework and Next Steps</p> <p><i>The session will discuss plans for the 2025 key activities (including CAREC Technology and Digital Forum in the Kyrgyz Republic) and next steps for reporting the CAREC Ministerial Conference in November 2025 and follow-up technical assistance. The session will discuss CAREC priorities and developing a regional framework to attract digital investments across CAREC, focusing on key cross-border projects and policy enablers to enhance digital connectivity and innovation.</i></p> <p>Moderator: Ministry of Digital Development and Innovative Technologies, Kyrgyz Republic</p> <p>Presentation by the CAREC Secretariat Ms. Dorothea C. Lazaro, Senior Regional Cooperation Specialist, CWRD, ADB</p> <p>Presentation by Digital Sector Office Ms. Carolyn Florey, Digital Development Specialist, Digital Sector Office, ADB; Ms. Tahani Iqbal, Digital Development Specialist, Digital Sector Office, ADB</p> <p>Reactions/Interventions from CAREC Member Countries</p>
16:20–16:30	<p>Closing Remarks</p> <p>Mr. Azamat Zhamangulov, Minister, Ministry of Digital Development and Innovative Technologies of the Kyrgyz Republic</p> <p>Mr. Antonio Zaballos, Director, Digital Sector Office, ADB</p>
1900	<p>Dinner for CAREC Participants Venue: The Heat Restaurant, EDSA Shangri-La Hotel</p> <p>Transport from ADB to Hotel: 18:30 Meet up at ADB Main Lobby</p>