



# CAREC Institute Research Workshop

21-24 October 2009 • Almaty, Kazakhstan



- 8:15am 30 mins. Registration
- 8:45am 15 mins. [Welcome Note and Overview of the Workshop](#)  
*Jesus Felipe, ADB*

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## Day 1: Structural Transformation

Wednesday, 21 October 2009  
Chair: Jesus Felipe

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- 9:00am 35 mins. [Structural Transformation and Growth](#)  
*Jesus Felipe, ADB*
- Objectives of this session
  - Structural transformation, trade, and growth
- 9:35am 40 mins. [Key Concepts](#)  
*Cesar Hidalgo, Harvard University; Arnelyn Abdon, ADB; Damaris Yarcia, ADB*
- RCA
  - PRODY
  - EXPY: Export sophistication and growth
  - Proximity
  - Path
  - Density
  - Open Forest
  - Strategic Value
  - Product Space: How do countries move to more sophisticated products?
- 20 mins. Discussion
- 15 mins. Coffee break
- 10:50am 20 mins. [Data Construction and Issues](#)  
*Norio Usui, ADB; Damaris Yarcia, ADB; Arnelyn Abdon, ADB*
- Data sources
  - Data limitations
  - Import vs Export data
  - Adjustments made
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- 11:10am 55 mins. [Overview of Networks and the Product Space](#)  
*Cesar Hidalgo, Harvard University*
- Introduction to networks
  - Proximity, maximum spanning tree
  - Characteristics of the Product Space
  - Software used to construct the maps
- 20 mins. Discussion
- 12:25pm 80 mins. Lunch break
- 1:45pm 60 mins. [Structural Transformation in the CAREC Region](#)  
*Norio Usui, ADB*
- Major exports, per capita GDP
  - EXPY, Open Forest, Strategic Value, distance, and Product Space
- 20 mins. Discussion
- 3:05pm 50 mins. [Product Selection and Dialogue for Structural Transformation](#)  
*Jesus Felipe, ADB*
- Are we “picking winners”?
  - Industrial policy
- 15 mins. Coffee break
- 4:10pm 50 mins. [Product Selection and Dialogue for Structural Transformation](#)  
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*Norio Usui, ADB*
- How can we choose?
  - Private-public dialogue
- 5:00pm 30 mins. Discussion and Next Steps
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### Day 3: Regional Cooperation

Friday, 23 October 2009

Chair: Norio Usui

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9:00am	15 mins.	<b>Brief Background on the Session</b> <i>Jesus Felipe, ADB</i>
9:15am		<b>Presentation by Research Institutes</b>
	30 mins.	<a href="#">Kyrgyz Republic—Investment Round Table</a>
	30 mins.	<a href="#">Afghanistan—American University of Afghanistan</a>
	30 mins.	<a href="#">The People’s Republic of China—Institute of Russian, East European and Central Asian Studies, CASS</a>
	25 mins.	Coffee break
	20 mins.	Discussion
11:30am	30 mins.	<a href="#">Trends in Foreign Trade of CAREC Countries</a> <i>Roman Mogilevsky, CAREC</i>
	20 mins.	Discussion
12:10pm	10 mins.	<b>Summing up</b>
12:20pm	80 mins.	Lunch break
1:40pm	40 mins.	<a href="#">Economic Integration in Central Asia</a> <i>Anthony Venables, Oxford University</i>
	20 mins.	Discussion
2:40pm	20 mins.	<a href="#">Integration among the ASEAN countries: Lessons for the CAREC Region</a> <i>Nitinant Wisaweisuan, Thammasat University</i>
	15 mins.	Discussion
3:15pm	40 mins.	<a href="#">Economic Geography, Clusters and the Regional Cooperation of the CAREC Countries, with Special Reference to Kazakhstan</a> <i>John McCombie, Cambridge University</i>
	20 mins.	Discussion
	20 mins.	Coffee break

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- 4:35pm 20 mins. [Regional Integration and Trade Facilitation: The CAREC Countries](#)  
*Jesus Felipe, ADB; Utsav Kumar, CAREC; Damaris Yarcia, ADB*
- 20 mins. Discussion
- 5:15pm 20 mins. Discussion and Next Steps
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**Day 4: Macroeconomic Issues**

Saturday, 24 October 2009

Chair: Jesus Felipe

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9:00am	15 mins.	<b>Brief Background on the Session</b> <i>Jesus Felipe, ADB</i>
9:15am		<b>Presentation by Research Institutes</b>
	30 mins.	<a href="#">Kyrgyz Republic—American University of Central Asia</a>
	30 mins.	<a href="#">Uzbekistan—Center for Economic Research</a>
	20 mins.	Discussion
	25 mins.	Coffee break
	30 mins.	<a href="#">Kazakhstan—Economic Research Institute</a>
	30 mins.	<a href="#">Tajikistan—Institute of Economic Researches</a>
	20 mins.	Discussion
12:20pm	10 mins.	<b>Summing up</b>
12:30pm	90 mins.	Lunch break
2:00pm	40 mins.	<a href="#">Macroeconomic Risk Assessment of the CAREC Countries in the Context of the Global Financial Crisis</a> <i>William Mitchell, University of Newcastle</i>
	20 mins.	Discussion
3:00pm	40 mins.	<b>New Consensus Macroeconomics and Inflation Targeting: Relevance to CAREC Countries</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">New Consensus Macroeconomics and Inflation Targeting Relevance to CAREC Countries</a></li><li>• <a href="#">Economic Policies after the New Consensus Macroeconomics</a></li></ul> <i>Philip Arestis, Cambridge University</i>
	20 mins.	Discussion
	20 mins.	Coffee break

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4:20pm 40 mins. [A Path to Full Employment: Options for Policy Makers in CAREC Countries](#)  
*Randall Wray, University of Missouri-Kansas City*

20 mins. Discussion

5:20pm 20 mins. Discussion and Next Steps

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5:40pm 20 mins. Summing-up of Workshop/Next Activities

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