



24th CAREC Ministerial Conference

Green and Digital CAREC

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Grand Ballroom, Sheraton Bishkek, Kyrgyz Republic



07:30–08:30	Registration and Security Check
08:45–08:55	24th CAREC Ministerial Conference Video Presentation
09:00–09:30	Inaugural Session
09:00–09:03	Introduction Mr. Bakyt Sydykov, Minister, Ministry of Economy and Commerce, Kyrgyz Republic
09:03–09:10	Welcome Address Mr. Adylbek Kasymaliev Chairman of the Cabinet of Ministers of the Kyrgyz Republic– Head of the Presidential Administration of the Kyrgyz Republic
09:10–09:17	Keynote Address Mr. Masato Kanda President Asian Development Bank (ADB)
09:17–09:30	Setting the Stage: CAREC Program – Progress and Impact Ms. Lyaziza Sabyrova, Regional Head, Regional Cooperation and Integration, Central and West Asia Department (CWRD), ADB
09:30–09:55	Signing Ceremony and Group Photo
	Documents to be signed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Bishkek Ministerial Declaration on the Launch of Negotiations for the CAREC Trade and Investment Facilitation (CARTIF) Partnership Agreement ii. Loan Agreement: Almaty–Bishkek Economic Corridor Regional Improvement of Border Services Project Group Photo
09:55–10:05	Coffee Break
10:05–11:20	CAREC Country Statements
	Moderator Mr. Yingming Yang, Vice-President (South, Central, and West Asia), ADB Country Statements All CAREC Ministers / Heads of Delegations (5 min per country)
11:20–11:50	Session 1: Physical Infrastructure and Regional Connectivity
	Moderator Mr. Hiroaki Yamaguchi, Senior Director, Sectors Department 1, ADB Transport and Economic Corridor Development Midterm Review of CAREC Transport Strategy 2030 and CAREC Corridor 2 Strategic Projects (10 min)

	<p>Presenter: Mr. Masahiro Nishimura, Principal Transport Specialist, Transport Sector Office, Sectors Department 1, ADB</p> <p>Key Initiative: Border Upgrades for Integration, Logistics, and Development (BUILD) Facility (5 min) Presenter: Mr. Ari J. Kalliokoski, Principal Transport Specialist, Transport Sector Office, Sectors Department 1, ADB</p> <p>Energy Key Initiative: Caspian Green Energy Corridor (3 min) Presenter: Ms. Altyнай Arapova, Senior Regional Cooperation Specialist, CWRD, ADB</p> <p>Reactions/Interventions from CAREC Ministers (15 min)</p>
11:50–13:00	Session 2: Soft Infrastructure and Digital Connectivity
	<p>Moderator Mr. Azamat Zhamangulov, Minister of Digital Development and Innovative Technologies of the Kyrgyz Republic</p> <p>Digital Connectivity Midterm Review of the CAREC Digital Strategy 2030 (5 min) Presenter: Mr. Khalid Umar, Regional Cooperation Specialist, CWRD, ADB</p> <p>Key Initiative: Developing CAREC Digital Corridor (5 min) Presenter: Mr. Antonio Zaballos, Director, Digital Sector Office, Sectors Department 2, ADB</p> <p>Trade Midterm Review of the CAREC Integrated Trade Agenda 2030 and ECTGE" Review of the CAREC Integrated Trade Agenda 2030 and ECTGE" (7 min) Presenter: Ms. Dorothea Lazaro, Senior Regional Cooperation Specialist, CWRD, ADB</p> <p>Key Initiative: CARTIF Partnership (3 min) Presenter: Ms. Zulfia Karimova, Principal Regional Cooperation Specialist, CWRD, ADB</p> <p>Reactions/Interventions from CAREC Ministers (20 min)</p> <p>Launch or Signing Ceremonies (15 min)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> MoU on Implementing the Testing Phase of the Expanded CAREC Advanced Transit System and Information Common Exchange (CATS/ICE) CAREC Digital Corridor MoU on CAREC Innovation and Venture Investment Catalyst (CIVIC) Facility MoU on CAREC Pilot Project on Electronic Exchange and Mutual Recognition of Conformity Certificates
13:00–14:00	Lunch (venue: Legend, 5th floor)
14:00–14:30	Session 3: People-to-People Connectivity and Human Capital Development
	<p>Moderator Ms. Leah Gutierrez, Director General, Central and West Asia Department, ADB</p> <p>Green Skills Key Initiative: CAREC Agricultural Universities' Accelerator Program (5 min) Presenter: Ms. Zulfia Karimova, Principal Regional Cooperation Specialist, CWRD, ADB</p>

	<p>Health-Climate Nexus Regional Decarbonization Strategy for Health and Regionally–Agreed Minimum Requirements for Climate-Resilient Health Facilities (5 min) Presenter: Ms. Kirthi Ramesh, Senior Social Sector Specialist, Human and Social Development Office, Sectors Department 3, ADB (virtual)</p> <p>Reactions/Interventions from CAREC Ministers (10 min)</p> <p>Signing Ceremony (10 min)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> MoU on the Kyrgyz Republic–Uzbekistan Cross-Border Sustainable Tourism Cluster Development MoU on CAREC Regional Tourism Development
14:30–15:00	Session 4: Responding to Climate Change and Disaster Risks
	<p>Moderator Mr. Muhammad Ehsan Khan, Director General, East Asia Department, ADB</p> <p>CAREC Climate and Sustainability Project Preparatory Fund (CSPPF) (5 min) Presenter: Ms. Altynay Arapova, Senior Regional Cooperation Specialist, CWRD, ADB</p> <p>Risk-Layered Disaster Relief Finance Sector Development Program for the Kyrgyz Republic and Tajikistan Video presentation (3 min)</p> <p>Glaciers to Farms Regional Program (5 min) Presenter: Ms. Kathleen Anne C. Coballes, Climate Change Specialist, Climate Change and Sustainable Development (CCSD), ADB (virtual)</p> <p>Reactions/Interventions from CAREC Ministers (15 min)</p>
15:00–15:15	Coffee break
15:15–16:00	Session 5: Knowledge Sharing Session
	<p>Moderator Ms. Lyaziza Sabyrova, Regional Head, Regional Cooperation and Integration, CWRD, ADB</p> <p>Presentation: Economic Integration and Long-Term Growth in the Caucasus and Central Asia Presenter: Mr. Subir Lall, Deputy Director, Middle East and Central Asia Department, International Monetary Fund (10 min)</p> <p>Knowledge-Sharing on recent ADB Studies on CAREC Countries Presenters: Mr. Kiyoshi Taniguchi, Regional Lead Economist, CWRD, ADB (10 min) Mr. Roman Mogilevskii, Senior Regional Cooperation Economist, CWRD, ADB (10 min) Mr. Virender Kumar Duggal, Unit Head, Carbon Markets, Climate Change and Sustainable Development Department, ADB (virtual) (5 min)</p> <p>Open Discussion (10 min)</p>

16:00–16:30	Session 6: Development Partners Interventions
	<p>Moderator Mr. Bakyt Sydykov, Minister, Ministry of Economy and Commerce, Kyrgyz Republic</p> <p>Intervention by High-Level Heads of Delegations of Development Partners</p>
16:30–17:00	Session 7: Adoption of Joint Ministerial Statement and CAREC Program's 25th Anniversary in 2026
	<p>Moderator Mr. Bakyt Sydykov, Minister, Ministry of Economy and Commerce, Kyrgyz Republic</p> <p>Adoption of Joint Ministerial Statement</p> <p>Reactions/Interventions from CAREC Ministers (10 min)</p> <p>2026 Host Country Statement Mr. Batkhuu Idesh, State Secretary, Ministry of Economy and Development Video and speech (8 min)</p> <p>Statement from the Kyrgyz Republic Mr. Bakyt Sydykov, Minister, Ministry of Economy and Commerce</p> <p>Closing Remarks from ADB Mr. Yingming Yang, Vice-President (South, Central, and West Asia), ADB</p>
18:30–20.00	<p>Dinner Hosted by the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic Venue: Supara Ethnocomplex</p>