



# CAREC Water Pillar

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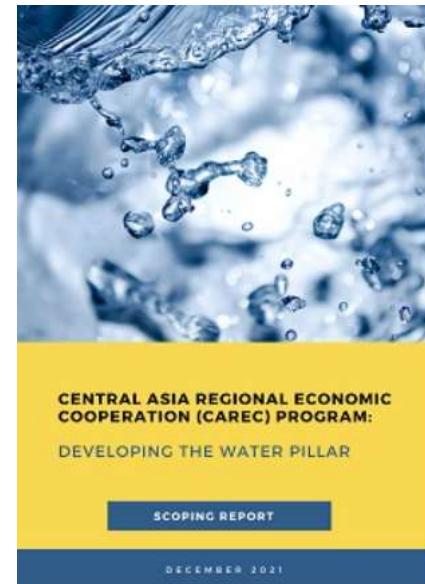
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## Vision of CAREC Water Pillar

“CAREC 2030 ..honest broker role, to promote discussion and dialogue on water issues to chart the way forward.”  
CAREC Strategy 2030

- Initial focus on 5 Central Asian republics
  - later expansion to all CAREC members.
- Framed Water Pillar Vision:
  - ‘a sustainable, climate resilient, productive and water secure region with shared benefits among States and communities.’





# Background

- The CAREC Water Pillar was established in 2020
- In 2021, the framework for CAREC water pillar was developed and endorsed by the Ministerial conference.
- In August 2022, the “Scoping Report” of CAREC water was prepared which included a longlist of potential regional project activities under three main blocks:
  - Climate resilient and productive water systems
  - Sustainable water resources and water services
  - Nexus solutions and cross sector learning
- In November 2022, first CAREC water pillar regional workshop held in Tashkent, Uzbekistan.
- The Regional Workshop concluded by a proposal for establishing a working group and thematic expert groups for the Water Pillar to help guide its future direction and content.



# CAREC Water Working Group

- In 2023, following a series of consultations with the CAREC focal points of Central Asia countries, the CAREC water working group was established for Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan.
- The Working Group is an advisory and consultative body who provides guidance on the implementation and future direction of the Water Pillar and development of regional projects and technical assistance, including coordination with other regional initiatives.
- In 2023, Georgia confirmed joining the water pillar and dialogue is continued with Azerbaijan to formally join the CAREC water pillar.
- Climate Risk assessment carried out in Georgia and climate adaptation water projects identified for ADB investment in Georgia.
- The Water Pillar is envisaged to expand over time to include other CAREC countries and will be assessing potential projects for financing in the coming years including water-energy nexus modeling.



# Key Priorities and Plans for 2024-2025

- The Working Group will meet in Istanbul, Turkey, in June 2024 to
  - i. share knowledge and new advancements in climate and water within the Central Asia region, and
  - ii. agree on three potential pipeline projects for investment by the CAREC water pillar.
- In the next step, prefeasibility studies will be carried out by CAREC water pillar on the three agreed proposed projects.
- CAREC water is developing a proof of concept for water-energy modeling in the Central Asia region to be completed by April 2025.