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# Establishing the CAREC Transport and Logistics Center

A joint ADB–CAREC Institute Platform for Evidence-based  
Transport and Economic Research and Planning, Policy Advice,  
and Capacity Building

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# Why this Center Matters

- **For member countries:** a reliable knowledge and data platform for evidence-based planning, investment prioritization, and corridor performance monitoring
- **For practitioners:** practical tools, training, peer learning, and technical guidance on transport and logistics implementation.
- **For ADB and Development Partners:** a regional implementation platform to support the CAREC Transport Strategy 2030 Midterm Review follow-up
- **For CAREC Institute:** a stronger role as a regional knowledge, research, and capacity-building arm in transport and logistics.

# Strategic Alignment

- **Anchored in the MTR:** supports the CAREC Transport Strategy 2030 Midterm Review and its follow-up actions.
- **Focused on implementation:** corridor efficiency, logistics performance, multimodal connectivity, smart mobility, and institutional coordination.
- **Operational value:** converts strategy recommendations into policy advice, capacity building, and practical knowledge products.
- **Partnership approach:** connects CI, ADB, member countries, practitioners, and development partners around shared transport priorities.

# CAREC Institute's Relevant Experience

- **CPMM analytics:** experience using corridor performance evidence to identify constraints and inform policy dialogue.
- **Transport and logistics studies:** containerization, corridor connectivity, and logistics-related analytical work.
- **Capacity building:** regional training and knowledge exchange on road asset management, road safety, and related transport topics.
- **Knowledge platforms:** Tianshan Forum, regional workshops, policy dialogues, and CI's e-learning platform to document and share outputs.

# Proposed Functions of the Center

- **Performance monitoring:** strengthen CPM, corridor diagnostics, and institutionalized data collection, including potential chokepoint data.
- **Policy research:** e-logistics, containerization, multimodal transport, border crossing, green transport, and connectivity efficiency.
- **Capacity building:** road asset management, road safety, logistics planning, data use, digital tools, and policy implementation.
- **Knowledge sharing:** policy briefs, case studies, dashboards, regional forums, and training materials.
- **Partnership coordination:** link ADB, CI, member countries, experts, and development partners through joint work planning.

# Current Progress

- **MTR follow-up:** the Center has been included in the CAREC Transport Strategy 2030 Midterm Review follow-up.
- **ADB–CI cooperation:** ADB and CAREC Institute signed an MOU in May 2026 to strengthen cooperation.
- **CPMM enhancement:** initial focus on strengthening CPMM analysis, CI's role, and institutionalized data collection.
- **Country engagement:** engagement with member countries on relevant transport studies, including e-logistics, containerization, and corridor efficiency.
- **Chokepoint work:** exploring data collection and analysis to identify bottlenecks and support targeted interventions.

# Proposed Establishment Process

*Guiding principle: start lean, build on existing CI and ADB activities, and scale based on demonstrated demand and results.*

- **Phase 1 — Design:** define mandate, functions, work program, governance, and resource requirements.
- **Phase 2 — Pilot:** launch selected studies and training activities; strengthen CPMM-related analytical outputs; establish a dedicated transport team.
- **Phase 3 — Full operation:** implement annual work plans, expert roster, country focal points, knowledge products, and regular regional events.

# Proposed Team Structure

- **Core CI staff:** overall management, work planning, research and capacity-building coordination, and country engagement.
- **Regular consultants:** transport economist, logistics specialist, data/CPMM expert, and capacity-building specialist.
- **Event-based consultants:** trainers and technical experts mobilized for specific workshops, studies, and knowledge products.
- **Country focal points / national partners:** support data access, validate findings, and facilitate participation in Center activities.

# Support Requested

- **Support the establishment process** and provide guidance on priorities for the Center's initial work program.
- **Recommend national partners or focal points** to support coordination, data access, and validation of findings.
- **Support data sharing and study participation** for CPMM enhancement, chokepoint diagnostics, and selected transport studies.
- **Mobilize expertise and financing** through ADB, development partners, and specialist networks.
- **Join Center knowledge activities** including policy dialogues, workshops, training programs, and regional forums.