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The Inaugural Road Working Group –Results and Work Plan

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I. Context

- Road Working Group (WG) established under CAREC TSCC by the midterm review (MTR) of the CAREC Transport Strategy 2030 (CTS 2030)
- Endorsed at the 22nd TSCC (June 2025) and the 24th CAREC Ministerial Conference (Nov 2025)
- Main platform for **key regional dialogue, knowledge sharing, and coordinated action** in the CAREC road subsector
- The inaugural Road WG meeting was held on **11-12 March 2026** in Urumqi, PRC **hosted by CAREC Institute (CI)**

II. Objectives

- **The objectives** of the Road WG is:
“To oversee CAREC initiatives relating to:
 - (i) road maintenance;*
 - (ii) (road) sustainability;*
 - (iii) road asset management system (RAMS); and*
 - (iv) road safety outcomes.” (The 22nd TSCC, June 2025)*

II. Agenda

	Day 1 – 11 March, Wednesday	Remarks
09:30-10:00	Registration	
10:00-10:30	I. Introduction - Opening Remarks (ADB Director)	Woo-Hyun Kwon Chen Chen
10:30-11:20	- Welcome Remarks (CI Director, PRCM DCD) II. Plenary Sessions - Session 1: Strategic Overview of CAREC	C Shallyyev, Aiming Zhou Altyнай Arapova
11:20-11:40	Group Photo and Coffee Break	
11:40-12:20	- Session 2: Mainstreaming Road Safety Risk Management Across CAREC Road Investments	Ritu Mishra
12:20-13:00	- Session 3: Sustainable Roads – ADB’s Green Road Toolkit Initiative	Michael Anyala (virtual)
13:00-14:30	Lunch Break	
14:30-16:10	Country Presentations on the Road Subsector I	AZE, GEO, KAZ, PAK, TKM
16:10-16:30	Coffee Break	
16:30-17:00	- Session 4: Digitalization of Transport Corridors	Ghulam Samad, CI
17:00-18:00	Preliminary Consultation on the Work Plan and Capacity Building Needs (On-site survey)	Woo-Hyun Kwon
19:00-20:30	Welcome Reception (Four Points by Sheraton)	Hosted by ADB

	Day 2 –12 March, Thursday	
09:30-10:00	Registration	
10:00-10:40	II. Plenary Sessions - Session 5: Road Asset Management System – the Tajikistan case	Zaigham A. Naqvi
10:40-11:20	- Session 6: Building Resilient Rural Road Networks – The Uzbekistan Experience	Yongkeun Oh
11:20-11:40	Coffee Break	
11:40-12:20	- Session 7: CAREC Transport Modeling	Masahiro Nishimura
12:20-13:00	- Session 8: Borders Upgrades for Integration, Logistics and Development—BUILD Initiative	Ari J. Kalliokoski
13:00-14:30	Lunch Break	
14:30-16:00	Country Presentations on the Road Subsector II	PRC, MON, TAJ, UZB (virtual), KGZ (virtual)
16:00-16:20	Coffee Break	
16:20-17:00	III. Work Plan and Next Steps - Adoption of the Initial Work Plan	Woo-Hyun Kwon
17:00-17:30	- Knowledge and Capacity Building Needs	
17:30-17:50	- Wrap-up: Agreed actions, the 2 nd Road WGM	
17:50-18:00	- Closing Remarks (ADB Director)	Chen Chen
19:00-20:30	Farewell Dinner	Hosted by CI

III. Key Outcomes

- **Road WG launched** as a structured regional platform
 - The Road WG will include **one or two members per country** from relevant ministries and the national road agency, with **members nominating representatives to attend meetings**.
- Strong engagement and ownership from CAREC members
- Four **Priority Activities** agreed
- Three-year **Work Plan** and Deliverables (2026–2028) **adopted**
- **Knowledge and Capacity Building (KCB)** needs identified

III. Key Outcomes – Road WG Members

CAREC Road Working Group				
No	DMC	Focal Agency	Nominee	Designation
1	Azerbaijan	State Agency of AZE Automobile Roads	Mr. Seymur Aslanov	Head, Traffic Organization and Safety Department, Main Department for O&M of Roads
2	PRC	Ministry of Transport	Ms. Huiyu Zhang	Director, Construction Market Regulation Division, Highway Department
3	Georgia	Ministry of Regional Development and Infrastructure	Mr. Davit Getsadze	Deputy Chairman, Roads Department
4	Kazakhstan	Ministry of Transport	Mr. Baktiyar Zhambyl	Deputy Chairman of the Roads Committee
5	Kyrgyz Republic	Ministry of Transport and Communications	Mr. Tariel Zhanybekov	Deputy Minister
		State Enterprise "Kyrgyzavtozhol-Tunduk" under MOTC	Mr. Uranbek Koshoev	Deputy Director
6	Mongolia	Ministry of Roads and Transport Development	Ms. Sugarmaa Chadraabal	Director General, Road Policy and Coordination Department
7	Pakistan	Ministry of Communications/National Highway Authority (NHA)	Mr. Muhammad Luqman	Director (Aided Projects), NHA
			Dr. Muhammad Asif Azam	Director (Highway Safety)
			Dr. Atif Rasheed	SO to Member (Aided Project)
8	Tajikistan	Ministry of Transport	Mr. Solim Nazrishoev	Chief Engineer, State Enterprise "Research Institute for Design of Transport Facilities"
9	Turkmenistan	State Agency for Management of Road Construction	Mr. Azat Podarov	Head of Road Maintenance and Traffic Management Department
10	Uzbekistan	Ministry of Transport	Mr. Amriddin Abdurakhmonov	Deputy Chairman, Committee for Roads

IV. Priority Activities and Work Plan (2026-2028)

- Activity 1: **Road Asset Management** (RAM)
 - **Review** key deliverables under the CTS RAM pillar
 - Identify gaps and propose improvements
 - Strengthen RAM practices and policies focusing on financing (MTR)
- Activity 2: **Road safety**
 - **Review** key deliverables under the CTS Road Safety pillar
 - Identify areas for enhancement
 - Support more action-oriented implementation (MTR)

IV. Priority Activities and Work Plan (2026-2028)

- Activity 3: **Green and Resilient Roads (new)**
 - Strengthen **climate-resilient road design and planning**
 - Pilot application of ADB's Green Road Toolkit (Tajikistan)
 - Develop a pilot climate-resilient designs on CAREC corridors
- Activity 4: **Smart Roads (new)**
 - Integrate **digital technologies** into road planning and operations
 - Develop a regional framework for smart roads
 - Pilot smart roads solutions on prioritized CAREC corridors

IV. Key Deliverables

Year	Key Deliverables
2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Providing road subsector inputs for regional transport model development and associated training.• Road WG Annual Meeting delivered.• Road WG Annual Progress Report submitted.
2027	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• One agreed knowledge product delivered.• Road WG Annual Meeting conducted.• Road WG Annual Progress Report submitted.
2028	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• One agreed knowledge product delivered.• Road WG Annual Meeting conducted.• Consolidated 2026–2028 Road WG Progress Report submitted.

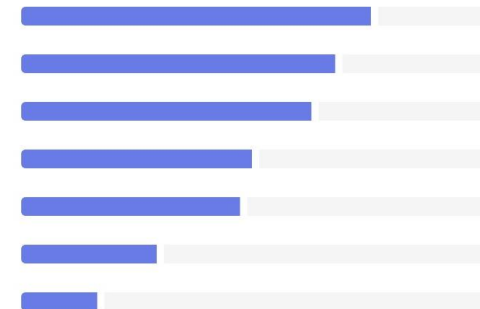
V. Knowledge and Capacity Building Needs

- Based on findings from **pre- and on-site surveys**
- **Road Asset Management & Maintenance**
 - Performance-Based Maintenance (PBM)
 - Digital asset systems
 - Integration of **AI tools**

1. Which Road Asset Management and maintenance topics require capacity...

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- 1 Performance-Based Maintenance (PBM) and preventive maintenance planning
- 2 Development of digital asset inventory and condition assessment systems
- 3 Integration of AI tools in maintenance, construction, and rehabilitation
- 4 Axle load control and Weigh-in-Motion (WIM) systems
- 5 Life-cycle costing and maintenance prioritization tools
- 6 Tunnel maintenance
- 7 Other



V. Knowledge and Capacity Building Needs

- **Road Safety**

- Safety Engineering
- RSA
- **Enforcement**

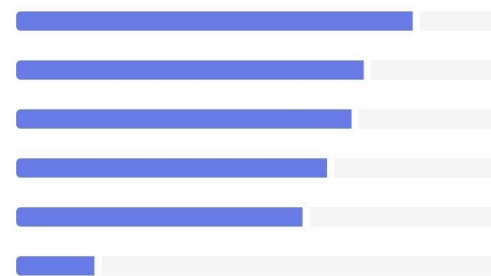
- **Digitalization & AI Technologies**

- ITS
- **AI for RAM**
- Traffic analytics

2. Which road safety areas require further strengthening in your country/agency?

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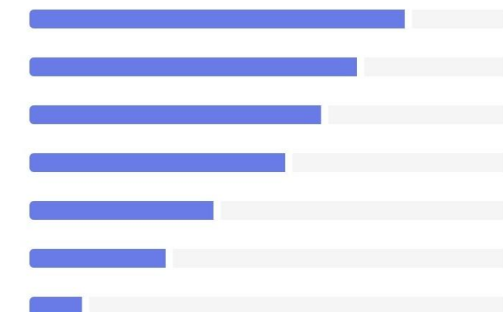
- 1 Safety engineering and alignment with international/EU standards
- 2 Road Safety Audits (RSA) and iRAP star ratings
- 3 Institutional strengthening for road safety enforcement
- 4 Digital solutions for road safety (data systems, monitoring tools)
- 5 Development of road safety strategies and policies
- 6 Other



3. Which digitalization and AI technology topics are most relevant for your country?

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- 1 Intelligent Transport Systems (ITS)
- 2 Digital and AI systems for road asset management and monitoring
- 3 Traffic monitoring and data analytics
- 4 Electronic tolling systems
- 5 Digital enforcement technologies
- 6 Single Window transport digitalization
- 7 Other



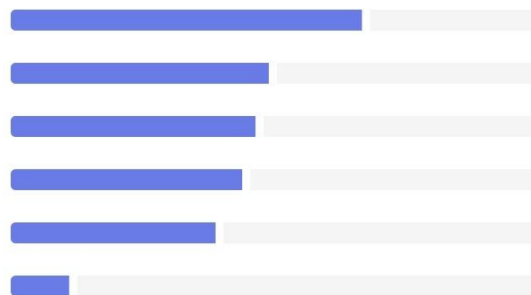
V. Knowledge and Capacity Building Needs

- **Climate-Resilience**
 - Resilient **design standards**
 - Geohazard management
 - Resilient materials
- **Project Preparation & Institutional Capacity**
 - E&S Safeguards
 - Procurement
 - **PPP & risk management**

4. Which climate resilience topics require additional capacity development for your...

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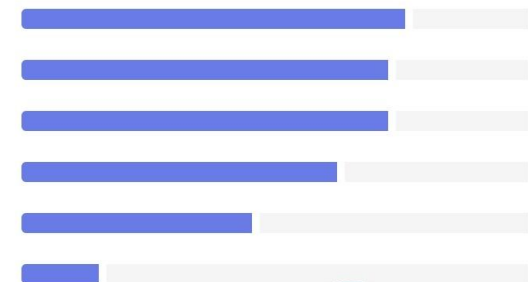
- 1 Climate-resilient road design standards
- 2 Geohazard mitigation (mudflows, landslides, slope stability)
- 3 Use of resilient materials and technologies
- 4 Risk assessment and vulnerability mapping
- 5 Emergency response and disaster preparedness
- 6 Other



5. Which areas of project preparation and institutional capacity would benefit from...

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- 1 Environmental and Social Safeguards
- 2 Procurement and FIDIC contract management
- 3 PPP structuring and risk allocation
- 4 Feasibility studies and economic analysis
- 5 Design modernization and value engineering
- 6 Other



VI. Participation

- CAREC countries (19), CAREC Institute (6), and ADB (9)
- ADB as Secretariat



VI. Participation – List of Participants



First Road Working Group Meeting
11-12 March 2026 | Urumqi, Xinjiang, People's Republic of China

LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

I. Country Delegation

Azerbaijan

1. Mr. Anar Mammadov, Head of Transport Infrastructure Division, Transport Policy Department, Ministry of Digital Development and Transport
2. Mr. Seymour Aslanov, Head of Traffic Organization and Safety Department, Main Department for Operation and Maintenance of Roads, State Agency of Azerbaijan Automobile Roads

People's Republic of China

3. Ms. Huiyu Zhang, Director, Construction Market Regulation Division, Highway Department, Ministry of Transport
4. Ms. Ji Zhao, Officer, Construction Market Regulation Division, Highway Department, Ministry of Transport

Georgia

5. Ms. Salome Tsurtsumia, Deputy Chairperson, Roads Department, Ministry of Infrastructure of Georgia
6. Mr. George Zurikashvili, Head of Land Transport Department, LEPL Land Transport Agency

Kazakhstan

7. Mr. Tolegen Abdullin, Chairman of the Roads Committee, Ministry of Transport
8. Mr. Yerkebulan Sagatbek, Chief expert, Committee for Highways, Ministry of Transport

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18. Mr. Annadurdy Aylyyev, General Director of Production Association "Awtohyzmatlar," Ministry of Automobile Transport

Uzbekistan

19. Mr. Amriddin Abdurakhmonov, Deputy Chairman, Committee for Roads under the Ministry of Transport
20. Mr. Asliddin Isaev, Director, "Avtoyulinvest" Agency of the Committee for Roads under the Ministry of Transport

II. Asian Development Bank (ADB)

1. Chen Chen, Director (Central and West Asia, East Asia, and the Pacific), SD1-TRA
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3. Ari Kalliokoski, Principal Transport Specialist, SD1-TRA
4. Yongkeun Oh, Principal Transport Specialist, SD1-TRA
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III. CAREC Institute (CI)

10. Charymuhammet Shallyyev, Director
11. Li Kouqing, Deputy Director I
12. Kuat Akizhanov, Deputy Director II
13. Josh Hu, Chief, HR & Finance and Administration Division
14. Ghulam Samad, Chief of Research Division
15. Ilhom Abdulloev, Chief of Capacity Building Division
+5-8 Researchers

IV. Xinjiang government

+4 representatives

V. CAREC Transport Secretariat

16. Sharmaine Lotho, Project Analyst, SD1-TRA (offsite)
17. Pilar Sahilan, CAREC Regional Cooperation Consultant (offsite)
18. Tina Pascual, CAREC Transport Program Coordinator
19. Svetlana Chirkova, Interpreter
20. Rustam Sataev, Interpreter

VII. Next Steps

- Operationalize work plan
- Prioritize the knowledge and capacity building (KCB) needs
- **Launch pilots** for the priority activities and KCB needs
- Prepare **next Road WG Meeting**
 - **Kazakhstan** to host (Under internal approval process)
 - In **June 2027** (TBC)
 - Possible site visits

Thank you for your attention.

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