



Sector-Specific Initiatives under Infrastructure and Economic Connectivity Cluster – Transport

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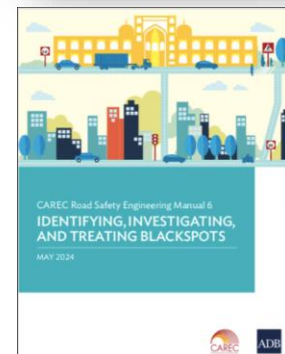
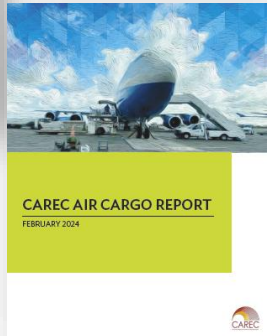
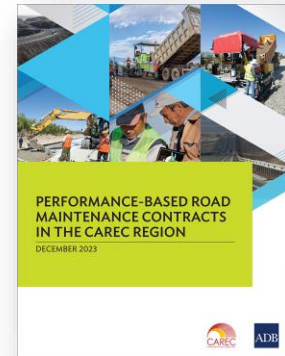
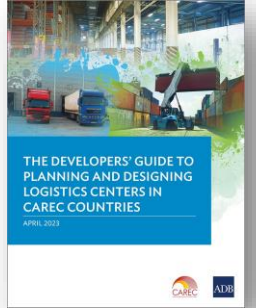
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I. Sector Status Updates

Publications completed, 2023-2024

- Decision Makers' Guide on Logistics Centers Development
- Low-Cost Carrier Opportunities, Air Transport Liberalization, and Post-pandemic Recovery in CAREC
- Performance-based Road Maintenance Contracts in the CAREC Region
- CAREC Air Cargo Report
- Road Safety Engineering Manual 6: Identifying, Investigating, and Treating Blackspots





I. Sector Status Updates

Country Transport Priorities

- Strengthening cooperation on international transport corridors amidst challenging geopolitical conditions and evolving trade flows
- Facilitate/accelerate accession to regional international road transport agreements
- Improve transport links; develop international multimodal corridors / new routes
- Logistics infrastructure development; enhance efficiency and competitiveness of logistics services
- Need for climate resilient transport network development

II. Key Priorities or Plans for 2024-2025

Changing parameters

- New dynamics in global and regional supply chains
- Emerging opportunities for CAREC Corridors, in particular for CAREC Corridor 2 (aka Middle Corridor)
- Emergence of new tools such as Digitalization and Artificial Intelligence allowing for use of big data in decision making
- Emerging challenges related to climate change, including decarbonizing transport sector and enhancing climate resilience
- New business models to mobilize more private sector investments

III. For SOM Guidance or Endorsement

- Completion of knowledge products for 2024-2025
- Midterm review of the CAREC Transport Strategy
- Assess applicability of CAREC Transport Observatory