



Session 1: CARTIF RATIONALE AND CONCEPT

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Methodology & Workplan

Methodology

Approach:

- ✓ CAREC Member Country led process enhanced with international expertise with the support of ADB
- ✓ Gradual process with expert level discussions in working groups and political reviews by the capitals
- ✓ Aiming at adoption of a decision on launching negotiations to be made at the CAREC Ministerial Conference

Methodology

Methods:

- ✓ Drafting of conceptual papers and texts by international experts
- ✓ Discussing drafts in working groups with participation of national and international experts
- ✓ Providing written comments on the draft texts after national reviews

Workplan

Concept of CARTIF:

- ✓ **Discussing major aspects of the CARTIF concept**
 - Methodology & workplan
 - Legal type of an agreement
 - Potential chapters
 - Potential participating countries

- ✓ **Timeline:**

2024

 - June
 - Expert level discussions at Istanbul Workshop
 - July
 - Development of a final draft concept by international consultants
 - August
 - National reviews of the draft concept by the CAREC member states,
 - Official expression of interest to participate in the discussions
 - Nomination of national experts for working groups

Workplan

Draft text of CARTIF:

- ✓ **Discussing major provisions of the draft text**
 - Major provisions
 - Potential issues for negotiations
 - Potential exceptions and reservations

- ✓ **Timeline:**
 - 2024
 - October - Draft texts of CARTIF chapters prepared by international consultants
 - November - National reviews and written comments to the texts
 - December - Working Group Discussions
 - 2025
 - January - Final draft text prepared by international consultants
 - March - National reviews of the CARTIF draft
 - May - Validation of the CARTIF draft text at Senior Official's consultations
 - September - Official launch of negotiations on CARTIF at CAREC Ministerial Conference

Thank You! Questions?