



## **Session 5**

### **Next steps for 2026**

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# Next Steps for 2026

## Important next steps for creation and operation of the CARTIF Working groups.

- After today's Inaugural meeting, the CAREC Secretariat will send letters with request to nominate Lead negotiators and experts for each prioritized CARTIF Working groups to CAREC countries.
- ADB will prepare bracketed text based on the comments received from countries to the draft text
- Prepare the modalities discussed today and present on May online session

# Next Steps for 2026

The CAREC Secretariat will organize meetings of the CARTIF Working groups, preferably in online format:

- **1st Chief Negotiators meeting** – May 2026 (online)
- **2nd Plenary Session and Round of Negotiations** – June 2026 (in-person or online)
- **3rd Chief Negotiators meeting** – August 2026
- **4th Chief Negotiators meeting** – November 2026 (online)

# Key outputs for 2026

## **By year-end, key expected outputs include:**

- Designation of CARTIF National Focal Points and Negotiators;
- Nomination of the Lead negotiators and members for the prioritized Working Groups from each CAREC country signed the Bishkek Declaration;
- The series of the Working group meetings with reports of discussions held;
- First CARTIF Progress Report for the CAREC Ministerial Conference.

**THANK YOU !**