Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation (CAREC): Toward green, safe, efficient and sustainable transport corridors

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What is CAREC?

**Partnership**

- 10 countries
  - Afghanistan, Azerbaijan, P.R.China, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Mongolia, Pakistan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan
- 6 Multilateral Institutions
  - ADB, EBRD, IMF, IsDB, UNDP, World Bank
- Supported by many other development partners including UN system
- ADB serves as the CAREC Secretariat
CAREC Transport and Trade Facilitation Strategy 2020—Strategic Priorities

1. Develop Multimodal Corridor Network
2. Improve Trade and Border Crossing Services
3. Improve Operational and Institutional Effectiveness
1. Develop Multimodal Corridor Network - Targets

Rocks

- 7,800 km construction or rehabilitation

Logistics centers

Rail

- 1,800 km constructed
- 2,800 km renovated, electrified or signalized

Border crossing points
TTFS 2020: Priority Projects and Tasks

Priority Investment Program

- 108 projects
- $43.4 billion

49 TAs
- $76.2 million

2. Improve Trade and Border Crossing Services

- Coordinated border management
- Customs modernization
- Single window development
- Integrated trade facilitation (incl. SPS)
Rebooting the Quadrilateral Traffic in Transit Agreement (QTTA) between PRC, PAK, KAZ and KGZ

- Successful Consultation Workshop in Bangkok, June 2015
- Agreement to take further action on corridor infrastructure, border crossing procedures, marketing/awareness raising, harmonization of vehicle standards, etc.

- 2nd Consultation Workshop in Urumqi, 7-9 Sept 2015 to resolve outstanding issues
- Aim to maximize use of QTTA starting in 2016
3. Improve Operational and Institutional Effectiveness

- Road maintenance
- Road safety
- Pilot designated rail corridor
- Policies + institutional development
3. Improve Operational and Institutional Effectiveness

Road maintenance
- Compendium of best practices on asset management
- CAREC Railways Strategy Paper + Freight Pilot Routes
- Pilot designated rail corridor

Road safety
- Commitment to Road Safety at MC + CAREC Road Safety Strategy
- Multimodal transport policy development
- Policies + institutional development
Road safety: A global emergency

1.8 millions of AIDS-related deaths
UNAIDS 2008

1.3 millions of Tuberculosis
WHO 2008

1.3 millions of Road traffic deaths
WHO 2004

<1 millions of Malaria
WHO 2008

165 deaths per day in CAREC region

Source: www.decadeofaction.org
Huge opportunity for CAREC countries to improve

Fatalities per 100,000 population

Source: WHO, Latest data is for 2010 except for TKM (2008)
Proposed Commitment at MC

Why?
To ensure high level political commitment for the CAREC Road Safety Strategy to be delivered in 2016
Planned way forward

Commitment at MC (Sep 2015)

- Capacity development (Now-2016)
- Road safety strategy (By Sep 2016)
- Incorporate RS in CAREC projects (Now-)

Safer CAREC corridors

Supported by ADB Regional TA
Safer CAREC corridors

1. Data collection
2. Research
3. Capacity Development
4. Road standards
5. Vehicle safety
6. Enforcement
7. Awareness/Education
8. Post-crash response
9. Partnerships
10. Regionally shared approach

Road safety management
Safer roads and mobility
Safer vehicles
Safer road users
Post-crash response
Promotion of road safety during CAREC MC and beyond

• Road safety campaign in Mongolia under preparation
• Promotion by other SPECA countries highly welcome!
2015: Mid year of the UN Decade of Action

Opportunity for CAREC countries to showcase action

Moscow (2009)  
Brazilia (2015)
Deliverables will support CAREC corridors to become more...
We look forward to continued cooperation with SPECA to deliver our common goals!

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