

Building Seamless Connections for New prosperity- the CAREC Vision

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Presentation Outline:

- The CAREC Program
- Transport: Achievements and plans (Showcase UZB contribution and benefits)
- Trade Facilitation: Achievements and plans (Show case UZB proposal on Navoi logistical hub)
- Energy : Achievements and plans
- Trade Policy: Achievements and plans
- Recommendations for the CAREC program

Central Asian

Regional Economic Cooperation (CAREC) Program

- **Objective:** to promote economic growth and raise living standards through cooperation
- **Participating countries:** Afghanistan, Azerbaijan, People's Republic of China (Xinjiang UAR), Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Mongolia, Tajikistan, and Uzbekistan. Pakistan submitted its application to join the Program.
- **CAREC's supporting Multilateral Institutions (MIs):** ADB, EBRD, IMF, Islamic Development Bank, UNDP and World Bank
- **Priority Areas:** transport, energy, trade policy, and trade facilitation
- **Overall Institutional Framework:** Ministerial Conference (MC), Senior Officials Meetings (SOM), Sectoral Coordinating Committees (SCC), Regional Joint Committee (RJC), National Focal Point (NFP), MIs Working Group, and Secretariat



Transport Achievements and Plans

Overall Accomplishments

- *Road:* By 2009 901 km of the roads sections were built or improved (10% of the sections in the plan).
- *Railway:* 781 km railway lines (14% of the railway lines in the plan).
- *Aviation, Ports and Logistics Centers:* Fifteen projects (5 aviation, 3 ports, and 7 logistics centers) are ongoing.
- \$ 600 mln project for corridor 2 development

Planned Activities for 2010

- Establish a monitoring system
- Prepare the transport sector progress report and hold the 10th TSCC
- Improve infrastructure and facilities at cross-border points: TAJ-AFG (corridor 5), KGZ-TAJ (corridor 5), KGZ-PRC (corridor 1), KAZ-UZB (corridor 6)
- Seek external funding
- Conduct training on simplified and harmonized procedures at cross border points, adequate management of road assets, and integrated development planning.

Showcase of benefits and contribution made by Uzbekistan



Uzbekistan's national rail company, Uzbekistan Temir Yullari is constructing the 75-kilometer rail link between Hairatan at the border of Uzbekistan and the city of Mazar-e-Sharif in northern Afghanistan. Involvement of an Uzbek company in the project represents a vivid sample of cooperation between two CAREC member countries.

Trade Facilitation- Achievements and Plans

Accomplishments:

- Establishment of Regional Joint Committee
- More active involvement of The CAREC Federation of Carrier and Forwarder Associations
- Proposed “Border Crossing Point Improvement and Single Window Development (BCPSW)”

Plans

- Preparation and possible approval of BCPSW Loans.
- CPMM continuation.
- NJC/RJC and customs related seminars and workshops

Showcase of benefits and contribution made by Uzbekistan

Navoi FIEZ

- 565 ha
- 50 enterprises
- 3000 personnel
- 500 mln. USD



Energy

Achievements and Plans

Accomplishments

- Uzbekistan's recognition to improve energy efficiency (Fund for Industrial Enterprises)
- Talimarjan power generation and transmission project
- Increase power trade from 150 MW to 300 MW starting 2010 between Afghanistan and Uzbekistan

Plans

- Completion of the diagnostics study in September 2010
- Completion by ESCC of the diagnostics study on energy-water linkages in October 2010
- Capacity building enhancement

Trade Policy Achievements and Plans

Accomplishments

- Two WTO short seminars for the 12th TPCC meeting.
- Endorsed set of trade policy indicators for the CAREC Results Framework
- TPSAP monitoring questionnaire

Plans

- Implement series of WTO knowledge sharing forums.
- Monitor the TPSAP
- Finalize the paper on institutional impediments to trade

Recommendations:

Increased momentum requires:

- Commitment and leadership by the Governments
- An overall strategic framework – a common vision
- “Bold stokes” in core sectors
- “Software” to accompany “hardware”
- Broad participation/understanding
- Partnership with other regional initiatives
- Better focus by key stakeholders (countries, MIs)
- Resource mobilization (including with private sector)
- Improved capacity to deliver results

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