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CAREC Institute Participates in the "Green Economy – 2024" Regional Forum in Bishkek

At the invitation of the Ministry of Economy and Commerce of the Kyrgyz Republic, Mr. Kabir Jurazoda, Director of the CAREC Institute, participated in the Regional Forum "Green Economy – 2024: "Green path for the development of Central Asia 2024", and the Scientific and Practical Conference titled "Fundamentals of the Economic Miracle – 2030: Jump of the Kyrgyz Leopard" held in Bishkek on October 23-24, 2024. This event celebrated the 100th anniversary of the Kyrgyz Republic's Ministry of Economy and Commerce and aimed to enhance regional cooperation in key areas of the green economy, including green energy, sustainable tourism, green construction, and waste management, while fostering collaborative regional initiatives.

The Forum provided a vital platform for sharing successful green technology solutions and promoting regional cooperation toward a sustainable future. With over 500 participants, the Forum brought together international green economy experts, development partners, government representatives, and business leaders. The opening and congratulatory speeches were delivered by Mr. Akylbek Japarov, the Chairman of the Cabinet of Ministers — Head of the Presidential Administration of the Kyrgyz Republic, and Mr. Edil Baisalov, Deputy Chairman of the Cabinet of Ministers of the Kyrgyz Republic, along with the leadership of the Ministry of Economy and Commerce, the Ministry of Energy, various business associations and international organizations.

During the forum's Scientific and Practical Conference titled "Fundamentals of the Economic Miracle-2030: Jump of the Kyrgyz Leopard", Mr. Kabir Jurazoda delivered a presentation on "Trade and Transport Corridors in the CAREC Region." He emphasized the importance of CAREC corridors in boosting regional trade and connectivity, highlighting key achievements such as the 2022 roadmap to enhance the Middle (Transcaspian) Corridor and the establishment of the "China-Kyrgyzstan-Uzbekistan Railway" office in Bishkek in 2024. Mr. Jurazoda addressed the challenges in corridor development, calling for improved procedural efficiency, greener transportation, and better integration of local economies. He emphasized the importance of governance, digitalization, and coordination, noting that sustainable practices and regional collaboration are essential for long-term economic growth.





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CAREC Institute Director Meets with Kyrgyz Republic's National Focal Point

The CAREC Institute (CI) Director, Mr. Kabir Jurazoda, met with Mr. Sanzhar Bolotov, Deputy Minister of Economy and Commerce and National Focal Point for the Kyrgyz Republic, in Bishkek to reinforce collaborative efforts as the Kyrgyz Republic prepares to chair the CAREC Program in 2025.

In this productive session, Mr. Jurazoda highlighted Cl's priorities for the upcoming Governing Council meeting and the 2025 work plan, with a focus on research projects like the CAREC Corridor Performance Measurement and Monitoring (CPMM), containerization, and digital transport corridors. He also outlined capacity-building workshops on CAREC corridor best practices, AI in education, and e-commerce via livestreaming while updating the progress of Cl's Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH) initiatives. Mr. Bolotov welcomed the opportunity to involve Kyrgyz Republic institutions in these efforts, particularly through enhanced academic collaborations.

The two leaders also reviewed the CI Revitalization Plan, the Rolling Operational Plan, and opportunities for the flagship Research Conference set for Bishkek. Mr. Bolotov underscored Kyrgyz Republic's dedication to sustainable development, extending an invitation to CI for the COP-29 event on green and climate finance this November in Baku.

With a mutual emphasis on regional connectivity and sustainability, Mr. Bolotov encouraged strengthening ties with the Kyrgyz Republic think tanks like the National Institute for Strategic Innovations and the OSCE Academy, as well as advancing projects such as the China-Kyrgyzstan-Uzbekistan railway.

This meeting set a strategic path for continued collaboration, fostering regional cooperation in transport, climate finance, and sustainable development.



Mr. Kabir Jurazoda Meets with Mr. Sanzhar Bolotov, Deputy Minister of Economy and Commerce and National Focal Point for the Kyrgyz Republic

CAREC Institute Contributes to Asia-Europe New Energy International Cooperation Forum

On October 23, 2024, the Asia-Europe New Energy International Cooperation Forum took place in Urumqi, Xinjiang, the People's Republic of China. In light of global changes, international cooperation between Asia and Europe in the field of new energy has become increasingly important, positioning it as a key area for Chinese enterprises seeking a broader international presence. The event was co-hosted by the China New Energy International Alliance, Tian Shun Smart Energy, and the China Bridge New Energy Institute, bringing together representatives from business alliances, research institutions, and government agencies.

The forum featured an opening address, keynote speeches, and thematic panel discussions centered on renewable energy development trends and opportunities for international collaboration. Key areas of discussion included cross-border energy base development, power transmission, hydrogen energy, green finance, cross-border logistics, and ESG compliance within the new energy sector. The discussions underscored the importance of fostering collaboration, ensuring sustainability, and addressing geopolitical challenges in advancing renewable energy, particularly within Eurasia and Central Asia.

The key objective of this forum was to facilitate opportunities for enterprises to engage with Xinjiang's growing new energy sector and to support local companies in expanding their reach into Central Asian and European regions.

Dr. Huang Jingjing, Deputy Director One of the CAREC Institute, delivered an opening speech highlighting the importance of international collaboration in navigating the global energy transition. She emphasized Xinjiang's role as a crucial link between Central Asia and Europe due to its rich natural resources and strategic location. According to Dr. Huang, the CAREC Institute can provide key contributions to Euro-Asian new energy cooperation through expert policy research, knowledge sharing, and capacity building initiatives.

Dr. Huang further noted that the CAREC Institute's efforts to foster regional cooperation will play a significant role in supporting the transition to green energy solutions. By promoting sustainable development and enhancing collaboration among member countries, the institute aims to benefit all nations involved in the shift toward cleaner, more efficient energy sources.



Dr. Huang Jingjing Speaks at the Asia-Europe New Energy International Cooperation Forum

Dr. Kuat Akizhanov Joins CCICED 2024 AGM, Advocating Green Transition

Dr. Kuat Akizhanov, Deputy Director Two at the CAREC Institute and Special Advisor to the China Council for International Cooperation on Environment and Development (CCICED), participated in the CCICED 2024 Annual General Meeting (AGM) held in Beijing from October 10-12. This year's AGM, themed "Open, Inclusive, and Innovative Cooperation to Build a Clean and Beautiful World," featured a series of key sessions including the Opening Plenary, Open Forums, Policy Research Dialogue, and Closing Plenary. The event attracted around 400 attendees, comprising CCICED members, both Chinese and international experts, and various global partners.

During the Opening Session, Dr. Akizhanov delivered remarks that underscored the urgency of adopting innovative and non-traditional strategies to combat climate change and promote a green economy. He championed equitable redistribution mechanisms, particularly vital for CAREC economies dependent on natural resources, to ensure alignment with sustainable development goals. On the following day, he participated in forums centered on carbon reduction and green transformation, presenting the critical role of technology in improving air quality standards and facilitating the shift to renewable

energy in the CAREC region.

Dr. Akizhanov's active participation at the AGM highlights the CAREC Institute's pivotal role in shaping international environmental policy. His contributions to the CCICED's Policy Recommendations for 2024 are poised to propel a comprehensive green transformation across society and the economy. His involvement not only solidifies the Institute's position esteemed within international policy-making arena but also bolsters its impact on China's environmental governance strategies.

Dr. Kuat Akizhanov Attends at the CCICED 2024 AGM

About **CCICED**:

The China Council for International Cooperation on Environment and Development (CCICED), established in 1992, is a high-level international advisory body endorsed by the Government of the People's Republic of China. It focuses on addressing critical environmental and developmental challenges through global cooperation and expertise. The council is composed of senior government officials, renowned scholars, and leading experts from around the world, working collaboratively to research key issues and provide strategic policy recommendations to the Chinese government.

Operating under the guidance of the Ministry of Ecology and Environment, CCICED plays a pivotal role in shaping China's environmental policies and advancing sustainable development. Currently, the council is chaired by Mr. Ding Xuexiang, Vice Premier of the State Council of the People's Republic of China. Additionally, Special Advisors bring valuable global perspectives, contributing to research and discussions that further promote international collaboration on environmental and developmental issues.

CAREC Institute Visits OSCE Academy in Bishkek

Mr. Kabir Jurazoda, Director of the CAREC Institute, recently visited the OSCE Academy in Bishkek to discuss expanding bilateral cooperation. He met with Deputy Director Indira Satarkulova, Head of Research and Training Bedelbay Mamadiev, and Victoria Orazova, Head of the International Office, to explore strategic areas for collaboration and joint research.

During the meeting, Mr. Jurazoda shared an overview of CAREC Institute's initiatives, including research on transport corridors, water, digitalization, artificial intelligence in education, and the digital economy. These focus areas underscore the shared commitment to sustainable development and technological advancement in the region. Both parties agreed to develop a comprehensive Action Plan to facilitate the implementation of their Memorandum of Understanding, aligning their respective 2025 work plans to support joint efforts.

The discussion also covered key initiatives such as the Annual CAREC Institute Research Conference, a collaborative platform bringing together researchers and policymakers to address regional challenges. Joint capacity-building events were proposed to enhance skills among government officials, while a regular exchange of publications and research findings was emphasized to foster a steady flow of insights. Both online and physical formats for events were considered to optimize engagement, utilizing OSCE Academy's facilities.

Expressing a strong interest in joint research activities and training sessions, the OSCE Academy welcomed discussions on potential joint research grants, which would support projects of mutual interest and contribute to deeper, collaborative investigations.

This meeting signifies an important step toward strengthening the partnership between the CAREC Institute and the OSCE Academy. Both institutions aim to amplify the impact of their joint initiatives, promoting sustainable development for the Kyrgyz Republic and the broader region.



Mr.Kabir Jurazoda Meets with Representatives of the OSCE Academy

CAREC Institute Meets with National Institute for Strategic Initiatives in Bishkek

During a recent visit to the Kyrgyz Republic, Mr. Kabir Jurazoda, Director of the CAREC Institute, engaged in a strategic discussion with key representatives of the National Institute for Strategic Initiatives (NISI) under the President of the Kyrgyz Republic, including Mr. Sanjar Mukanbetov, Director of NISI, and Mr. Sultan Akhmatov, Head of International Relations at NISI. This meeting served as a constructive platform to explore avenues for strengthening bilateral cooperation.

The discussions focused on identifying areas for joint initiatives, with Mr. Jurazoda emphasizing the CAREC Institute's ongoing research, capacity-building efforts, and dedication to addressing critical regional challenges. NISI expressed a strong interest in collaboration, noting the legacy of one of its predecessor institutions as a former member of the CAREC Think Tank Network.

A key outcome of this engagement was NISI's proposal to formalize the partnership through a Memorandum of Understanding, which would provide a structured framework for future joint activities. Both institutions agreed to draft a comprehensive Action Plan detailing specific objectives and collaborative projects, to be further refined and aligned through an expert-level virtual meeting.

Further, Mr. Mukanbetov proposed extending discussions with the CAREC Institute through internal brainstorming sessions and videoconferences to foster concrete collaborations and advance shared goals.

This meeting marks a pivotal step toward deepening institutional ties and leveraging shared expertise to promote impactful initiatives that support sustainable development within the Kyrgyz Republic and the broader region.

About the National Institute for Strategic Initiatives under the President of the Kyrgyz Republic

The institute was established through the consolidation of existing structures within the Kyrgyz Republic. It serves as the central entity providing scientific research, analysis, information, and training support to the Government in the areas of economics, politics, security, and public administration. Operating under the direct supervision of the Prime Minister, it is the sole institution of its kind affiliated with the highest authorities of the Kyrgyz Republic.



Mr.Kabir Jurazoda Meets with Representatives of the National Institute for Strategic Initiatives

CAREC Institute Participates in CPMM Methodology Workshop to Strengthen Role in Trade Corridor Monitoring

The CAREC Corridor Performance Measurement and Monitoring (CPMM) Methodology Workshop was successfully held in Tashkent, Uzbekistan, from October 29 to 30, 2024. This event brought together key stakeholders, including private-sector CPMM partners, customs authorities, and representatives from the Asian Development Bank (ADB) and CAREC Institute, to enhance the CPMM framework's effectiveness in assessing trade facilitation indicators across CAREC corridors.

The CPMM mechanism, developed by ADB, serves as a vital tool for evaluating performance and efficiency across the CAREC transport network, which connects 11 member countries. By identifying sources of delay and additional costs, CPMM delivers evidence-based insights to guide policy measures aimed at alleviating trade bottlenecks.

Throughout the two-day workshop, participants engaged in dynamic discussions on topics such as advancements in data collection methodologies, refined analytical tools, and optimized reporting techniques. Interactive sessions addressed real-world challenges and potential solutions for improving trade flow efficiency across the CAREC region, offering valuable takeaways for all attendees.

In his address, Dr. Kuat Akizhanov, Deputy Director Two of the CAREC Institute, highlighted the ongoing collaboration between the CAREC Institute and ADB, expressing the Institute's willingness to embrace an expanded role in CPMM activities. Drawing on the Institute's experience in international trade policy and regional cooperation, Dr. Akizhanov outlined a phased transition plan through which the CAREC Institute will progressively take on CPMM responsibilities. Dr. Ghulam Samad, Chief of the Research Division at the CAREC Institute, further emphasized the Institute's commitment to delivering high-quality CPMM outputs, including comprehensive reports, policy briefs, and data resources, to support evidence-based policy recommendations across the region.

In a closed-door meeting, the CAREC Institute and ADB discussed a structured roadmap for the transfer of CPMM responsibilities. This transition will focus initially on enhancing the Institute's research capacity to sustain and expand CPMM's output quality. As this responsibility shifts, the CPMM will be positioned as a flagship initiative within the CAREC region, reinforcing the CAREC Institute's role in advancing regional trade efficiency.



Dr. Kuat Akizhanov and Dr. Ghulam Samad Participate in the CPMM Methodology Workshop

CAREC Institute Hosts Inaugural Research Talk on Water Deficit and Hydrogen Production: Central Asia Perspective

The CAREC Institute's inaugural online Research Talk Series commenced on October 15, 2024, with a focus on the implications of water scarcity for hydrogen production in Central Asia. This initiative aligns with the Institute's strategic commitment to advancing downstream research activities, including policy dialogues and the CAREC Chai initiative at the conclusion of studies. However, it also underscores the importance of fostering upstream discussions, where research ideas are refined before moving to the implementation phase.

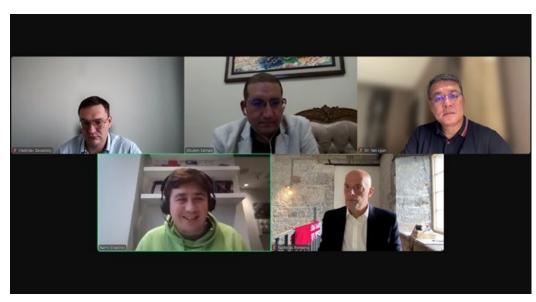
Traditionally, the Institute has sought to strengthen both internal collaboration and external engagement during the early stages of research development, such as the drafting of concept notes and proposals. "The Research Talk Series provides an invaluable platform for researchers to exchange ideas and receive diverse perspectives from their peers. This intellectual exchange is crucial for refining and shaping research proposals before advancing to the next stage," said Dr. Ghulam Samad, Chief of the Research Division at the CAREC Institute.

Moderated by Dr. Samad, the webinar featured a distinguished panel of speakers, including Dr. Vladislav Zavadskiy, Senior Research Specialist from the CAREC Institute; Mr. Nicholas Pomeroy from Cranfield University; Mr. Ramil Shakirov from Schneider Electric; and Dr. Yan Lijun from the Karamay Joint Research Institute of Advanced Science and Technology. The discussion centered on the pivotal role of green hydrogen as a sustainable energy source and its potential impact on the region's water resources.

Dr. Zavadskiy highlighted the CAREC Institute's unique position as a knowledge hub and think tank, stating, "We are uniquely positioned to connect researchers, businesses, and policymakers, driving green hydrogen initiatives across Central Asia." The session explored opportunities for regional collaboration and knowledge sharing to promote hydrogen production strategies, while also assessing the feasibility of establishing a waterhydrogen market. The discussion emphasized the importance of public-private partnerships in securing financing for large-scale hydrogen projects.

Summarizing the event's objective, Dr. Samad remarked, "This Research Talk aims to identify key areas where the CAREC Institute can develop research concept notes and engage meaningfully with stakeholders." The session concluded with a strong call to action for continued research and policy development to support the region's transition to sustainable green hydrogen.

The Research Talk Series is set to become a cornerstone of the CAREC Institute's efforts, providing researchers with a platform to refine and direct their work, ultimately leading to more impactful outcomes for the region.



Group photo of Inaugural Research Talk on Water Deficit and Hydrogen Production: Central Asia Perspective

CAREC Institute Presents at the China-Central Asia Green and Low-Carbon Development Action Conference

The China-Central Asia Green and Low-Carbon Development Action Conference was successfully held on October 18, 2024, in Beijing. Hosted in a hybrid format by the Foreign Cooperation and Exchange Center of the Ministry of Ecology and Environment of the People's Republic of China, the conference aimed to further the commitments established during the 2023 China-Central Asia Summit. It marked the initiation of the China-Central Asia Green and Low-Carbon Development Action, a strategic initiative focused on enhancing regional collaboration in green development and climate change mitigation.

The event brought together approximately 80 participants from both China and Central Asian countries, including representatives from Kazakhstan, the Kyrgyz Republic, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan, as well as international organizations such as the CAREC Institute, the China-Central Asia Mechanism Secretariat, UNIDO, and the Global Energy Interconnection Development and Cooperation Organization. In addition, Chinese government officials and experts from various local environmental agencies and research institutions actively contributed to the discussions.

Dr. Vladislav Zavadskiy, Senior Research Specialist at the CAREC Institute, delivered a presentation titled Supporting Electricity Storage Systems as Key to Green Energy Transition: A Central Asia Perspective. In his remarks, Dr. Zavadskiy highlighted the critical role of energy storage systems in facilitating Central Asia's transition to green energy. He pointed out that while the variable generation of renewable energy poses challenges for large-scale implementation, energy storage solutions—underpinned by interregional cooperation and investment—can effectively address these issues. He also shared insights on ongoing pilot projects in Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan, which serve as promising examples of the region's green energy ambitions.

The conference reaffirmed the importance of strong regional cooperation, backed by research, knowledge-sharing, and policy frameworks that promote private sector involvement and foreign investment in renewable energy technologies, particularly energy storage. Participants concurred those continued efforts in policy alignment, technology exchange, and shared best practices are essential to achieving the green development goals set out during the China-Central Asia Summit.



Group photo of the China-Central Asia Green and Low-Carbon Development Action Conference

CAREC Institute Hosts Virtual Dialogue on Advancing Energy Transition in CASA Region

The CAREC Institute, in collaboration with the Greenovation Hub and with support from the World Resources Institute, hosted a virtual CTTN dialogue titled "Demand Analysis for Advancing China-CASA Energy Transition Cooperation through Investment and Finance in Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, and Pakistan." The event convened a diverse array of stakeholders—including financial institutions, industry experts, and civil society representatives—to discuss strategies for accelerating sustainable energy solutions across the region.

Dr. Huang Jingjing, Deputy Director One of the CAREC Institute, opened the dialogue by underscoring the urgent need for international support to help countries like Kazakhstan and Pakistan achieve their climate goals through robust renewable energy investments.

In the first session, distinguished speakers, including experts and business leaders from Kazakhstan, Pakistan, and China, shared valuable insights on renewable energy generation, storage, grid integration, and the development of sustainable value chains. Dr. Hans Holzhacker, Chief Economist of the CAREC Institute, presented findings from a recent study on household energy consumption in the Fergana Valley, highlighting the region's continued dependence on coal despite the availability of hydropower. He emphasized the environmental and health advantages of accelerating the shift to clean energy and called for increased public awareness and strengthened regional collaboration.

The second session centered on scaling up renewable energy integration through enhanced cooperation between China and the Central Asia and South Asia (CASA) region. Discussions examined the current state of renewable energy infrastructure, technology transfer needs, investment barriers, and innovative financing solutions. Key topics included optimizing the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor framework to support Pakistan's energy goals, addressing legal and regulatory challenges facing Chinese investors, and assessing the role of multilateral institutions like the Asian Development Bank in mitigating investment risks for renewable projects.

The event concluded with a strong call for enhanced capacity building, underscoring the importance of joint education and training initiatives to foster a resilient energy transition throughout Central and South Asia.



Group photo of Virtual Dialogue on Advancing Energy Transition in CASA Region Conference

CAREC Institute Participates in Pakistan Venture Connect 2024

The CAREC Institute actively participated in the Pakistan Venture Connect 2024, represented by Dr. Ghulam Samad, Chief of the Research Division, and Dr. Asif Razzaq, Senior Research Specialist. Dr. Samad played a pivotal role as the event's moderator, leading key discussions aimed at enhancing regional collaboration and driving investments within the startup ecosystem. The event, held in Islamabad, Pakistan, attracted a distinguished group of venture capitalists, innovation leaders, and startup incubators from Azerbaijan, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Pakistan, the People's Republic of China (PRC), and Uzbekistan.

During the event, Dr. Samad facilitated a critical panel session on Regional Investment Synergies, where top venture capitalists examined strategies for unlocking cross-border collaboration and stimulating economic growth in the region. "Events like this are essential for fostering a thriving startup environment," Dr. Samad stated. "By promoting cross-border cooperation, we unlock new investment opportunities and lay the foundation for sustainable economic development across the CAREC region."

This participation highlights the CAREC Institute's commitment to advancing regional cooperation and promoting deeper engagement among stakeholders in the region. It also underscores Pakistan's emerging role as a hub for startups and innovation in the CAREC region, positioning it as a key player in the broader economic landscape.



Dr. Ghulam Samad Moderates a Panel Session at the Pakistan Venture Connect 2024

Job Advertisement:

Recruitment of a Planning Specialist

The CAREC Institute invites applications for a locally recruited position of **Planning Specialist – a national staff position**. Applicants should be **nationals of the People's Republic of China** and meet the qualifications and requirements stated in the Terms and Reference (TOR).

Applications should be emailed to Jia Ni (hr@carecinstitute.org) by 7:00 p.m., 13 November 2024 (Wednesday), Beijing time.

Recruitment of a Senior Strategic Planning Specialist

The CAREC Institute invites applications for the position of **Senior Strategic Planning Specialist.** Applicants should be nationals of the CAREC member countries and applicants should meet the qualifications and requirements stated in the Terms of Reference (TOR).

Applications should be emailed to Jia Ni (hr@carecinstitute.org) by 7:00 p.m., 18 November 2024 (Monday), Beijing time.

Recruitment of a Senior Knowledge Management and Communication Specialist-Extension

The CAREC Institute invites applications for the position of **Senior Knowledge Management and Communication Specialist**. Applicants should be nationals of the CAREC member countries and meet the qualifications and requirements stated in the Terms and Reference (TOR).

Applications should be emailed to Jia Ni (hr@carecinstitute.org) by 7:00 p.m., 11 November 2024 (Monday), Beijing time.



Event Announcement

Residential Workshop on Debt Sustainability

Co-organized by the Multilateral Cooperation Center for Development Finance (MCDF) and the CAREC Institute, this pivotal four-day event aims to equip policymakers and financial experts with critical

tools to address the pressing challenges of sovereign debt management.



Amid the rising sovereign debt distress, further compounded by the COVID-19 pandemic, the Workshop will build upon the successful Workshop Series on Sustainable Financing of Development and Infrastructure, which has engaged over 800 professionals from 60 countries worldwide. Attendees will delve into key topics such as debt management strategies, risk mitigation, and debt sustainability assessments, fostering an environment conducive to knowledge exchange and collaboration.

With participants expected from CAREC countries' Debt Management Offices and financial institutions, the workshop will provide a platform for meaningful interaction between borrowers and lenders. This initiative marks a significant step

towards empowering regional stakeholders to tackle debt-related issues with confidence and innovation.

Enhancing Climate Resilience in Uzbekistan: Workshop on Sustainable Financing for Water, Agriculture, and Energy Sectors

A workshop titled "Advancing Climate Resilience in Uzbekistan's Water, Agriculture, and Energy Sectors through Sustainable Financing and Private Investment" will be held from 25-27 November,

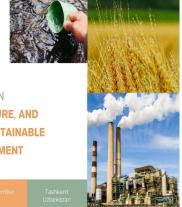




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2024, in Tashkent, Uzbekistan. Organized by the CAREC Institute under support from the CAREC Program of the Asian Development Bank, the event aims to explore the critical links between water, agriculture, and energy, which are key to sustainable development in Central Asia.

The workshop will gather stakeholders, including government representatives, financial institutions, private investors, and sector specialists, to discuss innovative financing approaches and policy recommendations. Participants will collaborate to identify investment gaps and explore strategies to strengthen climate resilience in Uzbekistan's key sectors. The workshop's outcomes are expected to promote cooperation and generate actionable plans for sustainable financing solutions, supporting both economic progress and environmental sustainability in the region.

For more details about the workshop, please visit the CAREC Institute's <u>e-learning platform</u>.

Upcoming Workshop on Digital Economy Development and Integrity: A Collaborative Platform for CAREC

Member Countries

The Xiamen National Accounting Institute (XNAI) and the CAREC Institute will jointly host an online workshop on "Digital Economy Development and Integrity" from November 26-28, 2024. This event is designed to bring together government officials, academics, and industry experts from CAREC member countries and the broader Asia-Pacific region to examine the current landscape, challenges, and opportunities within the digital economy.

The workshop will feature keynote lectures by notable experts, including Dr. Jian Wei and Dr. Li Xiping, covering pivotal topics such as data asset management, compliance, and governance. Participants will engage in discussions on strategies to mitigate integrity risks and bridge the digital divide, promoting collaboration and knowledge exchange among stakeholders across the region.



Delivered in English with Russian interpretation, the workshop offers a valuable platform for capacity building and sustainable growth in the digital economy sector. Attendees who complete the program will receive a Certificate of Completion, co-issued by XNAI and the CAREC Institute. For registration and additional details, please visit the registration link.

CAREC Institute and ADB to Host CAREC Chai Talk XI Webinar on Greening Education in the CAREC Region

The CAREC Institute, in collaboration with the Asian Development Bank (ADB), will host a CAREC Chai Talk XI webinar titled "Advancing Sustainable Futures through Greening Education in the CAREC Region" on

December 5, 2024, from 16:00 to 18:00 Beijing time. This event aims to discuss the integration of sustainability and climate awareness into educational systems across the CAREC region.

The webinar will address the pressing environmental challenges faced by the region, such as water scarcity and climate vulnerability. Participants will explore effective strategies for incorporating sustainability into curricula, particularly in underserved communities, and examine the role of the private sector in supporting green education initiatives.



By fostering regional cooperation and sharing best practices, this webinar seeks to develop a collaborative framework for stakeholders to promote environmental literacy and sustainable practices in education, ultimately preparing the next generation to tackle future challenges. Those interested in furthering their knowledge on this topic are encouraged to visit the CAREC Institute's e-learning platform for more information. For registration and additional details, please visit the registration link.

About CAREC Institute

The Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation (CAREC) Institute is an intergovernmental organization dedicated to promoting the economic cooperation in the Central Asia and along the Silk Road through knowledge generation and sharing. The CAREC Institute is jointly shared, owned, and governed by eleven member countries.

The Institute acts as a knowledge connector among the five CAREC themes—economic and financial stability; trade, tourism, and economic corridors; infrastructure and economic connectivity; agriculture and water; human development—to ensure coherence in design and implementation of policies, programs, and projects to promote regional economic cooperation and integration.









