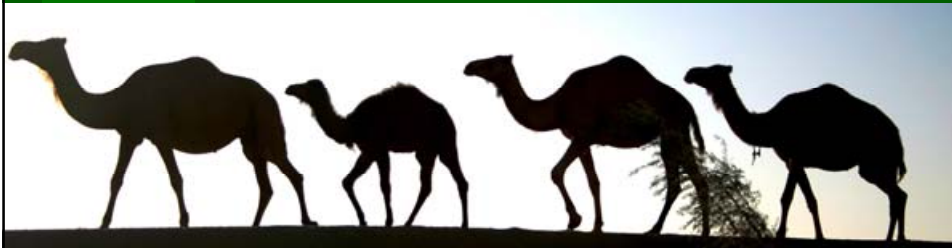


# Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation Program (CAREC)



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- What is the CAREC Program?

- What has CAREC achieved?

- What is planned for the years ahead?





## CAREC Participation

**Eight countries:** Afghanistan, Azerbaijan, PRC, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Mongolia, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan

**Six multilateral institutions:** Asian Development Bank, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, International Monetary Fund, Islamic Development Bank, United National Development Programme, World Bank



## CAREC's Goal

Development through cooperation,  
leading to accelerated economic growth  
and poverty reduction

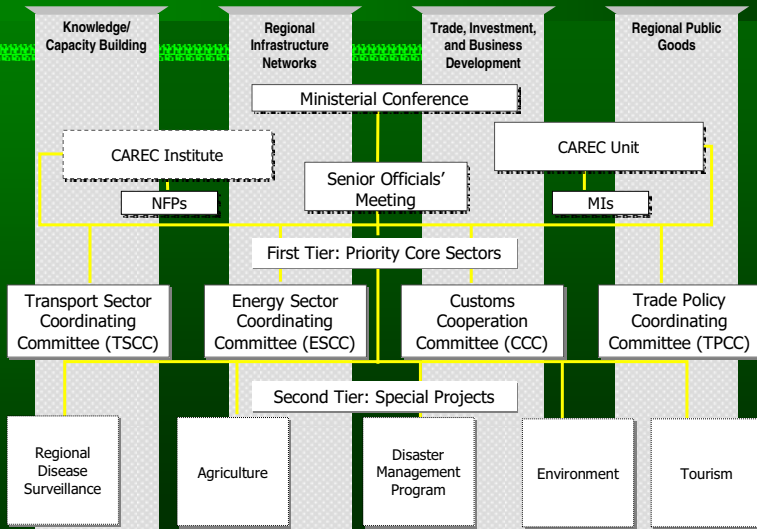


## CAREC's Priority Areas

- Three priority areas:
  - Transport
  - Energy
  - Trade (facilitation and policy)



# Comprehensive Action Plan



# What has CAREC achieved?



## CAREC Achievements

- A focused alliance of countries and institutions
- Policy dialogue contributing to transport, energy, and trade cooperation
- Mobilization of financial resources for cooperation
- Creation and dissemination of major knowledge products



## Focused Projects



### Regional Perspective

- Almaty-Bishkek Road
- Bishkek-Osh Road
- Southern Transport Corridor
- Dushanbe-Kyrgyz Border Road



## CAREC Achievements

- Open regional dialogue
- Developing regional perspective



## What is planned for the years ahead?



## Key Initiatives

- Sector Strategies:
  - Integrated Transport and Trade Facilitation Strategy
  - Energy Sector Strategy
  - Trade Policy Strategic Action Plan
- CAREC Institute



## Integrated Transport and Trade Facilitation Strategy

- Three transport goals:
  - Establish competitive transport corridors across the CAREC region
  - Facilitate efficient movement of goods and people across borders
  - Develop safe, people-friendly transport systems that are environmentally sustainable

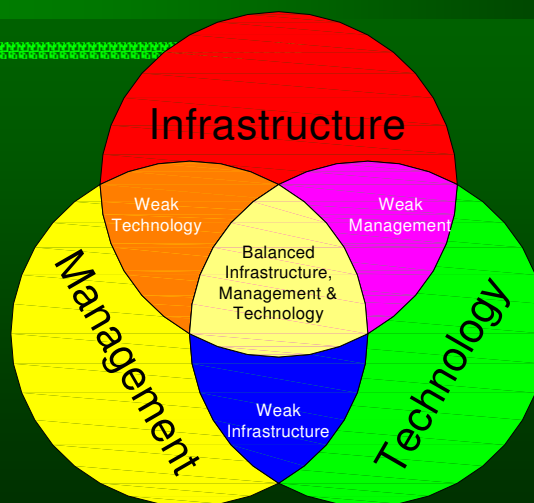


# Integrated Transport and Trade Facilitation Strategy

- Three trade facilitation goals:
  - Realize a significant reduction in transaction costs and time by improving administrative efficiency, and simplifying, standardizing and harmonizing trade procedures
  - Encourage the free movement of goods and business people
  - Enhance the transparency of laws, regulations, and procedures, and share information on these and other trade facilitation issues

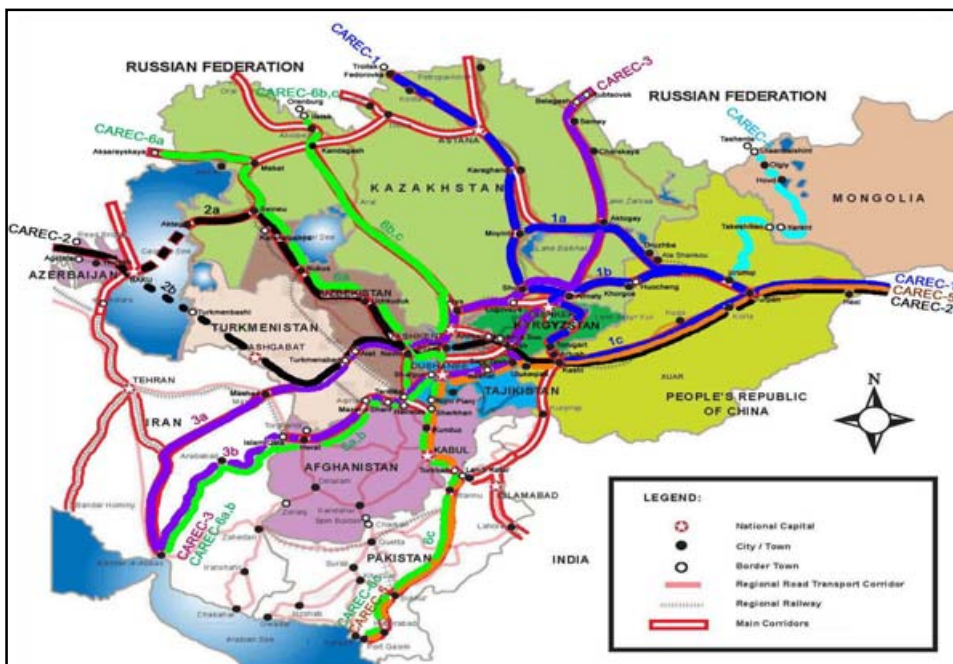


# Pillars of Successful Corridor Performance





# Linking Eurasia

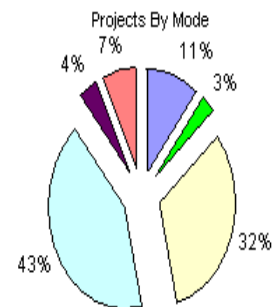


Source: CAREC Transport Sector Coordinating Committee Report, 8-9 September 2007



## Indicative Corridor investment plan to 2018, totaling US\$20 billion

Summary of Projects			
Corridor/Mode	Project Type (number)		
	Investment	TA	Total
<b>Corridor</b>			
1	23	2	25
2	24	5	29
3	25	3	28
4	1	2	3
5	16	4	20
6	31	6	37
Multiple Corridors	38	7	45
All Corridors	1	21	22
Other/Not Applicable	4	9	13
Subtotal by Corridor (*)	163	59	222
<b>Mode</b>			
Aviation	8	6	14
Intermodal/Logistics	1	3	4
Rail	32	8	40
Road	36	18	54
Sea	3	2	5
All	1	8	9
<b>Total Projects</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>126</b>



Aviation Intermodal/Logistics Rail Road Sea All

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## Key Messages

- Central Asia at the heart of the trend toward reintegration of Eurasia
- The Comprehensive Action Plan positions CAREC for a leap forward
- It is time to move
- CAREC's multilateral partners are committed to supporting the Program



## Recent Transport Investment

### Afghanistan

- ADB \$138-million loan/grant for North-South Corridor (09/06)

### Azerbaijan

- ADB \$52-million loan for Yevlakh-Ganja and Qazakh-Georgian border sections (12/05)
- World Bank \$200-million loan for Alyat-Masally section of southern road (01/06)
- ADB preparing \$100-million loan for Masally-Astara section of southern road



## Recent Transport Investment

### PRC

- ADB preparing \$150-million loan for Korla-Kuqa road in Xinjiang

### Kyrgyz Republic

- Islamic Development Bank \$9.2-million loan for Taraz-Talas-Suusamyr road
- China Development Bank, Kyrgyz Government, ADB credit agreement to cofinance southern road corridor improvement



## Recent Transport Investment

### Mongolia

- ADB preparing loan for western road links PRC and Russian Federation

### Tajikistan

- ADB \$29.5-million loan for Dushanbe-Kyrgyz border road (11/05)



## Recent Trade Facilitation Investments

- EBRD's continued support for regional trade financing
- UNDP support under phase II of Silk Road Area Development Program; European Commission/UNDP support for border management through Border Management Programme for Central Asia (BOMCA)
- Trade studies on individual countries under World Bank initiative on Trade and Transport Facilitation in Central Asia



## Recent Trade Facilitation Investments

- ADB's Regional Trade Facilitation and Customs Cooperation Program (\$25 million: Kyrgyz \$15 million; Tajikistan \$10 million) (2002)
- ADB's Regional Customs Modernization and Infrastructure Development Project (\$18.2 million: Kyrgyz \$7.5 million; Tajikistan \$10.7 million) (2004)
- ADB's Customs Modernization Project, Mongolia (\$5 million) (2006)



THANK YOU!

