

# Central Asia Think Tank Development Forum

“Promoting Economic Cooperation for an Integrated Central Asia”

Astana · Kazakhstan

June 20-21, 2016

## Agenda

### **19 June 2016**

1800-2000 Welcome Reception by CAREC Institute

### **20 June 2016**

0830-0900 Registration

#### **Session 1: Opening Ceremony**

**Moderator:** Mr. Ziqian Liang, Deputy Director, CAREC Institute

0900-0905 Welcome Remarks

Mr. Timur Zhaxylykov, Vice Minister of National Economy, Government of Republic of Kazakhstan

0905-0910 Mr. Juzhong Zhuang, Deputy Chief Economist and Deputy Director General, ERCD, ADB

0910-0915 Mr. Shigeo Katsu, President, Nazarbayev University

0915-0920 Mr. Kubat Umurzakov, Director, CAREC Institute

0920-0935 **Keynote Address**

**Mr. Arystan Yessentugelov, Professor, Honorary President, Economic Research Institute, Ministry of National Economy, Government of Kazakhstan**

Problems and ways of improving the competitiveness of Kazakhstan's economy in the context of the world economy's post-industrial development

0935-0945 **Photo session**

0945-1010 **Press conference/Coffee break**

## **Session 2: Economic Outlook of Central Asia**

**Moderator:** **Mr. Ben Slay, Senior Advisor, Regional Bureau for Europe and the Commonwealth of Independent States, UNDP**

1010-1025 **Mr. Juzhong Zhuang, Deputy Chief Economist and Deputy Director General, ERCD, ADB**

Asian Development Outlook 2016: Asia's Potential Growth

1025-1040 **Mr. Qiangwu Zhou, Deputy Director General, Asia-Pacific Finance and Development Center, Beijing Office, Ministry of Finance, PRC**

China's Economic Outlook

1040-1055 **Ms. Aktoty Aitzhanova, CEO, National Analytical Center of Nazarbayev University, Kazakhstan**

Kazakhstan's Macroeconomic Outlook 2016

1055-1105 **Commentator One:**

Mr. Fariz Mammadov, Leading Research Fellow, Institute for Scientific Research on Economic Reforms, Azerbaijan

1105-1115 **Commentator Two:**

Ms. Janna Fattakhova, Senior Research Coordinator, Center for Economic Research, Uzbekistan

1115-1135 Open Discussion

## **Session 3: Infrastructure as driver of Cross-Border Connectivity**

**Moderator:** **Mr. Arjun Goswami, Technical Advisor, ERCD, ADB**

1135-1150 **Mr. Kenzhenhan Abuov, ADB consultant**

CAREC Program: Improving infrastructure connectivity to promote construction of economic corridors and economic cooperation and integration.

1150-1205 **Mr. Guntur Sugiyarto, Senior Economist, ERCD, ADB**

Meeting the Infrastructure Need for a Shared

	Prosperity: Key Challenges and Policy Implications at Country and Regional Levels
1205-1220	<b>Mr. Yergali Dosmagambet, Deputy Director, CAREC Institute</b>
	Needs and Benefits of Infrastructure Investments in CAREC Region: 2016-2030- An Overview
1220-1230	<b>Commentator One:</b>
	Mr. Azamat Dikambaev, Director, National Institute of Strategic Studies, Kyrgyz Republic
1230-1240	<b>Commentator Two:</b>
	Dr. Safdar A. Sohail, Joint Director, Pakistan Institute of Development Economics, Government of Pakistan
1240-1300	Open Discussion
<b>1300-1430</b>	<b>Lunch Break</b>

#### **Session 4: Improving Competitiveness**

**Moderator:** **Mr. Frances Ato Brown, Country Manager for Republic of Kazakhstan, the World Bank**

1430-1445	<b>Ms. Aigul Kosherbayeva, Director for the Center of Regional Development And Competition Research, Economic Research Institute, Ministry of National Economy, Government of Kazakhstan</b> Kazakhstan Economy: Retrospective, Current situation, Anti-crisis policy
1445-1455	<b>Mr. Naoyuki Yoshino, Dean, ADBI</b> Video Presentation, Financing for Infrastructure and The Way to Increase Rate of Return
1455-1510	<b>Mr. Guanghua Wan, Director of Research, ADBI</b> Rural Infrastructure and Inclusive Growth
1510-1520	<b>Commentator One:</b>
	Mr. Tamim Asey, Research Fellow/Economic Adviser, Afghan Institute for Strategic Studies
1520-1530	<b>Commentator Two:</b>
	Mr. Berdimyrat Bashimov, Head, Institute of Strategic

planning and economic development, Ministry of Economy and Development, Government of Turkmenistan

1530-1550 Open Discussion

**1550-1600 Coffee Break**

### **Session 5: Operational Plan and Collective Actions**

**Moderator:** **Ms. Anjum Assad Amin, Additional Secretary, Economic Affairs Division, Ministry of Finance, Government of Islamic Republic of Pakistan**

1600-1615 **Mr. Arjun Goswami, Technical Advisor, ERCD, ADB**

ADB's Proposed RCI Operational Plan and Promoting Collective Action in CAREC

1615-1630 **Mr. Kubat Umurzakov, Director, CAREC Institute**

Working together for development of Central Asia

1630-1640 **Commentator One:**

Ms. Chona R. Echavez, Director, Afghanistan Research and Evaluation Unit, Afghanistan

1640-1650 **Commentator Two:**

Ms. Odonchimeg Ikhbayar, Deputy Director, Economic Policy and Competitiveness Research Center, Mongolia

1650-1710 Open Discussion

1710-1715 **Closing Remark**

Mr. Kubat Umurzakov, Director, CAREC Institute

1715-1745 Back to Hotel

**1830-2030 Dinner by CAREC Institute and Government of Republic of Kazakhstan**

### **21 June 2016**

0900-0930 Registration

### **Session 6: Role of Think Tank Network**

**Moderator:** **Mr. Kashif Noon, Unit Head, CAREC Institute**

0930-0945 **Mr. Dongxiang Li, Advisor, ERCD, ADB**

	Networking Asian Think Tanks for KS and CD: The Case of Asian Think Tanks Network (ATTN)
0945-1000	<b>Mr. Ziqian Liang, Deputy Director, CAREC Institute</b>
	The Proposal on the Establishment of Central Asia Think Tank Network.
1000-1010	<b>Commentator One:</b>
	Mr. Qiangwu Zhou, Deputy Director General, Asia-Pacific Finance and Development Center, Beijing Office, Ministry of Finance, People's Republic of China.
1010-1020	<b>Commentator Two:</b>
	Mr. Azamat Dikambaev, Director, National Institute of Strategic Studies, Kyrgyz Republic
1020-1040	Open Discussion
<b>1040-1100</b>	<b>Coffee Break</b>

### Session 7: Closing Ceremony

**Moderator:** **Ms. Anjum Assad Amin, Additional Secretary, Economic Affairs Division, Ministry of Finance, Revenue, Economic Affairs, Statistics, and Privatization, Pakistan**

1100-1105	Ms. Anjum Assad Amin, Additional Secretary, Economic Affairs Division, Ministry of Finance, Revenue, Economic Affairs, Statistics, and Privatization, Pakistan
1105-1110	Ms. Aigul Kosherbayeva, Director for the Center of Regional Development And Competition Research, Economic Research Institute, Ministry of National Economy, Government of Kazakhstan
1110-1115	Kubat Umurzakov, Director, CAREC Institute
<b>1300-1430</b>	<b>Lunch Break</b>
<b>1430-1800</b>	<b>Cultural Events</b>