



# Regional: Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation: Knowledge Sharing and Services in Transport and Transport Facilitation, Phase II

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Project Number	48335-002					
Country	RegionalAfghanistanAzerbaijanGeorgiaKazakhstanKyrgyz RepublicMongoliaPakistanChina, People's Republic ofTajikistanTurkmenistanUzbekistan					
Project Status	Proposed					
Project Type / Modality of Assistance	Technical Assistance					
Source of Funding / Amount	<table border="1"> <tr> <td colspan="2">TA: Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation: Knowledge Sharing and Services in Transport and Transport Facilitation, Phase II</td> </tr> <tr> <td>United Kingdom Fund for Asia Regional Trade and Connectivity under the Regional Cooperation and Integration Financing Partnership Facility</td> <td>US\$ 1.00 million</td> </tr> </table>		TA: Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation: Knowledge Sharing and Services in Transport and Transport Facilitation, Phase II		United Kingdom Fund for Asia Regional Trade and Connectivity under the Regional Cooperation and Integration Financing Partnership Facility	US\$ 1.00 million
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Strategic Agendas	Inclusive economic growth Regional integration					
Drivers of Change	Knowledge solutions Partnerships					
Sector / Subsector	Transport - Transport policies and institutional development					
Gender Equity and Mainstreaming	No gender elements					
Description	<p>The knowledge and support technical assistance (TA) will support the implementation of the Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation (CAREC) Transport Strategy Plans, which will continue to promote regional cooperation through competitive and sustainable transport corridors. This TA builds on and continues the work under TA 8789-REG and TA 8804-REG which have significantly advanced knowledge exchange in transport within the CAREC region and supported the critical role of ADB as the CAREC Secretariat. The TA is aligned with the Asian Development Bank (ADB) Strategy 2030, ADB's Operational Plan for Regional Cooperation and Integration (2016 2020), and the CAREC Strategy 2030.</p>					
Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy	<p>There remains a strong demand from CAREC countries for operationally-relevant knowledge solutions to advance the implementation of transport initiatives in the above priority areas. However, the CAREC countries are still constrained to effectively deliver on these new areas as they have inadequate knowledge and capabilities (policy, regulatory, institutional) to plan and implement appropriate policies and programs in these areas. At the same time, there is a wealth of experience in other countries (including developing ones) in implementing policies and programs in these areas, which CAREC countries can benefit from. There is a continuing need for a knowledge management function to solicit good practices on the transport priorities areas, index and catalog both past and new information, ensure dissemination of this knowledge in a form that is of operational use, and serve as an information broker, as experienced from current TAs, to facilitate knowledge exchange between and among various stakeholders. Lessons learned from implementing the current TAs are: (i) continuing engagement and support at the national level is needed to successfully carry out the regional transport strategies, as key actions need policy/institutional change at the national level (e.g. development of national road safety strategies; development of road asset management systems; aviation policy reforms, etc.); (ii) support and coordination with regional cooperation coordinators fielded in each CAREC member country is necessary to enhance communication with the national government, conduct appropriate capacity-building activities, and ensure effective dissemination of knowledge products; (iii) resource persons are valuable and could contribute significantly to the development of knowledge products and capacity-building activities; (iv) knowledge dissemination needs to be continued to ensure the uptake of best practices in all transport priority areas; and (v) feedback from countries and demand-based knowledge delivery are valuable in ensuring that country-specific needs are addressed.</p> <p>During the 16th TSCC meeting held in May 2017, the CAREC member countries confirmed their strong continued demand for additional TA in all priority areas of the CAREC transport program. The 17th TSCC meeting held in April 2018 and the CAREC Senior Officials Meeting in June 2018 endorsed the preparation of the new CAREC Transport Strategy 2030. The Strategy will be presented to the 18th CAREC TSCC meeting in April 2019 for review and endorsement. Thus, a new TA is needed to facilitate regional cooperation and continuingly help increase capacity of the transport agencies in CAREC countries.</p>					
Impact	Reliability, resilience and sustainability of transportation systems improved					
Outcome	The capacity of CAREC countries for CAREC Transport Sector Strategic Plans implementation enhanced					
Outputs	Policy dialogue and knowledge sharing among member countries facilitated Skills and capacity of the transport agencies in CAREC member countries on key topics in transport improved Knowledge products produced and disseminated					
Geographical Location	Afghanistan - Nation-wide; Azerbaijan - Nation-wide; China - Nation-wide; Georgia - Nation-wide; Kazakhstan - Nation-wide; Kyrgyz Republic - Nation-wide; Mongolia - Nation-wide; Pakistan - Nation-wide; Tajikistan - Nation-wide; Turkmenistan - Nation-wide; Uzbekistan - Nation-wide					
Summary of Environmental and Social Aspects						
Environmental Aspects						
Involuntary Resettlement						
Indigenous Peoples						
Stakeholder Communication, Participation, and Consultation						
During Project Design						
During Project Implementation						

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Timetable	
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Fact Finding	-
MRM	-
Approval	-
Last Review Mission	-
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