

Regional Cooperation and Economic Corridor Development: Experience from CAREC and beyond

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RCI as a priority under ADB's Strategy 2030

-  Addressing remaining poverty & reducing inequality
-  Accelerating progress in gender equality
-  Tackling climate change, building resilience, & enhancing environmental sustainability
-  Making cities more livable
-  Promoting rural development & food security
-  Strengthening governance & institutional capacity
-  **Fostering regional cooperation & integration**



Fostering regional cooperation and integration

Strategic Operational Priorities

1 Greater and higher quality connectivity between economies

2 Global and regional trade and investment opportunities expanded

3 Regional public goods increased and diversified

Operational Approaches



Multimodal transport infrastructure connectivity



Renewable energy and sustainable transport



'Soft' infrastructure for implementation of trade and investment agreements



Economic corridors



Regional financial cooperation



Regional climate change mitigation and adaptation



Environment and sustainable tourism



Regional education and health services

Sub-regional programs and corridor initiatives



3 Economic Corridors

North-South Economic Corridor (NSEC)

East-West Economic Corridor (EWEC)

Southern Economic Corridor (SEC)



6 Transport Corridors (Corridor 4 – PRC-MON-Russian Federation)

Pilot Economic Corridors

Almaty – Bishkek Economic Corridor (ABEC)

Shymkent-Tashkent-Khujand Economic Corridor (STKEC)

China – Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC)



4 Land Transport Corridors

3 Economic Corridors

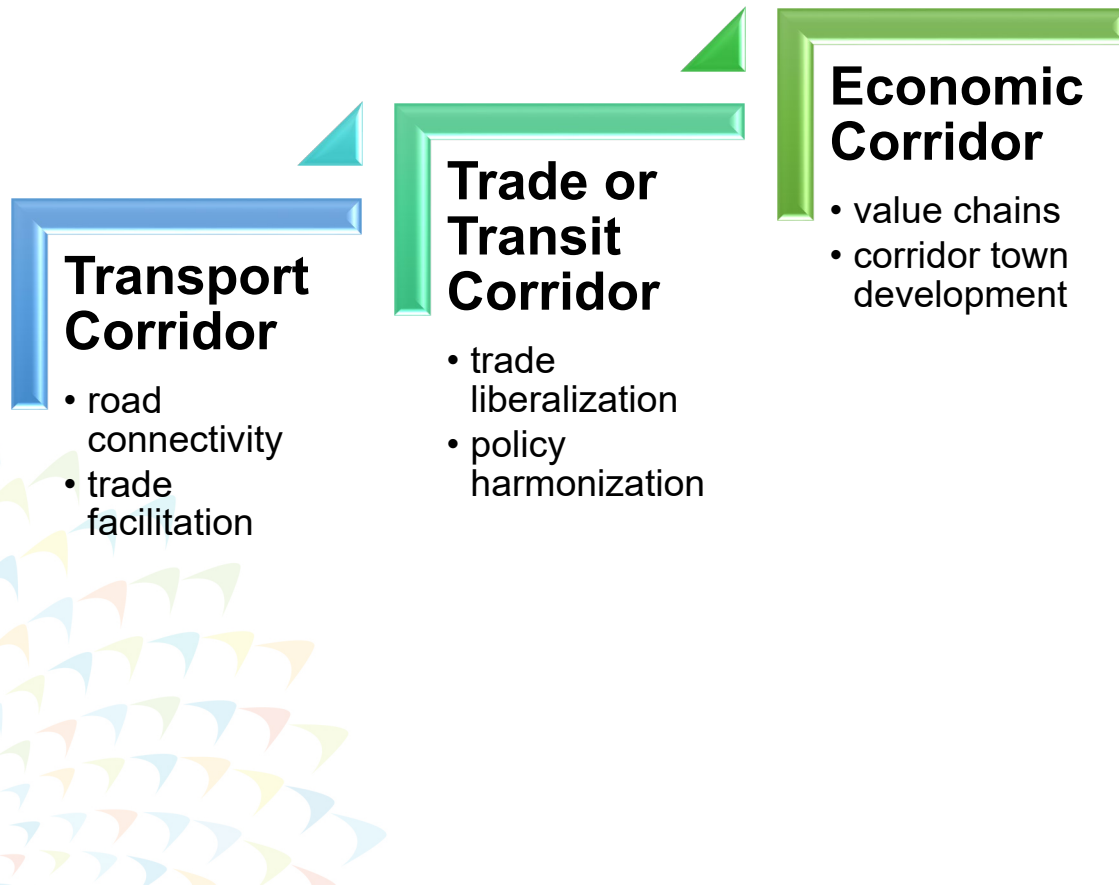
East Cost Economic Corridor in India

Sylhet-Dhaka-Khulna in Bangladesh

Colombo-Trincomalee in Sri Lanka

Evolving Economic Corridor Development Concept

3 tracks of corridor development



a holistic and inclusive ECD framework

- ✓ comprehensive framework of physical investments, spatial coordination & urban agglomeration
- ✓ skilled labor & capital movement
- ✓ services linkage & multi-sectoral plan/approaches (tourism, agri-business, education, health)
- ✓ advanced knowledge & technology
- ✓ institutional coordination
- ✓ regional public goods & sustainable development

Testing the 3D approach to economic corridor development in Central Asia



The pilot project supports developing modern border crossing facilities and procedures.



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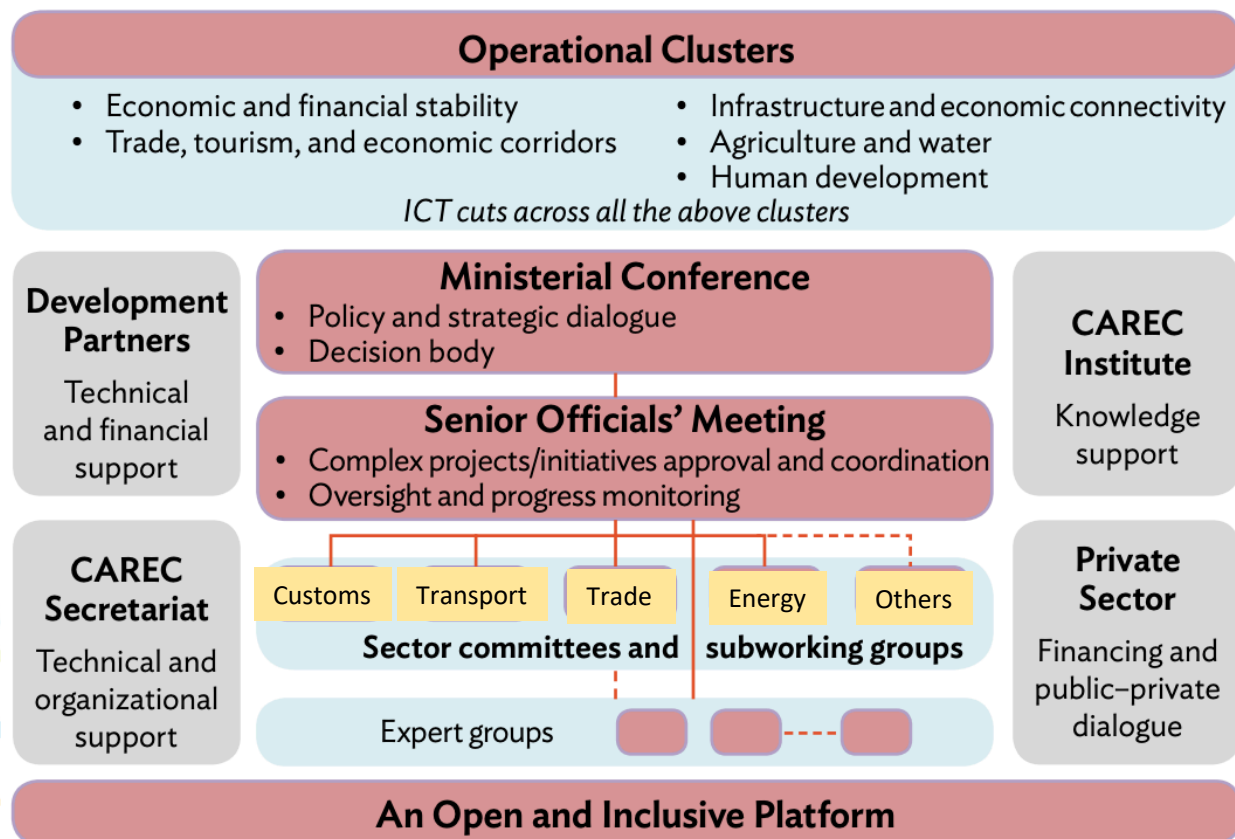
A new approach to developing economic corridors can change the way we think about regional integration.

To address these formidable challenges and fully develop the potential benefits of the two areas, the two cities are using an **innovative 3D approach**—including **linear, spatial and virtual aspects**—to create an economic corridor that will turn both cities, and the area between them, into a single, prosperous economic space.

Benefits of economic corridor development are tri-dimensional

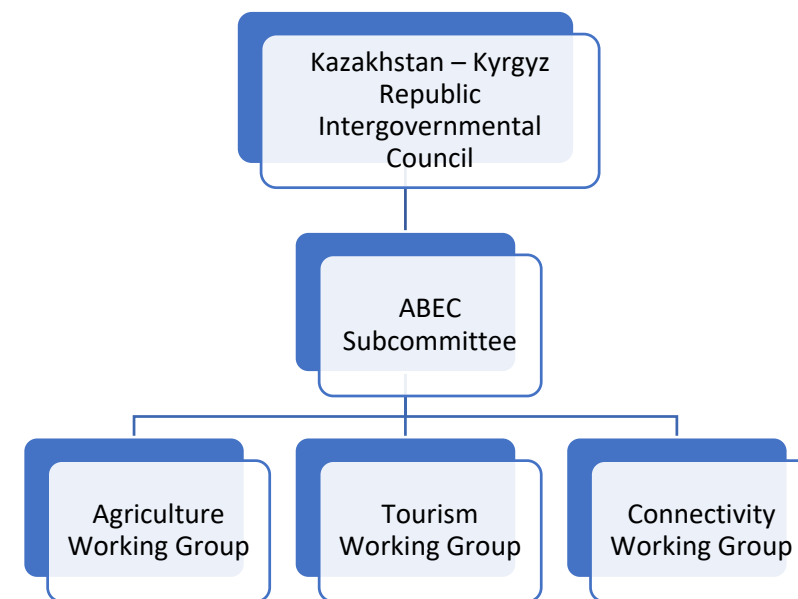
Experience from CAREC: Institutional Arrangements

Regional and sectoral levels



CAREC 2030 Institutional Framework

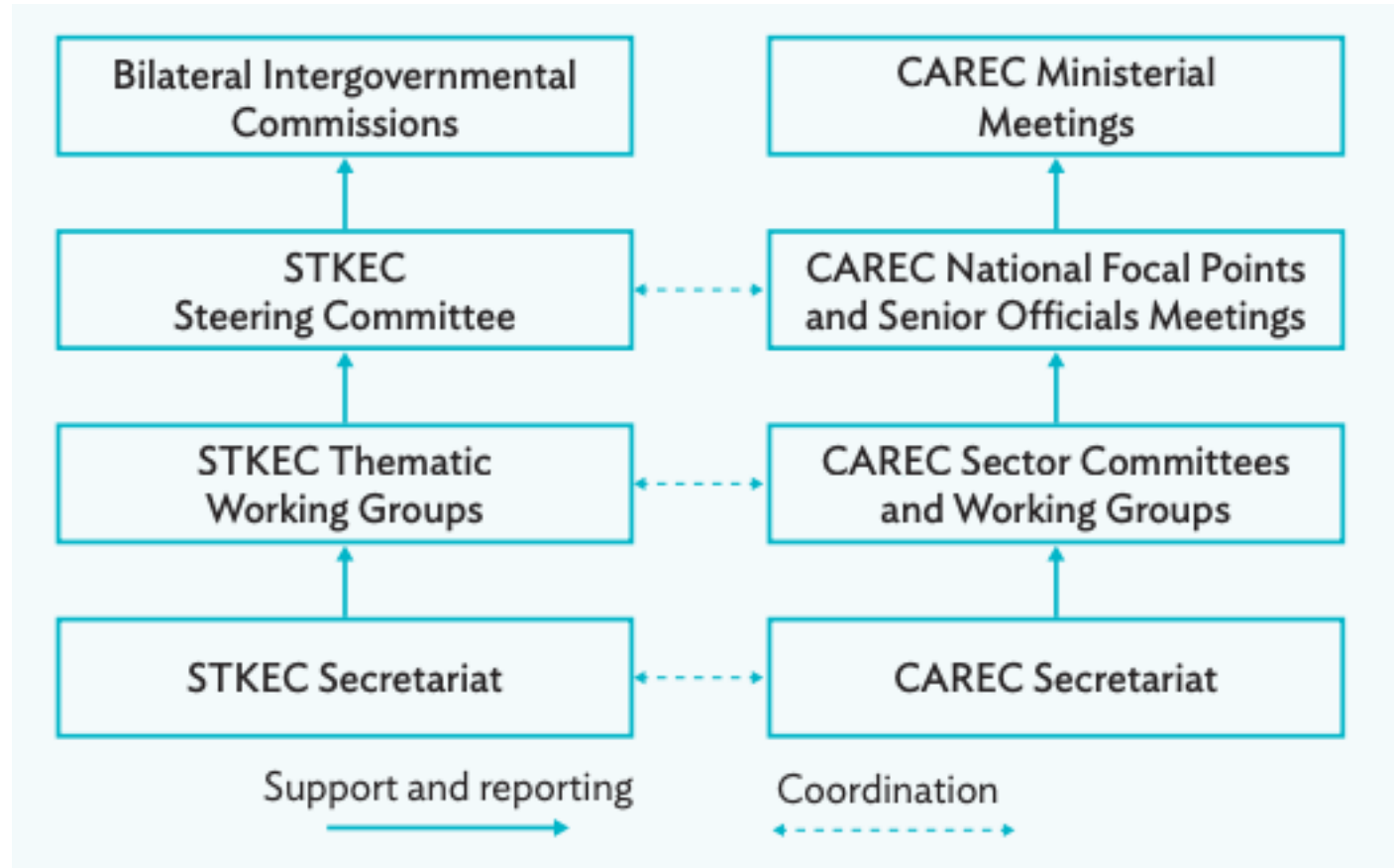
Bilateral level



Almaty-Bishkek Economic Corridor

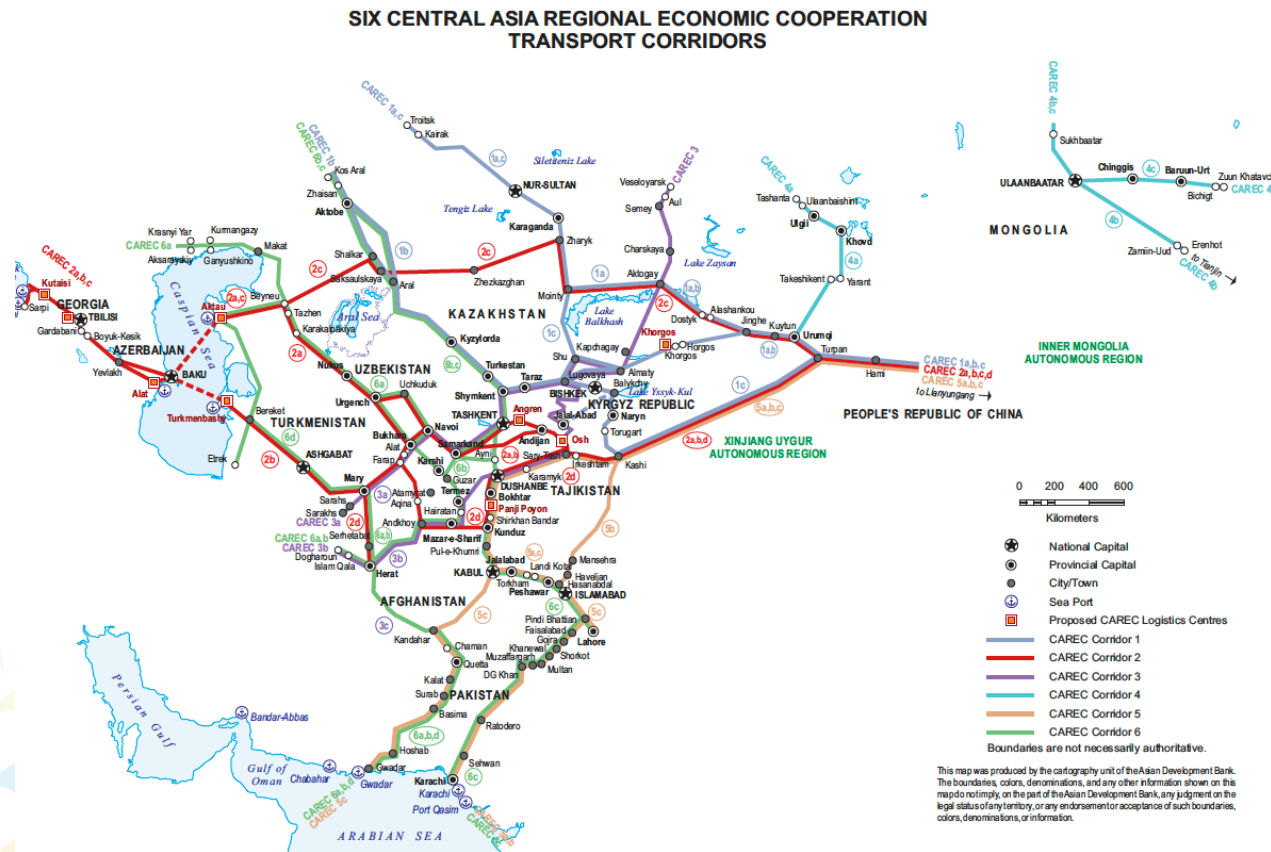
Experience from CAREC: Institutional Arrangements

(Potential) hybrid level



Proposed Institutional Setup for STKEC Development

Experience from CAREC: Corridor Performance Measurement and Monitoring



CPEM is a tool to assess the efficiency of CAREC corridors:

- identifies causes of delays and unnecessary costs along the CAREC corridor
- helps authorities determine where and how to address identified bottlenecks
- assesses the impact of regional cooperation initiatives

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Trade Facilitation Indicators

TFI1

Time taken to clear a border crossing point (BCP), *in hours*

TFI2

Costs incurred at a BCP, *in \$*

TFI3

Costs incurred while traveling along a corridor section, *in \$*

TFI4

Speed of travel along a corridor section (Speed with delay), *in km/h*

SWOD

Speed without delay, *in km/h*



Towards effective ECD and management



Strategic planning framework



High-level of political commitment



Strong private sector role



Physical infrastructure +
transformative interventions



Long-term, programmatic, phased
and sustainable approach



Institutional mechanisms and
research/support center

- multi-level, multi-stakeholder
- cross-sectoral cooperation
- cross-border coordination
- economic and technical analysis
- capacity-building support
- results monitoring and evaluation framework
- effective communications

References (linked publications)

