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# Enhancing Regional Cooperation for Climate Change Action

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**ADB Pavilion, Expo City Dubai, United Arab Emirates**

# Programme

| Time          | Agenda   | Speaker  |
|---------------|--|--|
| 17:00 – 17:05 | Opening Remarks                                  | <b>Ms. Xiaohong Yang</b> , Deputy Director General, Central and West Asia Department (CWRD)  |
| 17:10 – 17:15 | Presentation of the CAREC Vision                 | <b>Mr. Malte Maass</b> , Climate Change Specialist   |
| 17:15 – 18:00 | Panel discussion and Q&A (with the participants) | <b>Mr. Asif Haider Shah</b> , Secretary, Ministry of Climate Change and Environmental Coordination, Pakistan<br><b>Mr. Mansur Oshurbayev</b> , Vice-Minister, Ecology and Natural Resources of Kazakhstan<br><b>Ms. Nino Tkhilava</b> , Head, Environment and Climate Change Department, Ministry of Environment and Environment Protection, Georgia<br><b>Mr. Torsten Brezina</b> , Country Director, GIZ |



*Delegates from member countries of the ADB-supported CAREC Program gathered at the CAREC Ministerial Conference in Tbilisi where they discussed how they can collaborate on climate change mitigation and adaptation.*



# Regional Action on Climate Change: A Vision for CAREC

Enhancing Regional Cooperation for Climate Change Action

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## Climate Challenges

Increasing Climate Impacts  
Across Sectors

Increased Frequency and  
Severity of Disasters

Low Degree of Energy  
Efficiency

Dependence on Fossil Fuels

## Requires Urgent Climate Action

Just Energy Transition

Water and Energy Nexus

Smart Agriculture  
Resilient Cities

Climate-smart and  
Efficient Transport, Transit &  
Trade

Disaster-Risk Management  
and Financing

## CAREC Climate Vision

Needed to  
build strong  
knowledge, transfer  
of technology and  
capacity in CAREC  
DMCs to address  
climate change  
challenged with  
focus on  
cooperation

## CAREC Climate Vision Statement:

*“A Region of  
Sustainable  
Development,  
Shared Prosperity,  
and Climate-  
Resilience”*

### 3 Goals

Mitigate climate change

Adapt to climate change

Cooperate across borders

### 5 Principles

Align with national strategies

Deepen regional cooperation

Expand coordination with DPs

Include private sector/civil  
society

Build open regional platform

# Proposed Road Map for CAREC Climate Change Vision

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## Stage I: Strategic Analysis

National

NDCs, NAPs

CAREC

Strategies and Programs

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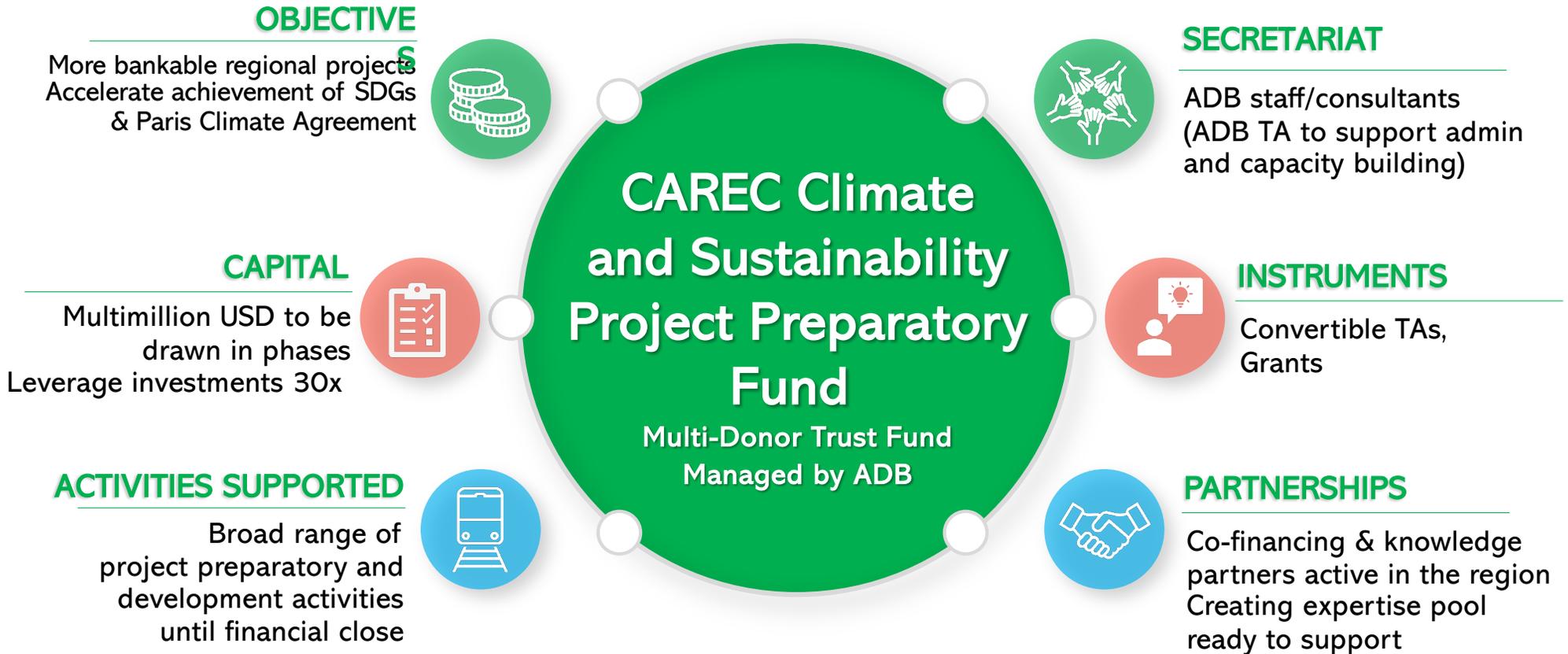
## Stage II: Action Plan

CAREC Climate Change Action Plan and Projects Pipeline

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## Stage III: Implementation and Operationalization

- Climate finance plans and instruments developed
- Coordination and synergies among DPs enhanced
- Project preparatory capacities improved
- Access to climate funds enhanced
- Disaster-risk financing instruments improved
- Innovative regional climate projects developed





Thank you!



## OPENING REMARKS



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