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## **CAREC Chai: Keeping a hand on the economic pulse of the CAREC region (and beyond)**

**Webinar**

**17 December 2021**

**11:50 – 13:30 PM (Beijing-Manila time)**

**16 December 11:00 PM (Washington D.C. time)**

The COVID-19 pandemic is unprecedented in its global reach and impact. The impact is significant and covers all sectors. Most CAREC economies are on course to recover beyond 2019 levels, but there is still uncertainty about how much time will be needed to fully overcome the COVID-19 crisis.

Recovery is on its way, but the shape of the recovery is uncertain as it takes different trajectories in different countries.

The CAREC Institute in collaboration with the Asian Development Bank (ADB) will deliver a webinar titled “CAREC Chai: Keeping a hand on the economic pulse of the CAREC region (and beyond)” on 17 December 2021. In this webinar experts from IMF, EBRD, ADB and the CAREC Institute will get together to discuss the trajectory of economic recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic in the CAREC region, the progress achieved, obstacles, and the outlook.

This webinar shall help policymakers from CAREC member countries and interested audiences to exchange views on vital economic issues and developments.

The webinar will be recorded to provide digital learning materials in vital areas of regional cooperation on the CAREC Institutes e-learning platform.’

Registration link: [https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_boiNS7tPRT2P\\_cnd0koyFA](https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_boiNS7tPRT2P_cnd0koyFA)

## Agenda

### 17th December 2021 (Beijing-Manila time)

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| <b>11:50-12:00</b> | <b>Introduction (Technical Guidance) and speakers' group photo</b><br>Sukhdelger Sosorbaram, Senior Capacity Building Specialist, (CAREC) Institute  |
| <b>12:00-12:10</b> | <b>Opening Remarks</b><br>Syed Shakeel Shah, Director, CAREC Institute<br>Lyaziza Sabyrova, Central and West Asia Regional Department, ADB   |
| <b>12:10-12:15</b> | <b>Introduction of the speakers by the moderator</b><br>Johannes Linn, Brookings Institution, former World Bank vice president for Europe and Central Asia   |
| <b>12:15-12:30</b> | <b>Keynote presentation</b><br>Selim Cakir, IMF Resident Representative in Georgia   |
| <b>12:30-12:40</b> | <b>The PRC Economy: Recent Developments and Outlook</b><br>Dominik Peschel, ADB Resident mission China   |
| <b>12:40-12:50</b> | <b>Eurasian connectivity and its potential impact on CAREC</b><br>Richard Pomfret, Professor of Economics Emeritus at the University of Adelaide, and Adjunct Professor of International Economics at the Johns Hopkins University SAIS Europe |
| <b>12:50-13:00</b> | <b>The EBRD's views on current developments in CA</b><br>Eric Livny, Lead economist Central Asia EBRD  |
| <b>13:00-13:10</b> | <b>The economic situation in the CAREC region</b><br>Hans Holzhacker, Chief Economist CAREC Institute  |
| <b>13:10-13:25</b> | <b>Q&amp;A, Discussion</b>   |
| <b>13:25-13:30</b> | <b>Conclusion by the moderator</b>   |

## Notes:

### Time limits

Keynote presentation – 15 minutes

Presentations of chapters – 10 minutes each, but presenters are encouraged to limit themselves to 7-8 minutes to give more room for Q&A and discussion”.

## **Questions**

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