

CAREC Think Tank Network (CTTN): Progress

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About the Network

- Leading think tanks from the CAREC member countries agreed to establish the CAREC Think Tanks Network (CTTN) during the second CAREC Think Tank Development Forum (CTTDF) in Urumqi, People's Republic of China (PRC), in 2017
- “Urumqi Declaration” – main founding document.
- Over 60 think tanks, research institutions, universities and policy centers from CAREC countries.
- Key activities: CAREC Think Tank Development Forum (CTTDF), Research Grants Program (RGP), Think tank Talk Series/ Dialogue and CTTN Blog



Network Activities

- CAREC Annual Think Tank Development Forum (launched in 2016)
- CTTN Research Grants Program (launched in 2019)
- Think Tank Talk Series / Dialogue (launched in 2021)
- CTTN Blog / Depository of Knowledge (will be launched in 2022)



CTTN Activities: CAREC Think Tank Development Forum

The CAREC Think Tank Development Forum (CTTDF) is flagship event of the CI organized annually under the auspices of the CTTN.

- The First Forum: “Promoting Economic Cooperation for an Integrated Central Asia”, Almaty, Kazakhstan, June 2016
- The Second Forum: “Exploring Knowledge Solutions for Regional Cooperation and Integration”, Urumqi, PRC, September 2017
- The Third Forum: “Building Knowledge Corridors along the Silk Road”, Bishkek, Kyrgyz Republic, June 2018
- The Fourth Forum: “Trading for Shared Prosperity”, Xi'an, PRC, August 2019
- The Fifth Forum: “Economic Corridors: Pathways to Regional Growth”, virtual, 23-24 November 2021



CTTN Activities: Research Grants Program (RGP)

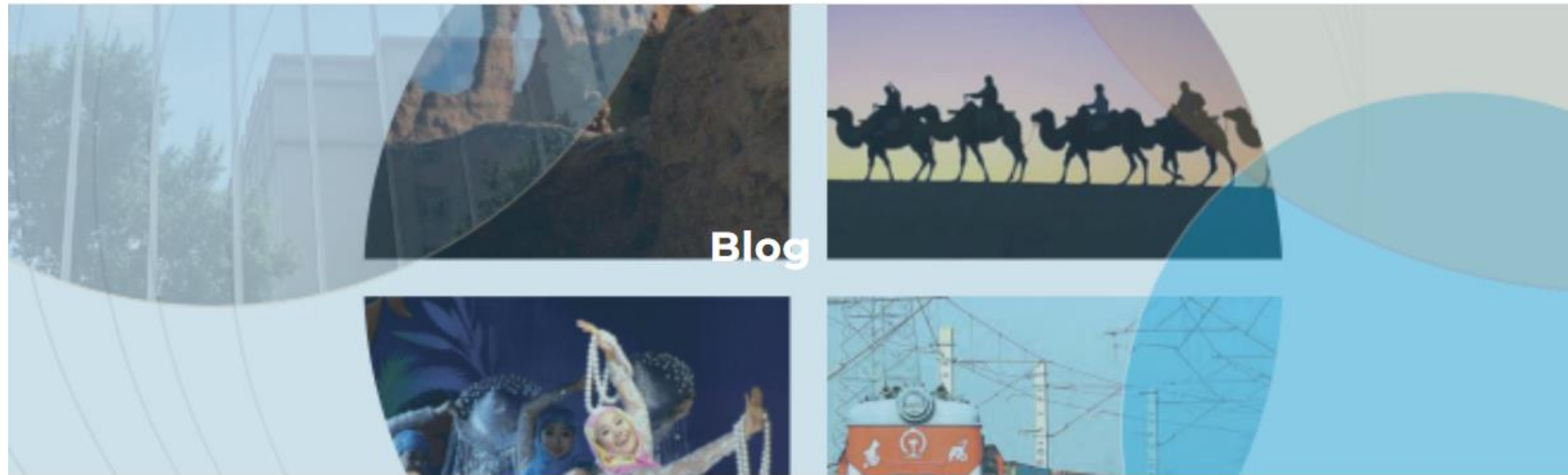
In 2019, the CTTN launched its RGP to support scholars and researchers from CTTN members to produce targeted knowledge products which will add to the body of knowledge on regional cooperation in CAREC.

2019	2020	2021	2022
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Assessing participation of CAREC countries in global and regional value chains; (ii) Study of cross-border tourism value chains between Uzbekistan and Kyrgyzstan; (iii) Impact of sanitary, phytosanitary, and quality-related standards on the trade flow between CAREC countries and Georgia; (iv) Opportunities and challenges for agri-food trade between the Kyrgyz Republic and Pakistan; 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Exploring exports-driven growth: Learning from Pakistan-China Free Trade Agreement, and (ii) Prospects of tourism sector development in Kazakhstan and the Kyrgyz Republic including Almaty-Bishkek Economic Corridor. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Community Entrepreneurship in Central Asia: Learning from the “One Tambon, One Product” Program in the Greater Mekong Subregion (ii) The CAREC and its Neighboring Regions: A diagnostic of the intra-bloc and extra-bloc trade (iii) Trade Efficiency and Influencing Factors in CAREC Region: Based on Stochastic Frontier Gravity Model (iv) Technology gap and productivity spillovers from Chinese outward Foreign Direct Investment 	<p>Access to Health, Education, Digital technologies, and Women's Participation in the Workforce: Case Studies from Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Pakistan, and Uzbekistan.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CESD, Azerbaijan - Institute of Economics, Kazakhstan - SDPI, Pakistan - CPRO, Westminster International University, Uzbekistan

CTTN Activities: Partnerships and Dialogues

- The CTTN became a member of the Global Coalition of Think Tanks Networks coordinated by UN Office of South-South Cooperation in 2022, and attended the 5th Steering Committee Meeting for the South-South Global Thinkers.
- Joined ADB-Asian Think Tanks Development Forum and Global Think Tanks Forum;
- Webinars: Thinking through the crisis - the Role of Think Tanks in March 2021;





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For Discussion

- On the Forum:
 - How to make the Forum more effective and impactful;
 - Shall we have broader engagement of policy makers and businesses;
 - Design, duration and setting of the Forum; and etc
- On other CTTN activities,
 - Renewed approach of the Research Grants Program;
 - How to link CTTN RGP with key regional issues;
 - What other activities will be beneficial to the Network
- On the role and engagement of the Network:
 - How the Network members can better engage in CTTN activities;
 - What CTTN members can offer to the Network;
 - What is role and contribution of the Network in overall CAREC Program

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