

# CAREC Think Tank Network: Progress 2024

27-28 August 2024

Eighth CAREC Think Tank Development Forum

Almaty, Kazakhstan



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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 in 2017.
- **“Urumqi Declaration”** – is the main founding document. **The CTTN promotes the regional economic cooperation** by knowledge sharing, fostering policy research and knowledge solutions to support governments, reducing gaps between research and policy.
- 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 Dialogue**
  - **CTTN Blog.**

# Activities

## 1. CAREC Think Tank Development Forum

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

Starting from 2016, the CAREC Think Tank Development Forum has become an annual regional gathering of renowned think tanks, government officials, the private sector, development partners and media to deliberate on pressing regional issues.



## 2. CTTN Research Grants Program (2024)

No	Title	Country
1	Designing policy support for <b>climate-smart trade</b> in the CAREC region	PAK
2	Optimizing Financial Architecture by Overcoming Challenges to Implement <b>Emission Trading Mechanisms</b> in the CAREC Region	PAK
3	<b>Carbon pricing</b> in Central Asia: Opportunities and barriers: The case of the Kyrgyz Republic	KGZ
4	<b>Climate change</b> in Kazakhstan: <b>State Policy and Public Awareness</b>	KAZ
5	Innovative Perspectives: Exploring Opportunities in <b>Emissions Trading Systems</b> for CAREC Countries	GEO

## 3. Think Tank Talk Series / Dialogue

- **First CTTN dialogue in 2024 titled Trade Diversification in the CAREC Region: Opportunities and Challenges held in virtual mode on August 9, 2024**
  
- **The event featured insights from regional think tanks, addressing:**
  - Analysis of trade flows in the CAREC region
  - Identification of opportunities and challenges in trade diversification
  - Exploration of innovative approaches to export diversification
  
- **Two more dialogues are planned for 2024**

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### CAREC Think Tank Network (CTTN) Dialogue

TRADE DIVERSIFICATION IN THE CAREC REGION:  
OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES

August 9 2024 16:00-18:00 Beijing/Manila  
(UTC+8)



# 4. CTTN Blog – reactivated in 2024

(<https://www.carecinstiute.org/category/blog/>)



1. Snapshot of Sovereign Financing in Eurasia ( Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Mongolia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan) in 2023 by Artem Levenkov posted in July 2024

vide a platform to exchange views on CAREC program themes: econ infrastructure and economic connectivity, agriculture and water implementation of public in the member countries.



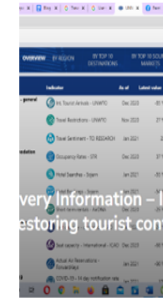
3. Embracing Artificial Intelligence (AI) Growth in the Tourism Industry by Mr. Sanjay Saxena, Managing Director of Total Synergy Consulting (TSCPL) posted in May 2021

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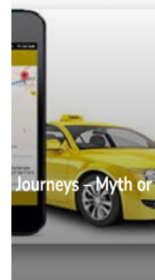


2. Tourism potential of Azerbaijan: a new stage of cooperation with CAREC countries by Dr. Vugar Bayramov, Murad Aghayev CESD, Azerbaijan, posted in April 2024

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4. Tourism Recovery Information – Information at the heart of restoring tourist confidence by Mr. Sanjay Saxena, Managing Director of Total Synergy Consulting (TSCPL) posted in May 2021



5. Contact-Less Journeys – Myth or Reality? by Mr. Sanjay Saxena, Managing Director of Total Synergy Consulting (TSCPL) posted in May 2021

# CTTN Partnerships

**CI has established MoU partnerships with 23 institutions**, most recently signing new cooperation agreements with the Eurasian Fund for Stabilization and Development (EFSD), Beijing Technology and Business University (BTBU) and Beijing National Accounting Institute (BNAI), the Center for Analysis of Economic Reforms, Communication (CAERC) of Azerbaijan, the China Export and Import (EXIM) Bank, Eurasian Development Bank (EDB) and OSCE Academy in Bishkek.



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KOMMUNİKASIYA MƏRKƏZİ



**EFSD** Eurasian Fund for  
Stabilization and Development

**OSCE** ACADEMY  
in Bishkek

## Going forward

- Continued **networking** with think tanks, institutions and organization under the CTTN
- Continued activities such as the **Forum, dialogue, blog, research grants**
- Forming **research alliances** for specific topics, especially related to climate change, trade and connectivity
- **Insights and comments for CAREC's and CI's upcoming new strategies**



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