



Preparatory steps for regional projects in Water Pillar

Global Workshop on Funding and Financing Transboundary Water Cooperation and Basin Management

5-6 December 2023

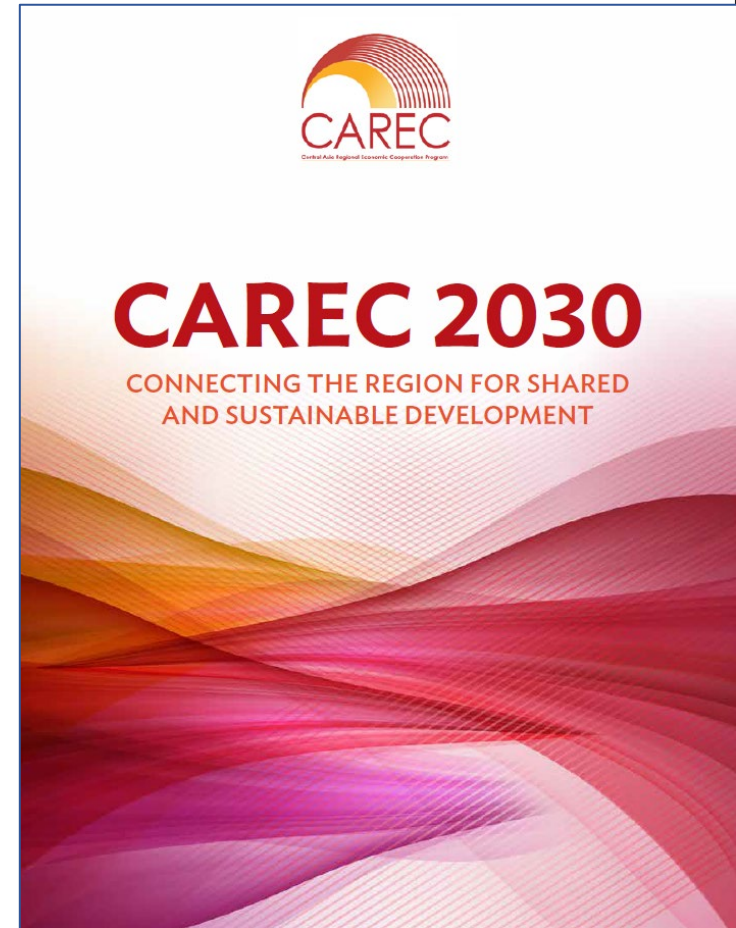
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1. 11 member countries
2. Focus on Regional Economic Cooperation
3. Organized around 5 clusters
 - (1) Economic and Financial Stability
 - (2) Trade, Tourism and Economic Corridors
 - (3) Infrastructure and Economic Connectivity
 - (4) Agriculture and **Water**
 - (5) Human Development
4. Overarching vision “Good Neighbors, Good Partners, and Good Prospects.”





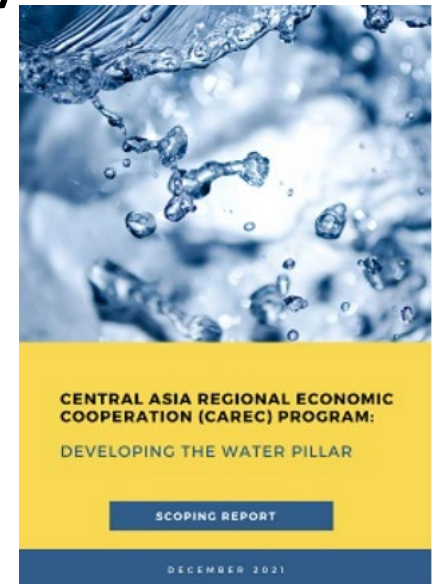
CAREC Water Pillar-towards implementation

“CAREC 2030 ..honest broker role, to promote discussion and dialogue on water issues to chart the way forward.”
CAREC Strategy 2030

- Initial focus on 5 Central Asian republics
– later expansion to all CAREC members.
- Framed Water Pillar

Vision:

‘a sustainable, climate resilient, productive and water secure region with shared benefits among States and communities.’





Water Pillar Framework

BLOCK 1

**Climate resilient and
productive water
systems**

BLOCK 2

**Sustainable water
resources and water
services**

BLOCK 3

**Nexus solutions and
cross sector learning**

Longlist of proposed projects in Interim Report

- 1.1 Climate adaptive management in a shared tributary
- 1.2 Regional benefits from climate resilient irrigation
- 1.3 Risk management for drought and heat stress

- 2.1 Efficient and sustainable water services models
- 2.2 Salinity management strategy
- 2.3 Promoting safe re-use of treated wastewater
- 2.4 Promoting benefits from nature-based solutions

- 3.1 Promoting jointly managed infrastructure
- 3.2 Renewable energy options in water systems
- 3.3 Human resource capacity for climate resilience

Regional Workshop: Tashkent 29-30 November 2022

- ❑ involved representatives of national agencies, regional inter-governmental organizations, regional institutes and development partners
- ❑ highly interactive group discussions on possible future project activities with regional benefits
- ❑ consideration of institutional arrangements to guide future development of the Water Pillar – Working Group and Expert Groups
- ❑ topics included:
 - strengthening climate adaptive management in shared basins
 - climate resilient irrigation
 - upgrading disaster risk management systems
 - managing salinity in a basin context
 - promoting ecosystem-based approaches
 - strengthening human resource capacity





2023-24 timeline – CAREC Water Pillar

	Central Asia	Expanded geographic area
July- Aug 2023	Circulation of draft TOR for Water Pillar Working Group	
Oct 2023	Initiation of capacity building support for innovative water-energy nexus modelling on a selected tributary in Central Asia	Draft climate assessment prepared (GEO)
Dec 2023- Feb 2024	Establishment of Water Pillar Working Group	
April-May 2024	Proposal for shortlist of 2 priority water pillar projects Water Pillar Working Group	Consultation workshop
June 2024	Assessment of capacity needs of the relevant Basin Water Organizations and Irrigation Agencies	Draft Scoping study report
Nov 2024	Side event at CAREC ministerial meeting by the Water Pillar	
Nov 2024	Initial draft prefeasibility study report	
Feb 2025	Prefeasibility study report	



Thank you for your attention.

