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From Regional Roads to Economic Corridors

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Commitment to Regional Cooperation

Mandated by ADB Charter
Core area of operations

Up to 30% of operations by 2020
Links to poverty reduction
The Asian Neighborhoods
Border connectivity, trade opportunities and investment.
GMS SAREC CAREC
Greater Mekong Subregion

- Over 60 projects and $15 billion
- Largely completed corridors: East-West, North-South, Southern
- Cross-border power links, higher power access
- Information superhighway for ICT applications
South Asia Subregional Economic Cooperation

SASEC Progress

- Over $6 billion investments for transport, trade facilitation, energy, ICT
- Supports SAARC, BIMSTEC, and South Asia-Southeast Asian integration
- Cross-border energy projects: BAN, BHU, NEP - IND
- SASEC Information Highway: high-speed optical fiber cable link
Regional Corridors in South Asia

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### Key Challenges in Central Asia

#### Geographical

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Source: UNESCAP Secretariat
Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation

CAREC Progress

- $21 billion investments for transport, trade, energy links
- Six transport corridors, 4,000 km roads, 3,200 km railway, upgraded ports, border crossings
- CAREC Federation of Carriers and Freight Forwarders Association
- 2,000 km transmission lines, Regional Master Plan
CHALLENGES

- Software to take advantage of hardware
- Effective monitoring and evaluation (CPMM)
- Dealing with negative impacts from increased connectivity
- Capacity strengthening for RCI management
Major Recommendations

• Formulate national master plans
• Address physical infrastructure deficiencies
  – Improve road and rail services
  – Explore feasibility of double-track, double-stack, and electric rail systems
  – Consider BOT schemes to encourage private sector investment/modernization of fleet & equipment
FINANCING

• ASEAN Infrastructure Fund (AIF)
• Regional Infrastructure Investment
• Credit Guarantee and Investment Facility (CGIF)
• Asian Bond Market Initiative (ABMI)
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Thank You

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