

**FIFTH ALMATY–BISHKEK ECONOMIC CORRIDOR
SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING BETWEEN THE KYRGYZ REPUBLIC AND THE
REPUBLIC OF KAZAKHSTAN**

**Draft Agenda
15 December 2020**

I. Introduction

The Governments of the Kyrgyz Republic and the Republic of Kazakhstan, Bishkek City administration and the *Akimat* of Almaty City with support of the Asian Development Bank (ADB), initiated work on the Almaty–Bishkek Economic Corridor (ABEC) in 2013. A Memorandum of Understanding was signed between the two cities during the 13th CAREC Ministerial Conference, held in Bishkek in October 2014. The Kyrgyz Republic – Kazakhstan Intergovernmental Council, chaired by the Prime ministers of the Kyrgyz Republic and Republic of Kazakhstan, established the ABEC Subcommittee in November 2016. The ABEC Subcommittee is responsible for all aspects related to the development and implementation of ABEC projects, as well as for the appointment of representatives to this Subcommittee.

The fifth joint ABEC Subcommittee meeting shall have the following three objectives:

- (i) Assess the implementation status of the fourth ABEC Subcommittee protocol;
- (ii) Review current ABEC projects and initiatives based on the meeting protocol of sector working groups; develop pipeline, and priority projects;
- (iii) Reach agreement on short- and medium-term steps towards further development of ABEC and formulating the fifth ABEC Subcommittee protocol.

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AGENDA

13:45–14:00	Registration
14:00–14:15	Session I: Introduction to the agenda and review of implementation of the second protocol
	<i>Moderator: Co-Chairman, Mr. Sultan Akhmatov, Deputy Minister of Economy, the Kyrgyz Republic</i>
14:00–14:15	<p>Welcome remarks</p> <p><i>Co-Chairman:</i> Mr. Sultan Akhmatov, Deputy Minister of Economy/CAREC National Focal Point, the Kyrgyz Republic</p> <p><i>Co-Chairman:</i> Mr. Meirzhan Yussupov, Vice Minister of National Economy/CAREC National Focal Point, the Republic of Kazakhstan</p> <p>Ms. Candice McDeigan, Country Director, ADB Kyrgyz Republic Resident Mission</p> <p>Mr. Nariman Mannapbekov, Country Director, ADB Kazakhstan Resident Mission</p>
14:15–15:15	Session II: Review of progress in the implementation of ongoing ABEC projects and initiatives
	<i>Moderator: Mr. Sultan Akhmatov, the Kyrgyz Republic</i>
14:15–14:45	<p>Review of the Implementation of the Fourth Protocol and progress in the implementation of ongoing ABEC projects</p> <p><i>Presenters:</i></p> <p>Mr. Kristian Rosbach, ABEC Team Leader, ADB</p> <p>Mr. Hans Woldring, Principal Natural Resources and Agriculture Specialist, ADB</p> <p>Mr. Oleg Samukhin, Senior Transport Specialist, ADB</p> <p>Ms. Cebele Wong, Health Specialist, ADB</p>
14:45–15:00	Discussion
15:00–15:45	Session III: Discussion on future and vision of ABEC and finalization of Fifth ABEC Subcommittee Protocol
	<i>Moderator: Mr. Safdar Parvez, ADB</i>
15:00–15:15	<p>Key Remarks</p> <p>Mr. Sultan Akhmatov, the Kyrgyz Republic</p> <p>Mr. Meirzhan Yussupov, Republic of Kazakhstan</p> <p>Mr. Safdar Parvez, ADB</p>
15:15–15:25	Discussions on Future of ABEC and Vision
15:25–15:35	Protocol finalization

15:35–15:45

Closing Remarks:

Mr. Safdar Parvez, ADB

Mr. Meirzhan Yussupov, Republic of Kazakhstan

Mr. Sultan Akhmatov, the Kyrgyz Republic