

Seminar on Digital Trade for Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation (CAREC)

Program name	Seminar on Digital Trade for Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation (CAREC)		
Organized by	Academy for International Business Officials (AIBO), Ministry of Commerce, P. R. China		
Time	2026-10-26 -- 2026-11-09	Language used	English
Countries invited	Officials and entrepreneurs from relevant departments of Afghanistan, Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Mongolia, Pakistan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, Georgia, and other countries (for officials at the Director-General and Director levels)		
Planned number of participants	25		
Requirements for the Participants	Age	Under 45 for officials at or under director's level; under 50 for officials at director general's level.	
	Health condition	In good health with health certificate issued by the local public hospitals; without diseases with which entry to China is disallowed by China's laws and regulations; without severe chronic diseases such as serious high blood pressure, cardiovascular/cerebrovascular diseases and diabetes; without mental diseases or epidemic diseases that are likely to cause serious threat to public health; not in the process of recovering after a major operation or in the process of acute diseases; not seriously disabled or pregnant.	
	Language competence	Capable of listening, speaking, reading and writing in English during the training	
	others	Family members or friends shall not follow	
Venue	Beijing	Weather conditions	Average temperature in Beijing in October: 8-20°C Average temperature in Beijing in November: 2-13°C
Cities to be visited	/	Weather conditions	:/
Remarks	/		
Contact information of the organizer	Contact person for the program	Mr.Mr. Zheng	
	Office phone	0086-10-69759898-6835(Mr.Mr.)	
	Mobile phone	15811092551(Mr.Mr.)	
	Fax	0086-10-80127881(Mr.Mr.)	
	E-mail	zxyc@china-aibo.cn(Mr.Mr.)	
	Address		

About the Organizer	The Academy for International Business Officials (AIBO) is an educational and training institution directly under the Ministry of Commerce of the People's Republic of China. Established in 1980, AIBO is located in Changping District, Beijing, about 30 kilometers from Beijing Capital International Airport. It boasts comprehensive infrastructure to provide services such as accommodation, catering, training and meetings for trainees. One of the main responsibilities of AIBO is to implement human resources development and cooperation projects, especially training courses for officials. The Academy serves as the main base for China's foreign aid training, offering both off-line and on-line training in China and overseas. Backed by the Ministry of Commerce and in close cooperation with China's top think tanks, research institutes and universities, AIBO brings together a large number of China's top experts and scholars to provide intellectual support for foreign aid training. It has developed a number of high-quality foreign aid training projects in the fields of trade and investment, international economic cooperation, governance and public management, which have proved to be fruitful. Since 1998, AIBO has successfully held over 2,000 training sessions for officials from developing countries (including 131 ministerial seminars), benefiting nearly 70,000 trainees from other developing countries around the world. AIBO will adhere to the guidance of Xi Jinping Thought on Socialism with Chinese Characteristics for a New Era, and take the important concepts, including a community with a shared future for mankind, pursuing the greater good and shared interests, and sincerity, real results, amity, good faith, mutual benefit and inclusiveness, as strategic guidance and fundamental principles to be followed. It will facilitate the joint efforts in implementing major initiatives such as the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) and the Global Development Initiative (GDI), and continue to help developing countries accelerate their development by sharing China's experience and programs.
Training content	Background: China and the member countries of the Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation (CAREC) Program enjoy a sound foundation for cooperation in digital trade. All member countries are landlocked nations that attach great importance to digital transformation and hope to drive economic growth through digital trade such as cross-border e-commerce. As Belt and Road partners, representatives of member states have repeatedly voiced their readiness to deepen digital trade cooperation with China at CAREC meetings. During the CARTIF negotiations launched in 2025, all parties agreed to include a protocol on digital trade and electronic commerce. This seminar is organized to support member countries in addressing challenges including the digital divide and divergent rules and jointly unlock the potential of the regional digital economy. Purpose: The seminar seeks to enhance participants' understanding of digital trade and relevant international rules, familiarize them with Chinese digital trade platform enterprises, and help them learn about relevant Chinese concepts, rules and standards. It aims to strengthen their willingness to carry out cooperation with China and facilitate progress in the CARTIF negotiations. Content: Lectures of the seminar will mainly cover an overview of China's national conditions, fundamentals of digital trade, relevant international provisions on digital trade, development of e-commerce in China, and international cooperation on cross-border e-commerce. Methods: Invite experts in relevant fields to give lectures on specific topics; organize discussions and exchanges between participants and experts, and among participants; and organize field visits and exchanges for participants in relevant institutions and enterprises in Beijing and other cities.