



Workshop on Digital Economy Development and Integrity

November 26-28, 2024 | Online training

Xiamen National Accounting Institute

Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation (CAREC) Institute

I Background

The digital economy has emerged as a crucial driver of global economic growth and plays a significant role in both the Belt and Road international cooperation and the Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation. In recent years, the rapid development of the digital economy has played an important role in enhancing economic development by improving production efficiency and social governance, promoting trade facilitation, stimulating technological innovation and industrial upgrading, and facilitating regional economic development and cooperation. It has injected strong impetus into the economic prosperity of Central Asia and the Asia-Pacific regions.

Over the past few years, CAREC member countries have successively introduced relevant policies to support and promote the development of the digital economy and increase investment in digital infrastructure construction. How to seize the development opportunities in the era of digital economy and promote practical cooperation has become a key concern for all countries.

At the same time, governments, academia and the industries of various countries also place great emphasis on the digital divide and integrity issues that appear in the process of digital transformation. They actively study and formulate relevant policies and take practical measures to prevent and control compliance risks.

This workshop, jointly co-organized by Xiamen National Accounting Institute (XNAI) and the CAREC Institute (CI), aims to establish a communication platform for government officials, experts and scholars, and enterprise executives from CAREC member countries and countries (regions) in Asia-Pacific. Together, they will discuss the emerging trends and challenges of digital economy development as well as the effective ways to prevent integrity risks, share valuable experiences, contribute insights and build consensus for further deepening cooperation in the digital economy.

XNAI is an important financial and economic talent training base of the Ministry of Finance of China. Entrusted by the Ministry of Finance, it has long been involved in training of domestic and foreign high-level talents in finance, taxation, and economic management. In recent years, XNAI has taken a proactive stance in addressing issues related to the digital economy and corporate integrity, launching comprehensive research initiatives and organizing a series of international seminars and workshops.

CI is an intergovernmental organization that was jointly initiated and governed by CAREC member countries. It is the knowledge hub of Asian Development Bank's CAREC program, fostering knowledge sharing among CAREC member countries, enhancing countries' economic policymaking capabilities, promoting regional connectivity and economic trade cooperation. Currently, the CAREC Institute primarily provides policy advice and

recommendations to CAREC member countries through capacity building activities, such as thematic trainings, seminars, policy dialogues, as well as policy research with prominent academic institutions and think tanks in the region.

II. Program Outline

Organizers: The Workshop will be co-organized by Xiamen National Accounting Institute and Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation (CAREC) Institute.

Date and Time: The Workshop will take place online from November 26-28, 2024 (15:00 - 17:30, Beijing time).

Target Participants: Officials from financial and economic departments of CAREC member countries and Asia-Pacific countries (regions), academia from universities and think tanks, enterprise managers and relevant experts.

Venue: The Workshop will be held virtually via ZOOM.

Language: The language of the Workshop will be English with Russian simultaneous interpretation.

Speakers: Experts from XNAI and CI will be invited to provide lectures.

Completion Certificate: Participants, who would successfully complete all activities of the Workshop, shall receive a Completion Certificate co-issued by XNAI and CI.

III. Workshop Topics and Speakers

The workshop will focus on the current status of digital economy development in Central Asian and Asia-Pacific countries, and delve into topics such as digital economy governance, data assets and compliance:

(i) Current Status, Challenges and Solutions of Digital Economy in Central Asia

Speaker:

Description: Senior Specialist from the CAREC Institute will provide a comprehensive overview of the digital economy in the CAREC region, focusing on key indices such as the E-Government Development Index (EGDI) and the Network Readiness Index (NRI). It highlights the progress and challenges faced by CAREC countries in various aspects of digital development, including internet access, e-commerce, digital payments, and cybersecurity. The analysis is intended to reveal significant disparities among member countries, with China and Kazakhstan often leading in digital adoption, while some countries facing more substantial challenges. The

presentation also outlines policy recommendations to address these challenges, emphasizing the need for infrastructure development, improved internet affordability, enhanced digital security measures, and supportive regulatory frameworks.

(ii) Data Asset: Management and Compliance

Speaker: Dr. Jian Wei, Associate Professor of Xiamen National Accounting Institute

Description: This lecture is designed to provide trainees with a comprehensive understanding of data asset management and compliance within organizational contexts. It mainly introduces the requirement issued by the Chinese government, such as accounting requirement on data resource, data asset management and regulatory compliance frameworks.

(iii) Compliance and Governance in the Digital Economy: Trends and Challenges

Speaker: Dr. Li Xiping, Associate Professor of Xiamen National Accounting Institute

Description: Digital economy is playing a vital role in modern business. This lecture discusses its rapid evolution and explores the challenges and opportunities presented by emerging technologies, emphasizing the need for robust regulatory frameworks to support sustainable growth and innovation. It further introduces China’s digital economy and its regulatory environment, highlighting the government’s efforts to integrate digital technologies with economic and social development.

IV. Draft Agenda

Date	Beijing time	Activities	Speaker
Nov 26 Tuesday	15:00-15:30	Opening ceremony	TBC
	15:30-17:00	Lecture 1: Current Status, Challenges and Solutions of Digital Economy in Central Asia	Dr. Ghulam Samad, Chief of Research Division, CAREC Institute Mr. Lu Shiliang (Tim) Research Specialist,
		Presentation “Digital and Sustainable Trade Facilitation in the CAREC Region”	
		Presentation “Current Status and Cooperation Opportunities in	

		Digital Economy Development in Central Asia”	Chief Economist Team, CAREC Institute
Nov 27 Wednesday	15:00-17:00	Lecture 2: Data Asset: Management and Compliance	Jian Wei , Associate Professor of Xiamen National Accounting Institute
Nov 28 Thursday	15:00-17:00	Lecture 3: Compliance and Governance in the Digital Economy: Trends and Challenges	Li Xiping , Associate Professor of Xiamen National Accounting Institute
	17:00-17:30	Seminar & Closing Ceremony	TBC

IV. Registration

Participants should register for the Workshop through the following link before November 18, 2024.

https://carecinstitute-org.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_s0ZxWl91RYCR56YryZUuhA

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V. Workshop Team

Xiamen National Accounting Institute (XNAI) was founded in 2002 and is directly affiliated with China's Ministry of Finance. It is an important training base for high-level talents in finance, tax, economic management, accounting and auditing. It holds high-end training programs for fiscal and tax officials, enterprise executives and industry elites. It has a strong teaching faculty covering top experts and scholars in the field of finance and economics at home and abroad. XNAI has cooperated with international institutions such as the World Bank, the Asian Development Bank, the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank, the New Development Bank, the Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation Institute, and the Multilateral Cooperation Center for Development Finance, as well as multiple Chinese government departments

to carry out a series of international capacity-building projects for financial and economic talents.

The Research Center for the Belt & Road Financial and Economic Development advocated by the Chinese government was established at XNAI. With a unique system for financial and economic think tanks, XNAI has been carrying out in-depth research on international financial issues and has achieved great outcomes. The faculty of XNAI have constantly provided professional advisory opinions for the Ministry of Finance and other national ministries and commissions, local government departments, and enterprises. They have proactively participated in various dialogues and seminars on international fiscal and financial policies.

Under the guidance of the Ministry of Finance, XNAI established the Belt and Road Economic and Financial Capacity Building Platform. This platform is one of the deliverables of the third Belt and Road Forum for International Cooperation. It facilitates the experience exchange and mutual learning of financial and economic officials, experts and scholars, and enterprise managers from BRI partner countries on the Belt and Road financial and economic research, exchanges and talent cultivation. Research Center for the Belt & Road Financial and Economic Development is the liaison office of the Belt and Road National Accounting Standards Cooperation Forum (hereinafter referred to as the cooperation forum) and has hosted five cooperation forums. XNAI has been creating exchange and cooperation projects with brand influences, including the Asia-Pacific Anticorruption and Integrity Forum and the Belt and Road High-quality Development Conference; undertaken workshops sponsored by the Ministry of Commerce; and carried out a series of seminars and capacity development activities.

The CAREC Institute (CI) is an intergovernmental organization dedicated to promoting regional cooperation and integration (RCI) through knowledge generation, capacity building and knowledge sharing in the CAREC region. As a leading regional knowledge hub, the mission of the CI is to enhance the quality and effectiveness of the CAREC Program by providing evidence-based research and capacity-building services, dissemination of knowledge products, and network with research institutions. The CAREC Institute is a knowledge arm of the CAREC Program, which is a sub-regional development initiative led by ADB and supported by AIIB, EBRD, IMF, IsDB, UNDP and WB. The CAREC Institute acts as a knowledge connector among the five CAREC clusters to ensure coherence in design and implementation of policies, programs, and projects to promote regional economic cooperation and integration: i) economic and financial stability; ii) trade, tourism, and economic corridors; iii) infrastructure and economic connectivity; iv) agriculture and water; and v) human development. The CAREC Institute is jointly shared, owned, and governed by eleven member countries: Afghanistan, Azerbaijan, People's Republic of China, Georgia, Kazakhstan,

Kyrgyz Republic, Mongolia, Pakistan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan.