

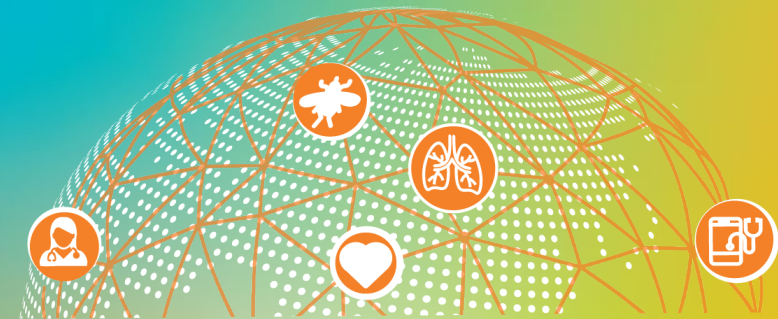


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One Health

Through Regional Cooperation – example of CAREC Health

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One Health as a Regional Public Good

One Health provides benefits to several countries

- If countries strengthen their health systems resilience and pandemic preparedness this has positive spillovers for other countries (surveillance and outbreak response)

Cross-border and cross-sector cooperation

- Build joint capacity and resources (common training program on regional health security, regional referral labs, joint surveillance/early warning, points-of-entry/border health)

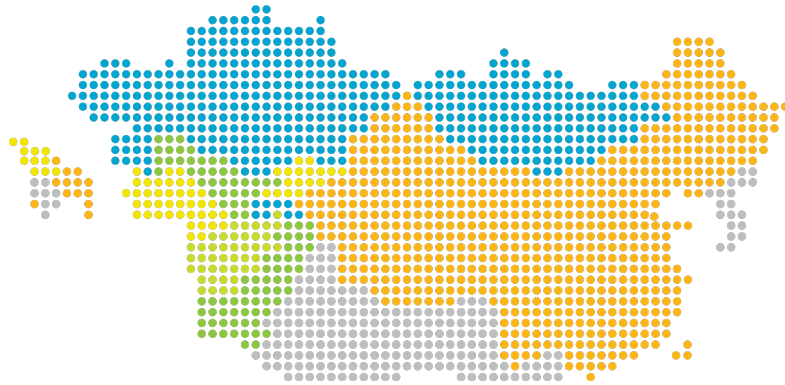
Shared challenges, shared responsibility

- Improve accessibility of health services for labor migrants and mobile populations crossing border

Root causes of One Health are also cross-border

Regional challenges require regional solutions

Increasing interdependencies as disease agents cross borders...



...and health determinants need cross-sector and cross border solutions



Migration



Climate change



R&D

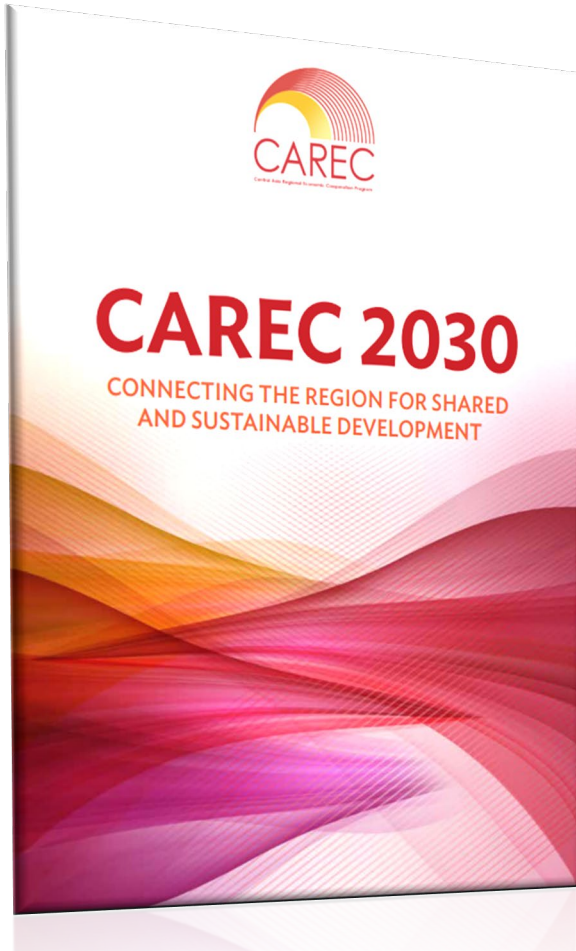


Trade

However,

- Investments mostly national rather than regional
- Insufficient knowledge of - and solutions for - joint regional mechanisms and cross-border services
- Fragmentation of regional institutions

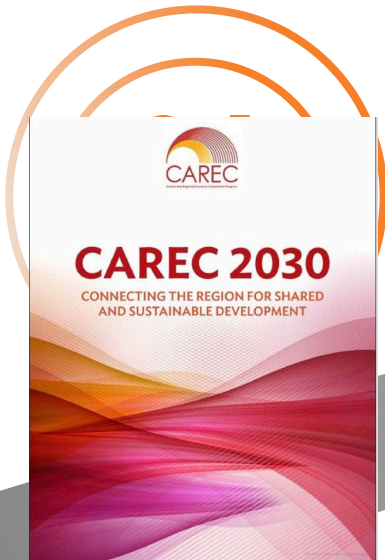
What is the Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation Program (CAREC) and CAREC 2030?



- Formally established in 2001 with 5 member countries
- Partnership of **11 countries** and **development partners** working to promote development through cooperation, leading to accelerated growth and shared prosperity
- Action and results oriented through advising on strategies and action plans, investments and promotion of capacity development and knowledge management
- Platform for regional investment projects
- CAREC Strategy 2030 was endorsed by CAREC Ministers in November 2017 in Dushanbe, Tajikistan providing the long-term strategic framework for the CAREC Program leading to 2030
- CAREC 2030 prioritizes **five operational clusters**.
- Earlier sectors such as trade, energy transportation, economic corridor development.

Development of CAREC Health

CAREC 2030
prioritizes Health
Cooperation under
Human Development
Cluster
- 2017



Scoping Study on
CAREC Health
cooperation
prepared
- 2020



Establishment of
Working Group
on Health
- March 2021



Endorsement of
CAREC Health
Strategy 2030
- Nov 2021



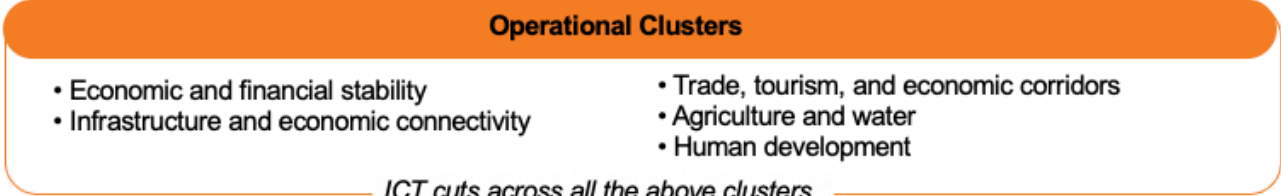
Regional
Investment
Framework
- in 2022



Implementation
until 2030
(TA6535)



CAREC Working Group on Health and SWG



Development Partner
Technical and financial support

Ministerial Conference

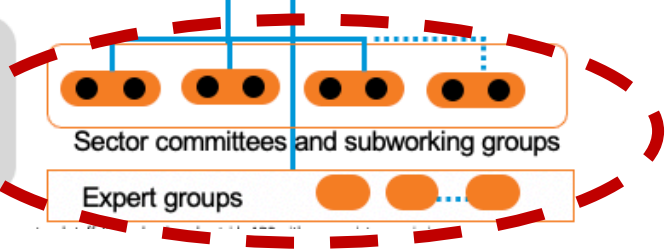
- Policy and strategic dialogue
- Decision body

CAREC Institute
Knowledge support

Senior Officials' Meeting

- Complex projects/initiatives approval and coordination
- Oversight and progress monitoring

CAREC Secretariat
Technical and organizational support



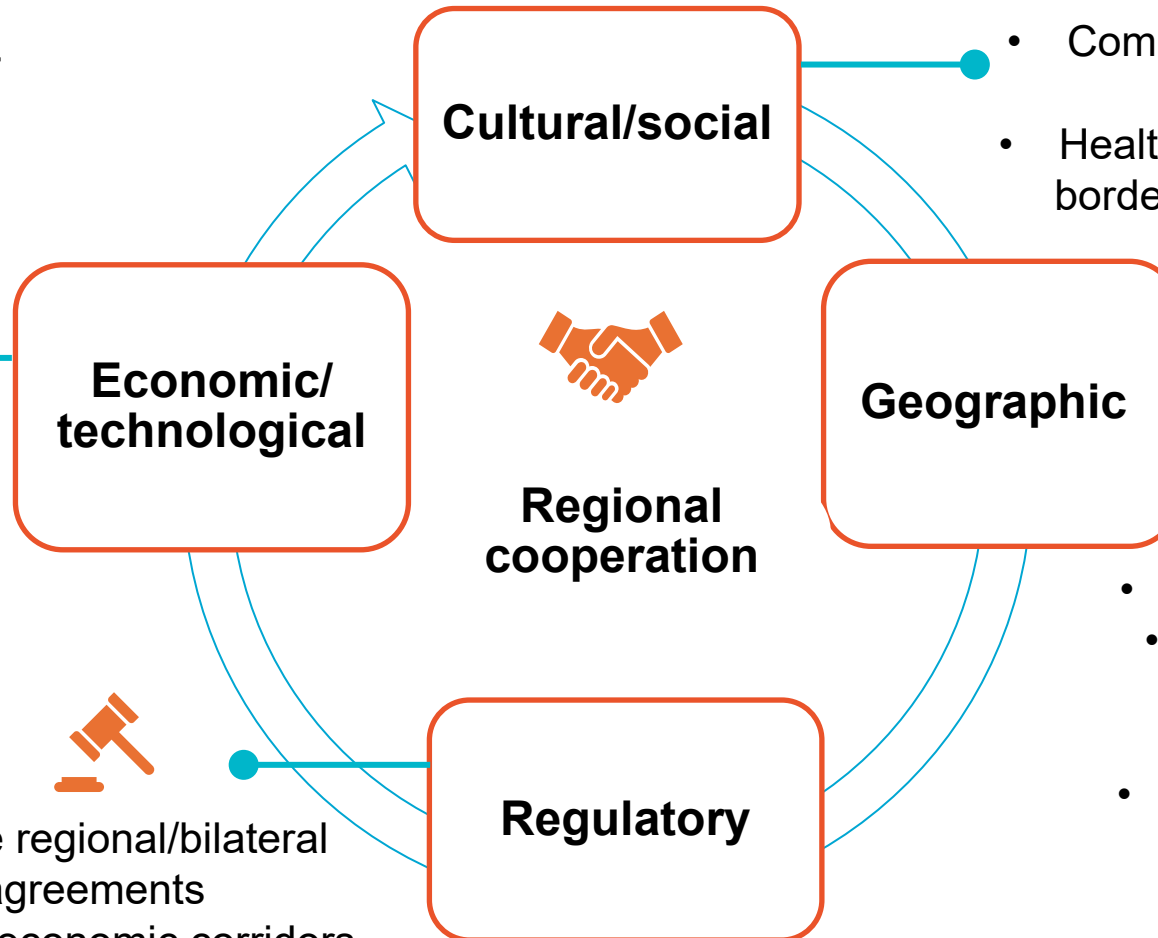
Private Sector
Financing and public-private dialogue



Drivers of regional health cooperation in the CAREC context



- **Employment opportunities** and cost reduction (e.g., cross-border infrastructure such as hospitals)
- **Efficiency gains** from information sharing and education/training of human resources
- **Economies of scale** through aggregated demand/joint procurement
- Uptake of **mobile and e-health** at the regional level (telemedicine projects)



- Multiple regional/bilateral agreements
- Bilateral economic corridors
 - Common market

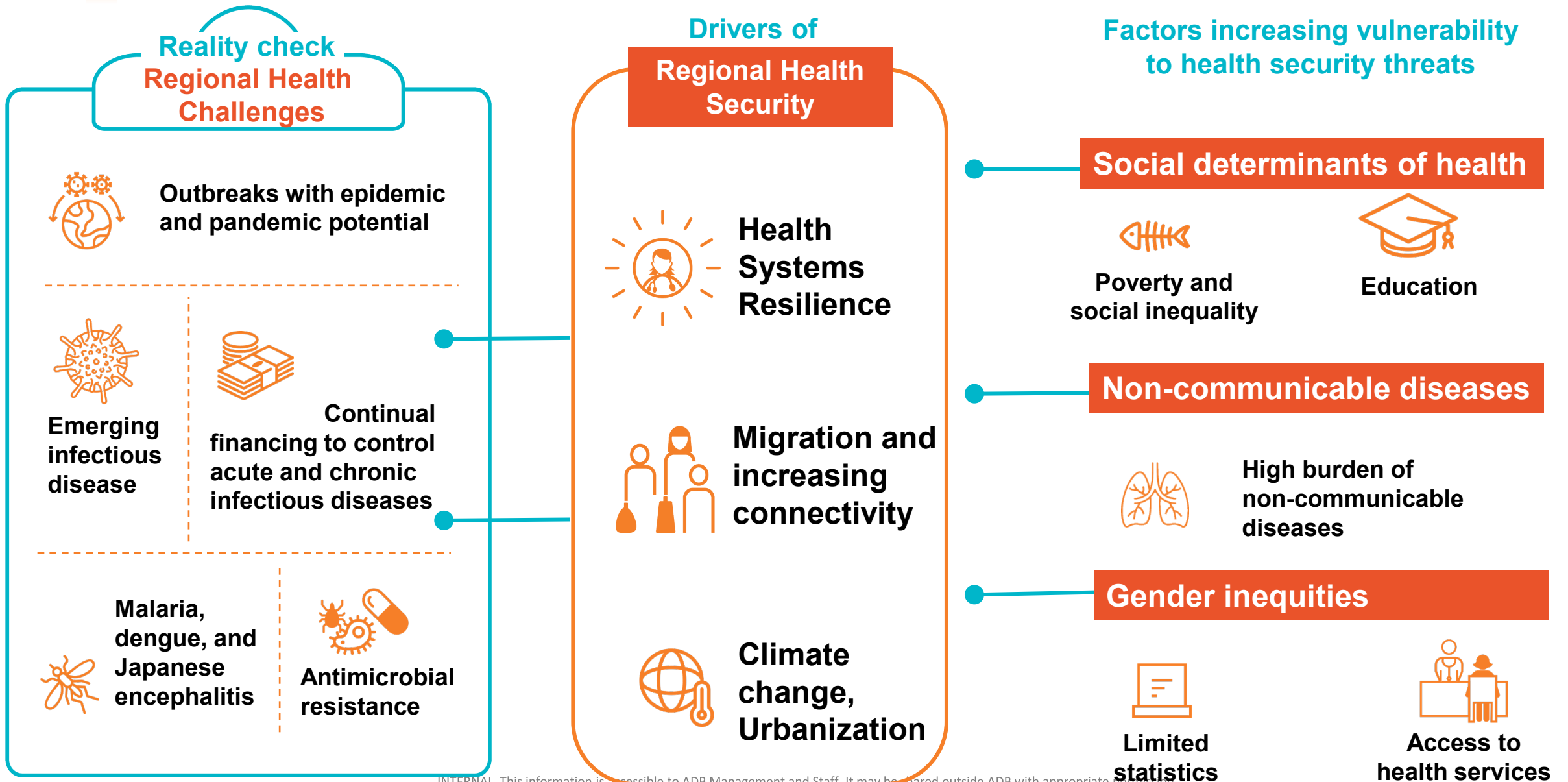


- Common “Semashko” legacy (8/11 countries)
- Commonly spoken language of importance
- Health professionals crossing borders for better education & opportunities

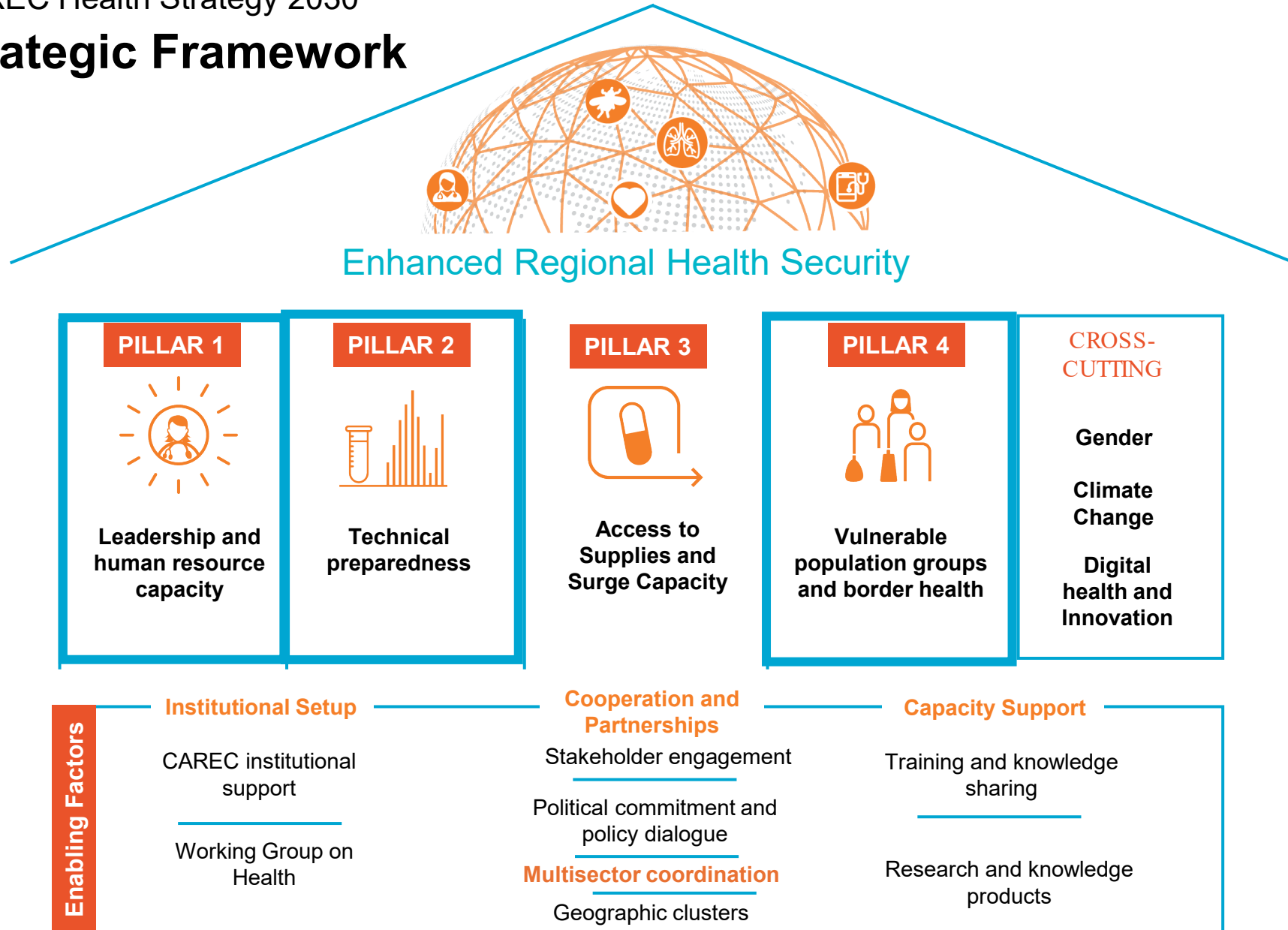


- Long common “porous” borders
- Mountainous terrain, isolated border regions
 - Large migration flows
- Epidemiological similarity based on growing NCD and infectious diseases burden

Background



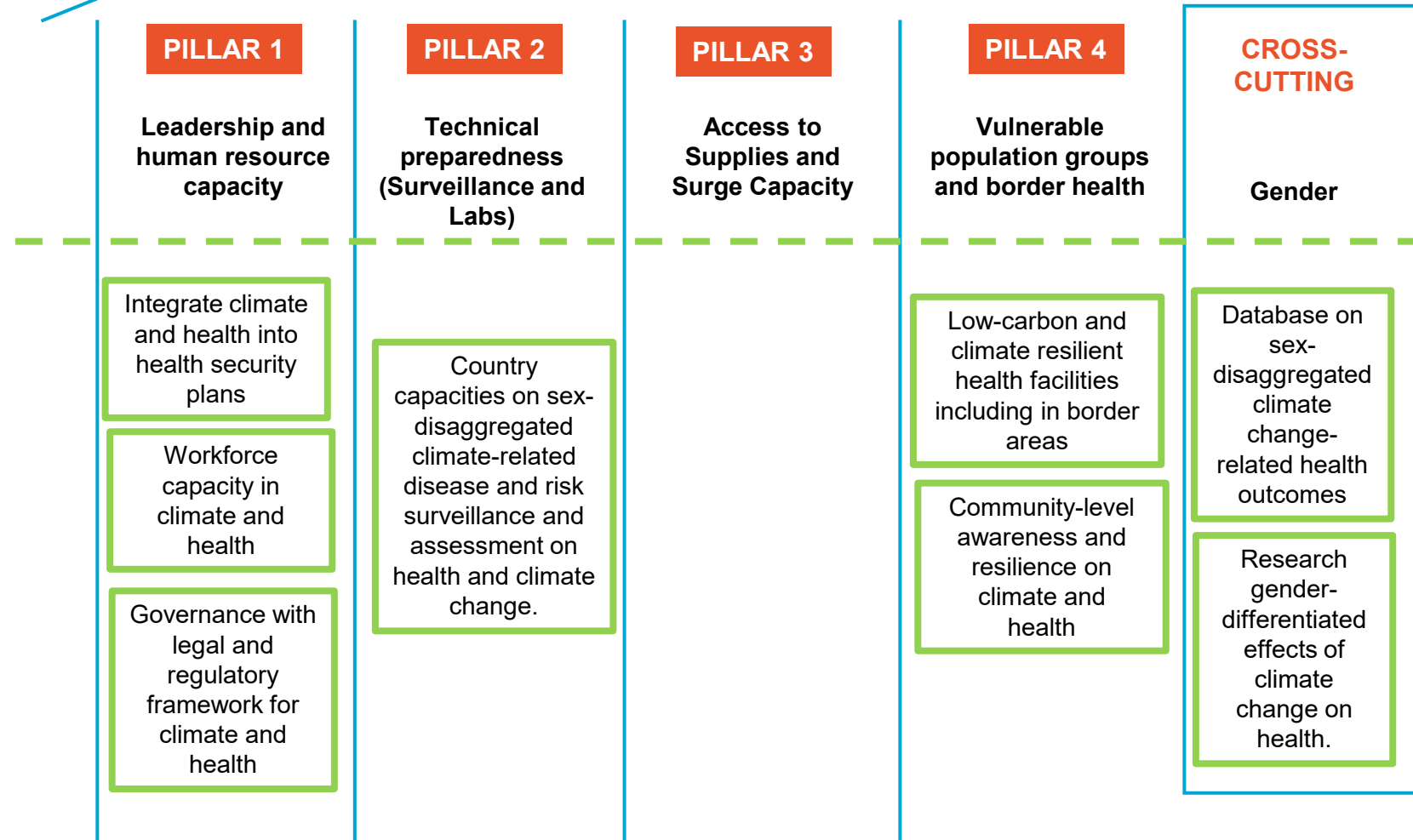
Strategic Framework



Strategic Framework



Climate Change and Health Actions (updated Regional Investment Framework on Health)



Thank you



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