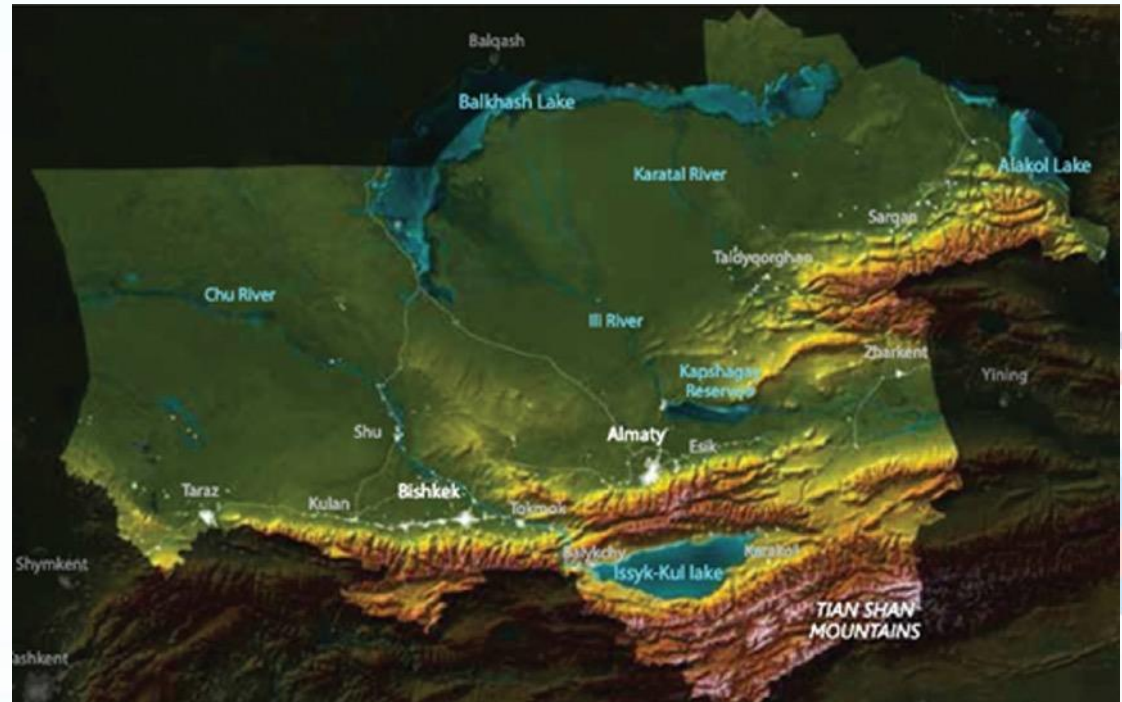


Almaty-Bishkek Economic Corridor

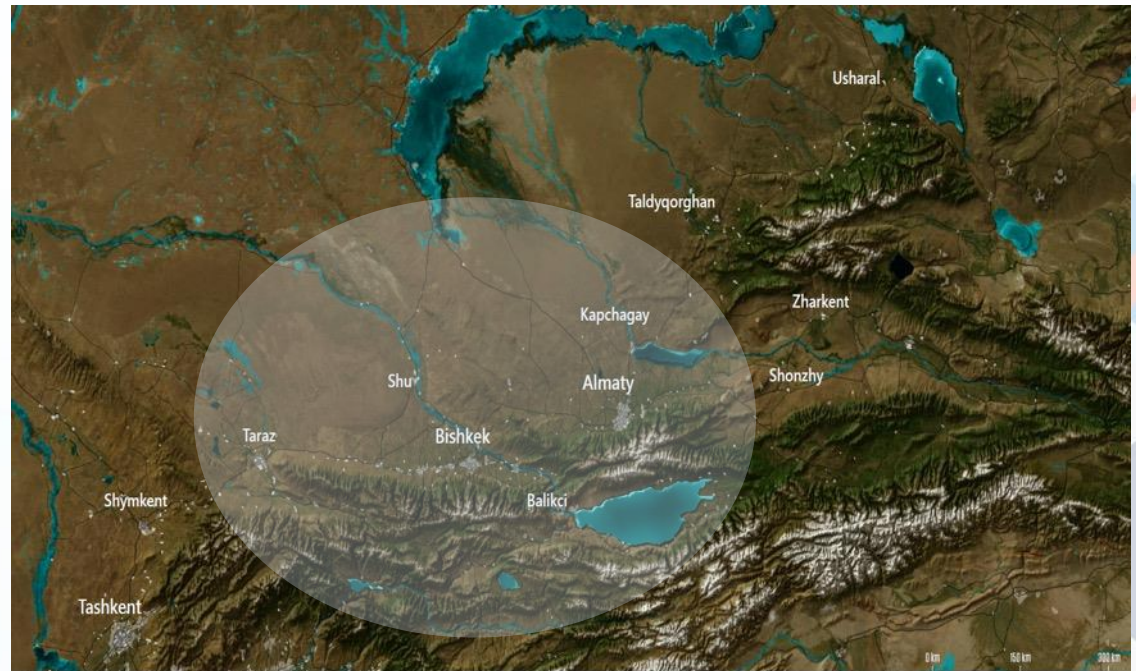


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What is the Almaty- Bishkek Economic Corridor?

- **Vision:** the two cities can achieve far more together than either alone
- ABEC aims to:
 - increase connectivity;
 - create one market for tourism, health, and education services; and
 - create modern wholesale markets to exploit export potential
- Act local and think global



ABEC Evolution

2014

MoU between Mayors of Almaty and Bishkek

2015-
2017

Four Joint Working Group Meetings

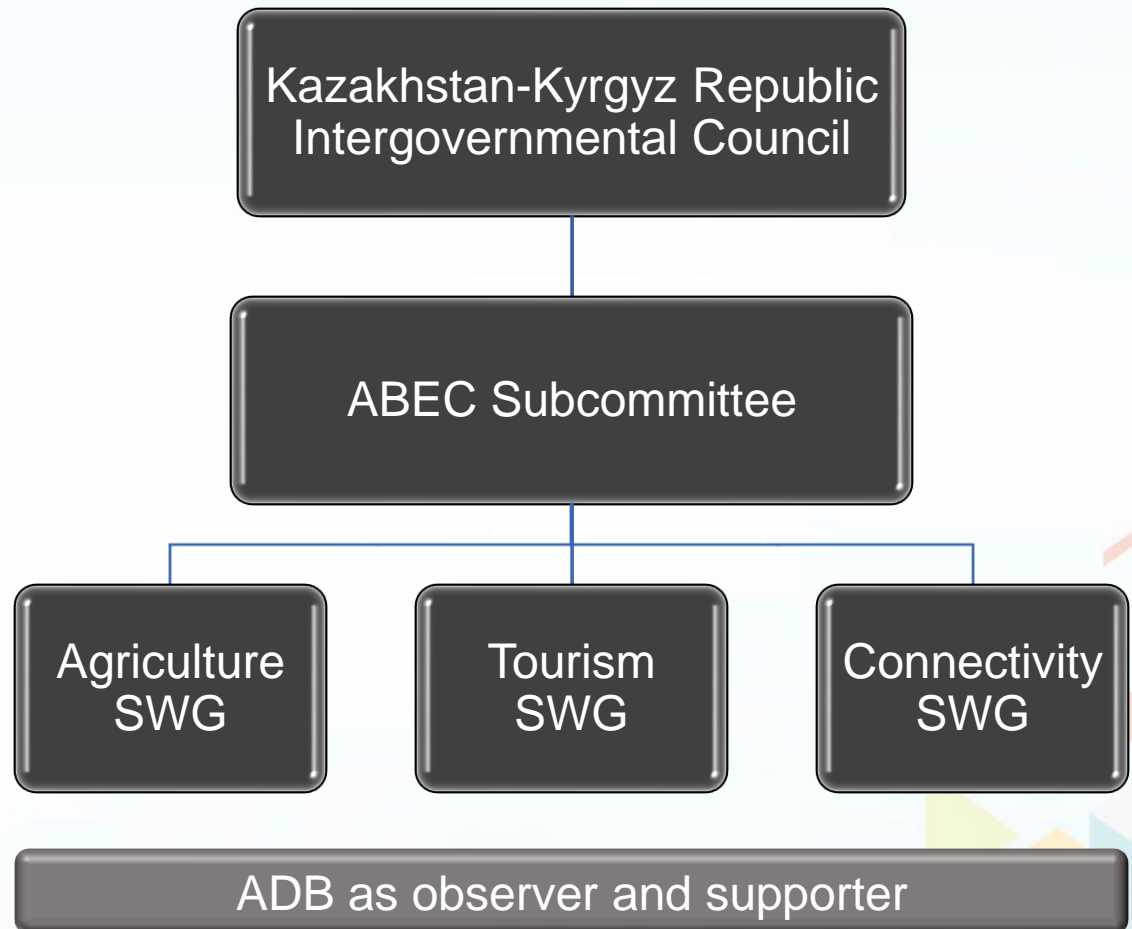
End
2017

Creation of ABEC Subcommittee by Intergovernmental Council

2018-
2020

Five ABEC Subcommittee Meetings

ABEC Institutions



ABEC Tourism Potential



ABEC is among the top 10 growth destinations in tourism worldwide in 2017 (WTTC)



The Kyrgyz Republic is globally ranking first in growth of tourism's contribution to GDP



Tourism suited for job-rich and inclusive economic growth of ABEC

ABEC Tourism Approach

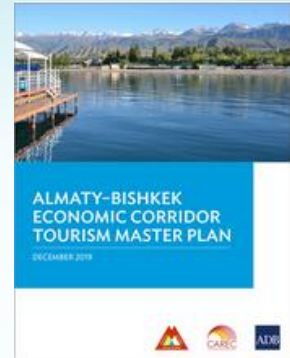
- Historic Silk Route, mountain ranges, lake Issyk-Kul and cities of Almaty and Bishkek
- Tourism related ABEC initiatives:
 - Mountain Cluster Master Plan
 - Medical and Health tourism

Common Branding and
Tourism Products



ABEC Mountain Tourism Master Plan

- Joint destination concept
 - Maximize use of assets for year-round tourism
 - Scale and specialization of tourism offerings
- Regional Master Planning
- ✓ Spatial/functional planning



ABEC Agri- business

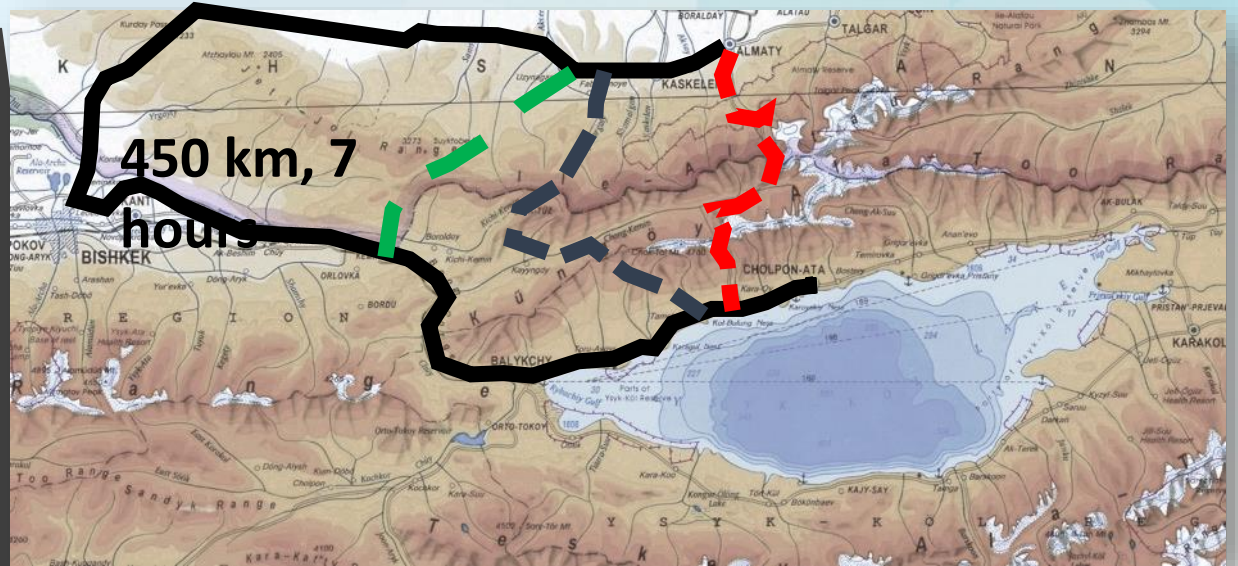
ABEC Modern Agriculture Wholesale Market

Development Project:

- Further integrate cross-border food value-chains
- Mainstream SPS controls,
- Modernize logistics, SPS



ABEC Connectivity



- Connectivity project concepts:
 - Almaty-Issyk-Kul alternative road
 - Border-crossing point modernization
 - Regular direct bus connection between the two cities and airports



ABEC other support



ABEC Tourism Master Plan



ABEC Medical and Pharmaceutical Testing



ABEC Wholesale Market Modernization Project



ABEC Border Crossing Point Modernization



Improving Education, Skills, and Employment in Tourism

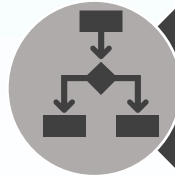


Air Quality Monitoring Project in Almaty and Bishkek

Lessons learned



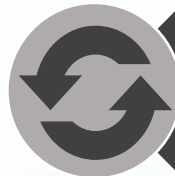
Focus on projects



Institutions within established framework



Written commitments



Creation of trust among parties



Continued support



**Thank you
for your attention!**

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