



**SAARC-ADB Workshop on the  
Regional Economic Integration Study (Phase-II)  
Thimphu, Bhutan, 21 July 2014**



**AGENDA**

**Monday, 21 July 2014**

- 10:00 hrs                      **Opening Session**
- Opening Statement by Ms. L. Savithri, Director, Economic, Trade, and Finance Division, SAARC Secretariat on behalf of Secretary-General of SAARC
  - Adoption of Agenda
  - Election of Chairperson
  - Statement by Mr. R. A. Q. Butiong, Unit Head, South Asia Sub-regional Economic Cooperation (SASEC) Program, South Asia Department, Asian Development Bank (ADB)
- 10:45 – 11:15                Group Photo, followed by Tea/Coffee Break
- Session 1:**                      **Presentation of the Study on SAARC Regional Economic Integration (REI) Second Phase**
- 11:15 – 12:30                - Background and Overview of the Study
- Presentation of Major Study Findings, Conclusions and Recommendations
- By Dr. Selim Raihan, Professor of Economics, University of Dhaka, Bangladesh (Consultant and Team Leader appointed by the Asian Development Bank)
- 12:30 – 14:00                Lunch to be hosted by Asian Development Bank
- Session 2:**                      **Discussion on the SAARC REI Second Phase Study/ Adoption of the Report**
- (Session facilitator: Mr. Ronald Antonio Butiong, ADB)
- 14:00 – 14:45                Floor Discussions
- 14:45 – 15:30                Formulation of Recommendations, Wrap Up/ Summary of Comments and Agreed Future Course of Action
- 15:30 – 15:45                Coffee/ Tea Break



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15:45 – 16:15 Adoption of Report of the Workshop

16:15 hrs Closing of the Workshop

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