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SASEC / RCI Pipeline 2016-2018

- 26 loan/grant projects (firm) for $3.9 billion (RCOBP, under finalization).
- 18 TA projects with indicative cumulative value of $11.4 million.

2015 PRIORITY AND ACTIVITIES: Preparation of SASEC 2025

SASEC Trade Facilitation Strategic Framework

Increased trade, including intra-regional trade, of SASEC Countries

More efficient, transparent, secure and service-oriented trade in SASEC Countries

Customs

- Simplify & expedite border formalities, increase ICT applications, develop NSWs

Standards

- Identify SPS-sensitive products, Strengthen National Conformity Assessment Boards

Border Facilities

- Strengthen cross-border facilities

Transport Facilitation

- Develop & pilot transport facilitation arrangements

Enhanced cooperation and coordination mechanisms

**Priority Area 1: Customs Modernization and Harmonization**

**Strategic Thrust 1:** Simplify and expedite border formalities
- Accede to the RKC
- Implement the SAFE FOS and AEO schemes
- Reengineer Business Process and Trade Documentation

**Strategic Thrust 2:** Increase the application of ICT processing
- Upgrade to automated customs management systems

**Strategic Thrust 3:** Develop the National Single Window
- Technical and institutional planning for NSWs

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**Customs in SASEC**

**SASEC Customs Subgroup Action Plan (2014-2016)**

**Subregional Projects**
- Exchange of documents at major BCPs
- Assessment of regulatory framework and infrastructure for containerized movement of cargo through land borders
- Institutionalize border meetings among customs authorities at major BCPs
- Automation of transit processes
- Electronic Exchange of Trade Data

**National Projects**
- Subregional Capacity Building Priorities
  - Customs valuation
  - Risk assessment
  - Trusted trader program
  - National single window
  - International standards and conventions
  - Post clearance audit
Sub-regional Project Status (SP1)

**SP 1 – Exchange of Documents**

- To commence in September 2015
- Participating countries: Bangladesh, Bhutan, India and Nepal
- The BCPs and the commodities have been submitted by three of the participating countries

Sub-regional Project Status (SP2)

**SP 2 – Containerized Movement of Cargo through Land Borders**

- ongoing; consultant on board, survey questionnaire fielded
- Participating countries: Bangladesh, Bhutan, India and Nepal
SP 3 – Regular Border Meetings Between/Among the Customs Authorities

- to start September
- Participating countries: Bangladesh, Bhutan, India and Nepal

SP 4 – Automation of Transit process: Use of ICT in processing the Transit Cargo

- software testing in India; software development in Nepal
- Participating countries: Bhutan, India and Nepal
Sub-regional Project Status (SP5)

SP 5 – Electronic Exchange of Data Among SASEC countries

- ongoing; survey questionnaire fielded
- Participating countries: Bangladesh, Bhutan, India and Nepal

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