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WCO-ADB Joint Subregional Train-the-Trainer Workshop on Customs Valuation 3-7 February 2014: Colombo, Sri Lanka

This five-day joint subregional workshop was designed to support participating countries' efforts to strengthen efficient management of customs valuation through use of post clearance audit. The workshop was closely aligned with the goals of the South Asia Subregional Economic Cooperation (SASEC) Program and falls under the activities of the SASEC Trade Facilitation Strategic Framework 2014-2016.

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National Workshop on Secure Cross-Border Transport Model 21 January 2014: Thimphu, Bhutan

The objectives of the National Workshop on Secure Cross-Border Transport Model in Bhutan were to familiarize key stakeholders with United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific models for secure cross-border transport; and to consider implementing a pilot electronic tracking system to facilitate cross-border and transit transport. Transport facilitation is a priority area under the SASEC Trade Facilitation Strategic Framework 2014-2016.

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Launch of \$1.5 million Japan Fund for Poverty Reduction Technical Assistance in Bhutan for trade facilitation 16 December 2013: Thimphu, Bhutan

Mr. Nim Dorji, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Finance represented the Royal Government of Bhutan at the official launch of activities under a \$1.5 million technical assistance project financed by the Japan Fund for Poverty Reduction (JFPR), on 16 December 2013 in Thimphu, Bhutan. The capacity development technical assistance will support trade facilitation initiatives being carried out under the South Asia Subregional Economic Cooperation Trade Facilitation Program. Mr. Shoichiro Yuyama, First Secretary of the Government of Japan's Embassy in New Delhi, India, represented JFPR, and Mr. Sekhar Bonu, Director, South Asia Regional Department, represented the Asian Development Bank.

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Upcoming Events

[Technical Training on ASYCUDA World](#)
4-7 March 2014
Kathmandu, Nepal

[National Workshop on Secure Cross-Border Transport Model](#)
7 March, 2014
Delhi, India

[National Training on Transport and Trade Facilitation Monitoring Mechanism](#)
10-14 March 2014
Phuentsholing, Bhutan

[Workshop on Phase 1 of the BTILS Update and Enhancement](#)
19-20 March 2014
Mae Sot, Thailand

[Roundtable Meeting for SAARC Study on Roadmap for Achieving South Asia Economic Union](#)
24-25 March 2014
Manila, Philippines

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SASEC News



Modelling Approach to Economic Corridors

Economic Corridor Development for Inclusive Asian Regional Integration: Modelling Approach to Economic Corridors *January 2014: Bangladesh*

The experience of economic corridor development in different regions across continents is examined in this publication, which shares detailed models that assess the economic impact of corridor investments. The South Asia Subregional Economic Cooperation model highlights the regionally inequitable impact of corridor projects and focuses on the incremental effects of infrastructure investments in terms of gains in per capita income.

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The Financial Express
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Upgrade of Jaidevpur-Chandra-Tangail-Elenga highway in Bangladesh underway *27 January 2014: Bangladesh*

The Government of Bangladesh will implement a Tk 27.88 billion (\$358.59 million) project to upgrade the Jaidevpur-Chandra-Tangail-Elenga highway, which forms part of Asian Highway-2, Asian Highway-41, and SAARC Highway Corridor 4, to facilitate road connectivity with neighboring countries. The South Asia Subregional Economic Cooperation Program is also focusing rehabilitation and expansion efforts along the Jaidevpur-Elenga highway.

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Bali Trade and Development Symposium *3-5 December 2013: Bali, Indonesia*

The Bali Trade and Development Symposium took place on the sidelines of the Ninth World Trade Organization (WTO) Ministerial Conference to discuss governmental and non-governmental stakeholder issues on trade and sustainable development, and address challenges facing the multilateral trade system. Panelists emphasized the uncertain role of WTO negotiations in shaping the future of the world's vulnerable and highlighted the need to focus on food security and renewable energy in trade discussions.

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Bilateral energy cooperation push for South Asia *10 December 2013: Kathmandu, Nepal*

South Asian experts at the International Consultative Workshop on Energy Cooperation, Climate Change and Water Management: Initiatives for Regional Integration, held on 10 December 2013 in Kathmandu, Nepal, called for greater regional energy cooperation in line with recent bilateral energy trading agreements and installation of inter-country transmission lines between India and Bangladesh, and Bhutan and India.

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ADB RCOBP 2014-2016
for South Asia

ADB Regional Cooperation Operations Business Plan 2014-2016 for South Asia *December 2013: Manila, Philippines*

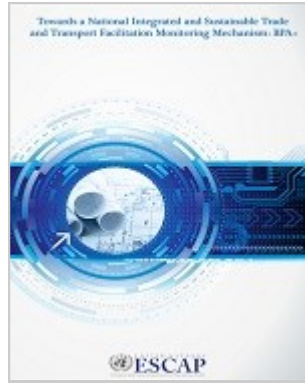
ADB's Regional Cooperation Operations Business Plan 2014-2016 for South Asia, under its South Asia Regional Cooperation Strategy (RCS) 2011-2015, details a cumulative indicative lending program of \$3.3 billion. The proposed regional operations during 2014-2016 are consistent with RCS priorities and maintain focus on improving regional connectivity, increasing cross-border trade, and strengthening regional energy cooperation.

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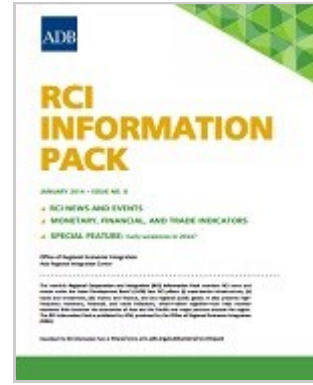
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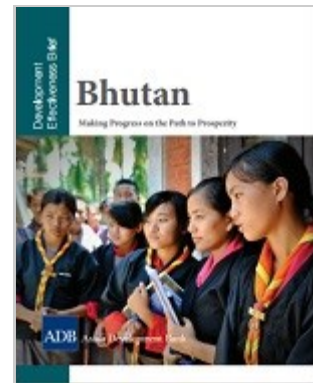
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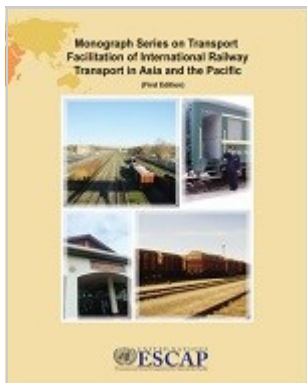
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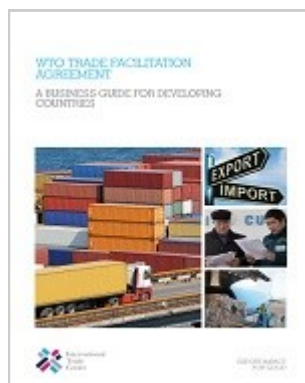
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