

Action Plan for Bhutan

Bhutan Delegation

Outline

- Objectives
- Future Plans
- Obstacles and Challenges

Objectives

- **Foster co-operation and co-ordination amongst stakeholders**
- **Simplify, harmonize and standardise procedures and practices on TF**
- **Use of ICT in modernisation of trade facilitation measures**
- **Fulfil the tranche release condition of the ADB Program loan under Trade Facilitation**

Future Plan (1 year)

- Finalize the TOR for NTFC
- Accession to the Revised Kyoto Convention
- Developing a web based Customs Management System
- Amending the existing customs laws
- Establishment of a technical Working Group comprising members from relevant stakeholders
- Capacity building
- Establishment and operationalization of integrated border management system or one- stop border check post (OSBC)
- Creating awareness and consultative workshop

Long Term Plan

- Improving Payment System at the borders to facilitate efficient currency exchange system
- Creation of centre for trade information (portal)
- Capacity building
- Review and recommend the harmonization of standards, laws, rules and regulations of other agencies that have direct impact to trade facilitation
- Formalize the establishment of a permanent NTFC with political support and adequate resources for functioning on a sustainable basis

Obstacles and Challenges

- Lack of competence (knowledge, experience and training)
- Lack of institutional and legal framework
- Lack of infrastructure
- Lack of financial resources
- Small private sector

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