



ACTION PLAN FOR NEPAL TRADE AND TRANSPORT FACILITATION COMMITTEE

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Presentation Structure

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Introduction



- Current NTTFC was established in 2012 under the Chairmanship of Secretary of Ministry of Commerce and Supplies comprising high level representative from public and private trade institutions.
- ToR of NTTFC broadly covers
 - Advice on regulatory reform
 - Monitoring and coordination
 - Capacity enhancement
 - Research and development
 - Coordination and enhancing Public Private dialogue aiming at trade facilitation

Action required for effective function of NTTFC



- ❑ Upgrading legal base and mandate of NTTFC
- ❑ Establishing formal mechanism for PPP trade dialogue
- ❑ Preparation of operation manual for NTTFC with clear cut responsibility for each sector specific agencies –procedure
- ❑ Prioritizing TF activities / initiatives
- ❑ Taking of NTTFC at wider audience – publicity
- ❑ Capacity building of NTTFC stakeholder, agencies including private sector institution and actors
- ❑ Taking inventory of Trade Facilitation initiative currently under going in each sector



Action required contd..

- Advocacy for Channeling TF support through NTTFC umbrella
 - Formulating additional NTTFC sub committee to identify trade facilitation need and resource mobilization.(GoN/DP)
 - Garnering wider political support
 - Preparing sustainability measures for NTTFC operation
 - Mainstream NTTFC initiatives for trade facilitation through government policies and national plans.
- Advocacy for Channeling TF support through NTTFC umbrella



Action Plan (Subject to validation by GON)

sn	Recommendation	Activities	Responsible Agency	Resource	Time	Priority
1	Upgrading legal status, scope, Structure and mandate of NTTFC	Cabinet decisions / executive orders	MoCS/ MoF	National	One year	High
2	Preparation of NTTFC operation procedure /manual including linkages to other TF committees operating in other agencies.	Ministerial decisions /cabinet decision	MoCS	National	6 months	Medium
3	Inventory of current TF initiatives (Program/Projects)	Constitute Sub Committee under NTTFC	MoCS	National and International Expertise	6 months	High

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4	WTO TF Need Assessment Implementation Plan	Constitute Sub Committee under NTTFC	MOCS	National and International,	6 Months	Medium
5	NTTFC – publicity including Coordination with stakeholders.	Letters, web site , brochures of NTTFC Presentation / discussion with DP Workshop in national level	MoCS	National	Round the year	High
6	Preparing sustainability measures for NTTFC operation	Study different operational Modalities and recommend Study visit to Best Practices.	GoN/ MoF	National and International	continuous	Medium

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7	Capacity building of NTTFC stakeholder, agencies including private sector institution and actors	Training on Trade Facilitation Measures including ICT use.	MOCS	National and International	One Year	High
8	Garnering wider Political Commitment	Continuous support Briefing/ study report/ result	MoCS	National	continuous	High
9	Preparing TF Strategy master plan (AS IS- To be- Gap- Strategies- Resource need –Result)	In-house reform Boarder point reform Beyond boarder measures	MoCS, MOF	National and International	6 months	High
10	Monitor and Steering of ongoing TF projects (ADB SASEC TF Program, WB - SW, Customs RM Action Plan ++)	Regular update and advise	MOCS and agencies	National	Ongoing	High

Conclusion

- These activities seem ambitious but not impossible.
- We need to work hard to mitigate the limitation.
- DP need to support in demand basis and need to includes TF concerns in their respective country strategy.
- No time is late to start new initiative for betterment of existing situation.

(Picture JICA Nepal Office –photo)



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