



SOUTH ASIA REGIONAL FORUM ON TRADE FACILITATION

Strengthening capacities of developing countries in Africa and Asia to support their effective participation in negotiating bilateral, regional and multilateral trade facilitation arrangements

**ADB-UNCTAD REGIONAL WORKSHOP ON
SASEC NATIONAL TRADE FACILITATION COMMITTEES
9-10 October 2013, Kathmandu, Nepal**

AGENDA

DAY 1: 9 October 2013

08:30 – 09:00	Registration	
09:00 - 09:30	<u>Welcome and Opening</u>	
	Mr Glenn White, Australian Ambassador to Nepal	
	Ms. Rose McKenzie, SASEC Secretariat	
	Ms. Arántzazu Sánchez, UNCTAD	
09:30 - 10:00	<u>National Trade Facilitation Bodies: from Recommendation to Obligation</u>	
	Mr. Maxence Orthlieb, UNCTAD	
10:00 - 10:15	Coffee break	
10:15 - 11:15	<u>An Overview of National Trade Facilitation Bodies in the World (including self-assessment exercise)</u>	
	Ms. Arántzazu Sánchez, UNCTAD	
11:15 - 12:15	<u>National Trade Facilitation Committees in SASEC (1/2) Bangladesh and Bhutan</u>	
	Each delegation will present the function and workings of their respective National Trade Facilitation Committee, including, but not limited to:	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • membership composition and terms of reference; • concise experience to date; • particular successes and/or challenges and issues to date; • coordinating mechanisms between government agencies; and coordination/engagement with the private sector. 	
12:15 - 13:15	Buffet lunch	
13:15 - 14:15	National Trade Facilitation Committees in SASEC (2/2) India and Nepal	



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14:15 - 15:00	<u>The Case of FINISPRO, Finland's Pro-committee</u> Mr. Jari Salo, FINSIPRO
15:00 - 15:45	<u>The Case of Jaspro, Japan's Pro-committee</u> Mr. Mitsuru Ishigaki, Jaspro
15:45 - 16:00	Coffee break
16:00 - 16:45	<u>The Case of Pakistan's National Trade and Transport Committee</u> Mr. Javaid Mansoor, Pakistan NTTFC
16:45 - 17:30	<u>National Trade Facilitation Committees: from Policy to Practice</u> Mr. Mohammad Saeed, UNCTAD
17:30 - 18:00	<u>Wrap Up and Close of Day 1</u> Mr. Kenichi Yokoyama, Country Director for Nepal, Asian Development Bank Ms. Rose McKenzie, SASEC Secretariat Ms. Arántzazu Sánchez, UNCTAD
19:00	Dinner hosted by ADB



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DAY 2: 10 October 2013

09:00 - 09:30 Review of Day 1 and Introduction of Day 2 Agenda

Ms. Rose McKenzie, SASEC Secretariat
Ms. Arántzazu Sánchez, UNCTAD

09:30 - 10:30 The Case of Italy's National Trade Board

Mr. Graziano Severini, National Trade Board Italy

10:30 – 10:45 Coffee break

10:45 – 12:30 Development of Action Plans in Support of SASEC National Trade Facilitation Committees

Each delegation will identify the required next steps for their respective NTFC to strengthen its role and capacities within government and with the private sector, and develop an action plan accordingly. The action plan will include identification of common and country-specific topics for capacity building.

12:30 – 13:30 Buffet lunch hosted by ADB

13:30 – 15:30 Presentation of Action Plans in Support of SASEC National Trade Facilitation Committees

Each delegation will present their respective action plan and capacity building requirements.

15:30 – 16:00 Coffee break

16:00 – 16:45 Wrap Up and Close of Workshop

Ms. Rose McKenzie, SASEC Secretariat
Ms. Arántzazu Sánchez, UNCTAD



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