

Brainstorming Meeting on Sanitary/ Phytosanitary Priorities and Challenges in SASEC Member Countries

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Session 3: Ensuring Sustainable Improvement

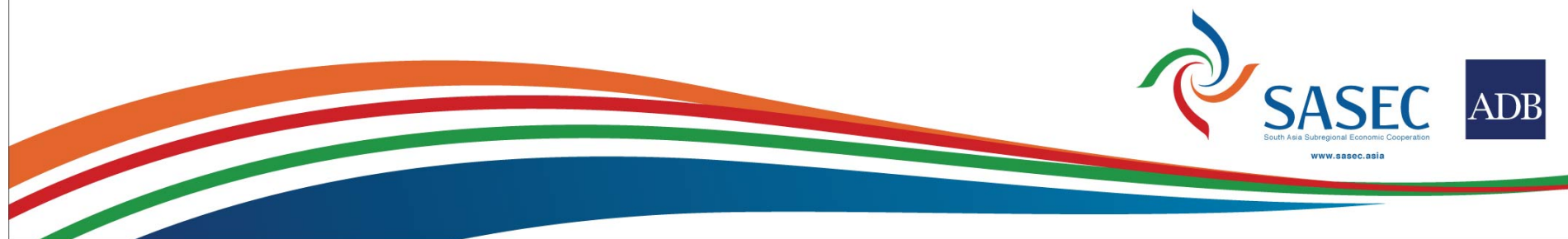


1. Strategic Approach

- **Can you identify the main products that you are not able to export due to SPS/TBT issues/measures?**

(Here you need to identify the products that have the potential for exports – being produced in your country, exported to other countries but within SASEC due to SPS/TBT. Please be mindful of the fact that top exports to SASEC members may not be adversely affected by these SPS/TBT measures as they are being already exported to these markets. Please prepare country-wide export potential item list, as the potential to export products may vary from one market to another).

- **Is your country taking action to address these issues? Explain any measures taken so far. Which other agencies are assisting in these programs?**



2. Practical Measures

Can you identify:

- **The constraints that you face in addressing compliance with SPS/TBT?**
- **The gaps in implementing compliance with these measures?**
- **The time schedule you would prefer to complete national diagnostics?**
- **The outline of a broad Terms of Reference for the necessary diagnostics?**

3. Capacity Building

Can you identify:

- Initial priority areas for research?
- The areas of required training and capacity building, and the target audience (e.g., government, researchers, laboratories, standard setting bodies etc.)

4. Next Steps

- **Would the outcome of this Brainstorming Meeting serve as adequate background to a more extensive SPS/TBT Knowledge-Sharing Forum in Quarter 1, 2014?**
- **Do you think that establishing a SASEC SPS/Standards Trade Facilitation Sub-Group would be useful?**
- **What could be the basic elements for the Terms of Reference for the Sub-Group?**