

# **Outcomes of the National Workshop on the Secure and Efficient Cross- Border Transport in Bhutan**

**Presentation at the National Workshop on Secure  
and Efficient Cross-Border Transport in India**

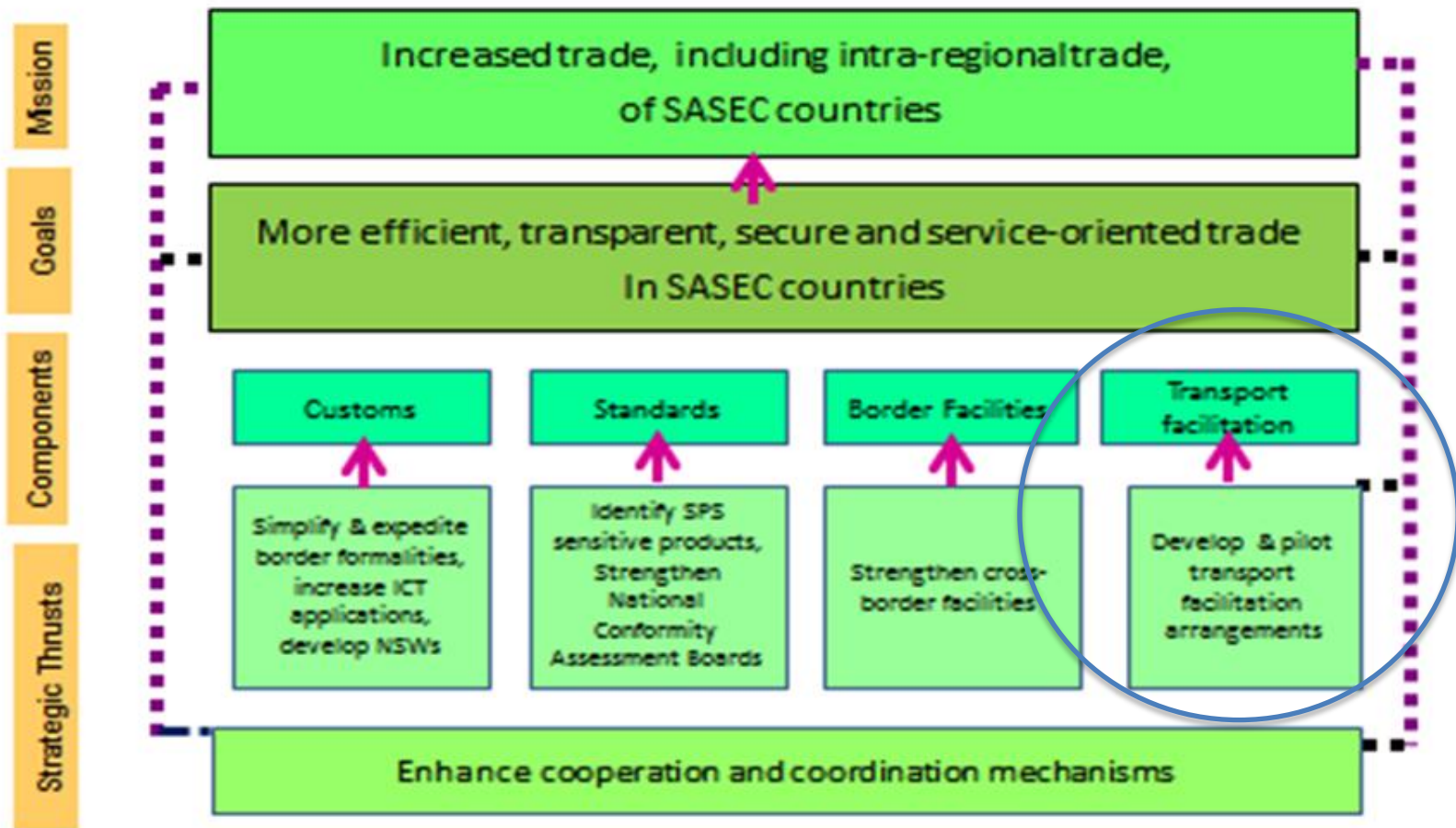
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# Results of SASEC SCBTM Workshop

- There is a need to facilitate cross-border transport
- UNESCAP SCBTM provides possible solutions
  - Hong Kong - Shenzhen, PRC: trans-customs clearance
  - Thai model: electronic cargo system for inland transit
  - Lancang/Mekong river navigation and monitoring
- Agreed on the need for national consultations

# Results of Bhutan National Workshop

- Pilot application of electronic tracking to be explored
  - Possible corridor: Kolkata-Jaigaon-Phuentsholing-Thimphu
- Agreed to conduct feasibility study
  - Technical design
  - Institutional arrangements
  - Suitability of vehicles for use of the system
  - Costs and benefits
  - Financial and economic analyses
- DRC to be the lead agency

# Results of Bhutan National Workshop

- Scope of tracking – entire trip
- Use of common tracking software is preferred
- Information between relevant parties may be shared
- Tracking centers in Thimphu, Phuentsholing, Kolkata
- Potential to interface with e-customs to be checked
- Pilot to cover vehicles and goods (incl vehicles)

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