AGENDA

Monday, 21 July 2014

10:00 hrs  Opening Session

- Opening Statement by Ms. L. Savithri, Director, Economic, Trade, and Finance Division, SAARC Secretariat on behalf of Secretary-General of SAARC

- Adoption of Agenda

- Election of Chairperson

- Statement by Mr. R. A. Q. Butiông, Unit Head, South Asia Sub-regional Economic Cooperation (SASEC) Program, South Asia Department, Asian Development Bank (ADB)

10:45 – 11:15  Group Photo, followed by Tea/Coffee Break

Session 1:  Presentation of the Study on SAARC Regional Economic Integration (REI) Second Phase

11:15 – 12:30  
- Background and Overview of the Study

- Presentation of Major Study Findings, Conclusions and Recommendations

  By Dr. Selim Raihan, Professor of Economics, University of Dhaka, Bangladesh (Consultant and Team Leader appointed by the Asian Development Bank)

12:30 – 14:00  Lunch to be hosted by Asian Development Bank

Session 2:  Discussion on the SAARC REI Second Phase Study/ Adoption of the Report

(Session facilitator: Mr. Ronald Antonio Butiông, ADB)

14:00 – 14:45  Floor Discussions

14:45 – 15:30  Formulation of Recommendations, Wrap Up/ Summary of Comments and Agreed Future Course of Action

15:30 – 15:45  Coffee/ Tea Break
15:45 – 16:15  Adoption of Report of the Workshop
16:15 hrs  Closing of the Workshop