

South Asia Subregional Economic Cooperation

SASEC Trade Facilitation

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Outline of Presentation

- ❖ Challenges of customs valuation
- ❖ Customs valuation as identified SASEC priority
- ❖ ADB's commitment to SASEC+ countries
- ❖ SASEC+ commitment to WCO ADB Customs Valuation ToT Project

Challenges of Customs Valuation

- ❖ Classification and valuation systems
 - ❖ WTO Harmonized System
 - ❖ Customs internal valuation
 - ❖ Pre-shipment inspections
- ❖ Non-uniform application of valuation systems throughout the region

Customs Valuation: a SASEC Trade Facilitation Identified Priority

- ❖ SASEC Trade Facilitation Program and supporting JFPR technical assistance
- ❖ SASEC Trade Facilitation Strategic Framework
- ❖ SASEC Trade Facilitation Week 2013: identified priority

Multi-Year Customs Valuation

Capacity Building Project : WCO and ADB

ADB's Commitment

- ❖ Strategic underpinning at regional and national levels
- ❖ Collaboration with WCO
- ❖ Funding resources:
 - ❖ Expertise
 - ❖ Workshops
 - ❖ Logistical support

'SASEC +' Countries

In general:

- ❖ Commitment to multi-year ToT approach
- ❖ Highly targeted nomination of participants
- ❖ Trainers and 'champions' of customs valuation

In specific:

- ❖ Production of Action Plan for future support funded by ADB

Roles of Key Players

❖ SASEC+

- ❖ Commitment to multi-year ToT approach
- ❖ National Action Plan development and roll-out

❖ ROCB A/P

- ❖ Technical expertise and guidance
- ❖ Mobilization of resource persons and experts

❖ ADB

- ❖ Strategic focus through SASEC
- ❖ Resources: financial and human

Thank you!

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