



**Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral, Technical, and Economic Cooperation
(BIMSTEC) Transport Infrastructure and Logistics Study (BTILS)
Update and Enhancement Workshop on Phase II
Dhaka, Bangladesh
28-29 May 2014**

**Provisional Annotated Agenda
(as of 26 May 2014)**

Expected participants: BIMSTEC Working Group (BWG) focal persons (responsible for BIMSTEC program coordination) and BIMSTEC sector officials responsible for development of the transport and logistics sectors

Objectives:

- (i) To discuss the draft proposals for future BIMSTEC policies and strategies;
- (ii) To discuss the proposed shortlist of BIMSTEC transport and logistics projects designed to promote the role of BIMSTEC in regional economic development in relation to the transport or trade facilitation environments;
- (iii) To review the proposed monitoring framework, including both the methodology and the likely indicators to be used in assessing the progress of implementation of the proposed policies and strategies;
- (iv) To examine the proposed Action Plan supporting the monitoring framework; and
- (v) To discuss the options for the institutional framework to monitor the implementation of the BTILS proposals.

Day 1: 28 May 2014

0900-0930

Opening Session

Welcome Remarks – Mr. Abdul Motaleb Sarker, Director General (SAARC¹ and BIMSTEC), Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) of Bangladesh (Workshop Chair)

Opening Remarks – Mr. Kazuhiko Higuchi, Country Director, ADB Resident Mission in Bangladesh

1 SAARC- South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation

Opening Remarks – Mr. Sumith
Nakandala, Secretary General –
Designate, BIMSTEC

Brief Opening Statements by Heads of
Country Delegations

0930-0935

Group Photo

0935-1100

**Module 1: Review of Proposed
BIMSTEC Policies and Strategies**

ADB Study Team will present the proposed revised policies and strategies for BIMSTEC transport and logistics, sub-sector by sub-sector. Each sub-sector presentation will be followed by open discussion. At the end of the Module, the Chair/Co-Chair will facilitate conclusion of agreement on the updated BIMSTEC transport and logistics policies and strategies.

1100-1115

Coffee Break

1115-1200

**Module 1: Review of Proposed
BIMSTEC Policies and Strategies
(continued)**

1200-1330

Lunch

1330-1530

**Module 2: Identification of BIMSTEC
Priority Projects**

The ADB Study Team will present the results of the 'long' list screening process agreed at the Phase I Workshop identifying the priority projects (from a BIMSTEC perspective).

In addition, proposals for specific BIMSTEC projects will be discussed with the emphasis on potential 'soft' infrastructure initiatives that promote BIMSTEC's regional cooperation function.

1530-1545

Coffee/Tea Break

1545-1630

Module 3: Development of a Monitoring Framework

The ADB Study Team will present the potential methodologies by which the agreed policies and strategies could be monitored using some of the shortlisted projects as possible indicators. This will be followed by an open discussion designed to agree an effective framework.

1630-1715

Module 4: Proposed Updated Institutional Arrangements

The ADB Study Team will present proposed updated institutional arrangements to implement the agreed monitoring framework. This will be followed by an open discussion.

1715-1730

Wrap up of Day 1

1830- 2030

*Reception hosted by H.E Syed Monjurul Islam, Secretary, Ministry of Shipping, Government of Bangladesh
Venue: Ruposhi Bangla Hotel*

Day 2: 29 May 2014

0900-0930

Summary of Day 1 of the Workshop

The Chair will summarize the key results and agreements of the first day of the Workshop. Open discussion will follow.

0930-1045

Module 5: Action Plan

The ADB Study Team will present a draft time-based Action Plan designed to support the Implementation Framework. This will highlight projects on the 'critical path' to successful implementation and incorporate any modifications resulting from Day 1. This will be followed by open discussion.

1045-1115

Coffee Break

1115-1145

Consideration of Workshop Summary

The participants will review the summary of workshop proceedings, paragraph by paragraph, with the aim of formally adopting the summary at the end of the session.

1145-1200

Wrap Up/Closing Session

The Chair and Co-Chair will summarize the key results of the Workshop and indicate the next steps in finalizing the BTILS, together with his concluding remarks

Closing Remarks – H.E. Md. Shahidul Haque, Foreign Secretary of Bangladesh

1200-1330

Lunch