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*