

South Asia Subregional Economic Cooperation (SASEC)

SASEC Trade Facilitation

Presentation at the

**Second WCO-ADB Joint Subregional
Train-the-Trainer Workshop on Customs
Valuation**

Male, Maldives: 21-24 October 2014

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2014: the Maldives and Sri Lanka

Outline of Presentation

- WCO-ADB Joint Subregional Train-the-Trainer Workshop on Customs Valuation
- ADB's Engagement in Trade Facilitation / Customs Modernization Reforms
- Commitment



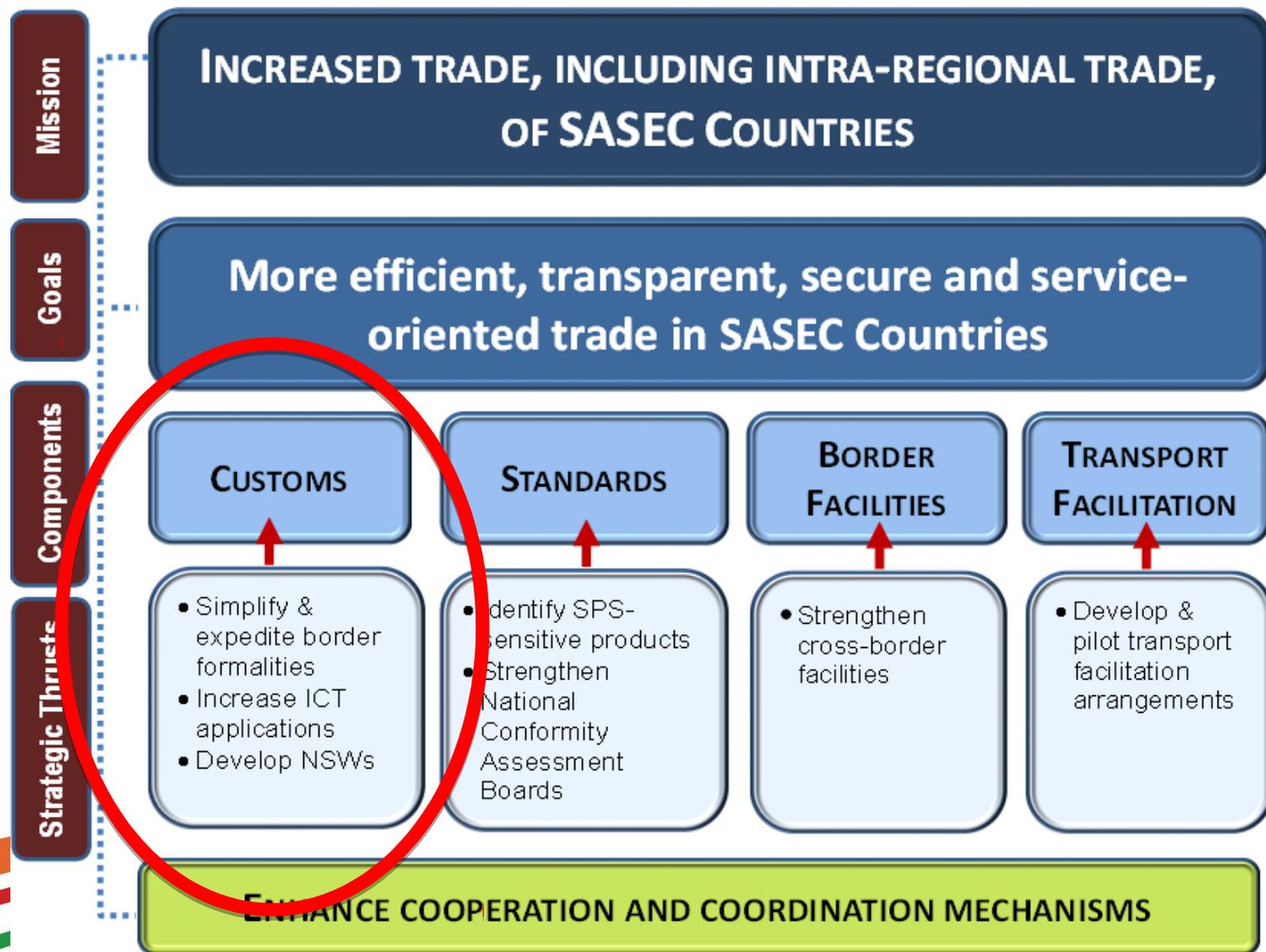
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SASEC Trade Facilitation Strategic Framework 2014-2018



Pillar 1: Customs Modernization and Harmonization

- **Objectives**

- Simplify and expedite border formalities to facilitate the movement of goods, vehicles, and people
- Increase the application of ICT processing
- Develop NSW system that links all border agencies with the trading community

- **SASEC Customs Subgroup**

- Work Plan 2014-2016
- Capacity Building Program
- Collaboration with WCO

TF Strategic Framework Pillars 2-4:

Pillar 2: Standards and Conformity Assessment
Strengthening

Pillar 3: Cross-Border Facilities Improvement

Pillar 4: Transport Facilitation

‘Pillar 5’: Institution and Capacity Building

SASEC Trade Facilitation Program

- **\$48 million Regional Program**
 - ❑ Bangladesh, Bhutan, Nepal
- **Objectives**
 - ❑ Modern and effective Customs administration / management
 - ❑ Streamlined and transparent trade processes
 - ❑ Improved services and information for private sector traders and investors
- **JFPR Technical Assistance**
 - ❑ SASEC JFPR Technical Assistance

How Does the Multiyear Assistance Program Work??

- Regional workshop
 - ❑ *Colombo, Sri Lanka, February 2014*
- National workshop / activity
 - ❑ *Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Sri Lanka*
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Commitment.....??

- **WCO**

- Technical expertise and experience
- Close working knowledge of SASEC countries
- Facilitation of learning / knowledge events

- **ADB**

- Strategic underpinning at regional and national levels
- Logistical support
- Financing

- **SASEC Customs Administrations**

- Commitment to multi-year ToT approach
- Trainers and 'champions' of customs valuation
- Production and implementation of Action Plan for future support funded by ADB

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