



SASEC Trade Facilitation and Transport Working Group Meeting

4 November 2014

Hyatt Regency, Kathmandu, Nepal

Provisional Agenda

Chair: Mr. Suman P. Sharma, Secretary, Ministry of Finance, Government of Nepal (*Sessions 1-3*)
Chair: Mr. Tulasi P. Sitaula, Secretary, Ministry of Physical Infrastructure and Transport (*Sessions 4-7*)
Co-Chair: Mr. Hun Kim, Director General, South Asia Department, ADB (*Sessions 1-7*)

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1930 – 2130 Welcome Cocktails

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0830 – 0900 Registration

Sessions 1-3 **Chair:** Mr. Suman P. Sharma, Secretary, Ministry of Finance, Government of Nepal
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0900 – 0930 **Session 1: Opening Session**

- Welcome remarks: Mr. Madhu K. Marasini, Joint Secretary & Chief, International Economic Cooperation Coordination Division, Ministry of Finance, Government of Nepal
- Opening remarks by Chair: Mr. Suman P. Sharma, Secretary, Ministry of Finance, Government of Nepal
- Opening remarks by Co-Chair: Mr. Hun Kim, Director General, South Asia Department, ADB
- Keynote address by Chief Guest: H.E. Dr. Ram Sharan Mahat, Minister of Finance, Government of Nepal

0930 – 0935 **Group Photo**

0935 – 1005 **Session 2: Brief Statements by Country Delegations**

- Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Sri Lanka (5 minutes each)

1005 – 1105 **Session 3: SASEC Trade Facilitation: Progress and Future Directions**

- Progress of SASEC Trade Facilitation



- Priorities, future directions, and new initiatives

1105 – 1120 Coffee/Tea Break

Sessions 4-7 **Chair:** Mr. Tulasi P. Sitaula, Secretary, Ministry of Physical Infrastructure and Transport
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1120 – 1220 Session 4: SASEC Transport Sector: Progress and Future Directions

- Review of ongoing projects
- Priorities, future directions, and new Initiatives

1220 – 1305 Session 5: SASEC Program-wide Items

- Updates on other ADB-supported subregional cooperation programs
- Proposed SASEC 2025: Objectives, scope, timeline of preparation
- SASEC Knowledge Network: Concept for consideration
- Other matters

1305 – 1435 Lunch hosted by ADB

1435 – 1535 Session 6: Consideration of Meeting Summary

- Review of the draft meeting summary
- Signing of the meeting summary

1535 – 1605 Session 7: Closing Session

- Closing remarks by Chair: Mr. Tulasi P. Sitaula, Secretary, Ministry of Physical Infrastructure and Transport
- Closing remarks by Co-Chair: Mr. Hun Kim, Director General, South Asia Department, ADB

1930 – 2130 Cocktails for TFTWG and EWG Delegates