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**Third Meeting of the SASEC Customs Subgroup (SCS-3)
11-12 March 2015
Goa, India**

AGENDA

Chair: Senior Official from Central Board of Excise and Customs, Government of India

Expected participants:	SASEC Customs Officials (Director General [DG]/ Deputy DG level), ADB, World Customs Organization (WCO)
Objectives:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Discuss and finalize the scope and implementing details of subregional and national projects in the SCS Work Plan 2014-2016 endorsed at the 2nd SCS Meeting. 2. Discuss and agree on the detailed proposal of the study on electronic exchange of trade related documents between and among SASEC countries. 3. Discuss the modalities and priorities for implementing subregional capacity building programs in the six priority areas
11 March (Wed) 1315 - 1700	Learning Event: Customs Compliance Programs: Building Blocks to the AEO Scheme (please see separate Concept Note and Provisional Program)
12 March (Thurs) 0845 - 1715	3 rd SCS Meeting
0845 – 0900	Registration
0900 – 1000 (one hour)	Opening session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome Remarks by the Chair <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Mr. Sandeep Kumar Commissioner (Customs) Central Board of Excise and Customs • Opening Remarks by the Asian Development Bank <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Mr. Leonardus Boenawan Sondaja Deputy Country Director, India Resident Mission Asian Development Bank

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brief Opening Statements by Heads of Country Delegations (Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Myanmar, Nepal, Sri Lanka) <p><i>Closing of Opening Session to be followed by Group Photo</i></p>
1000 – 1045 (45 minutes)	<p>Session 1: The SCS Work Plan 2014-2016: Focus on Subregional Projects</p> <p>ADB representative will give a brief overview of the subregional projects in the SCS Work Plan 2014-2015 endorsed at the 2nd SCS Meeting and provide guidance for the subsequent discussion of each project.</p> <p>Country proponents will lead the discussion on subregional projects. Open discussion will follow after each project with the view to reaching consensus on their implementation modalities.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Exchange of documents (export declarations) at major border crossing points (India) 2) Assessment of regulatory framework and infrastructure facilities for containerized movement of cargo through land borders (India) <p>Open discussion.</p>
1045 – 1100	<i>Coffee/Tea Break</i>
1100 – 1200 (second hour)	<p>Session 1 continued: The SCS Work Plan 2014-2016: Focus on Subregional Projects</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3) Institutionalize border meetings between/among Customs authorities at major BCPs (India) 4) Automation of transit process: the use of ICT in the processing of transit cargo (India) 5) (Bangladesh) <p>Open discussion.</p>
1200 – 1300	<i>Lunch</i>
1300 – 1415 (one hour and 15 minutes)	<p>Session 2: The SCS Work Plan 2014-2016: Focus on National Projects</p> <p>Country delegations will present the highlights of their national projects for the information of the Meeting. Sri Lanka and Maldives may also be requested to present their national projects as appropriate.</p> <p>Open discussion.</p>

<p>1415 – 1500 (45 minutes)</p>	<p>Session 3: Detailed Study Proposal on the Electronic Exchange of Trade-Related Information</p> <p>ADB expert will lead the discussions on the proposed Terms of Reference (TOR) of the study. The discussion will focus on plans to make an assessment of the state of automation in the SASEC countries. SCS-3 participants will seek to reach agreement on the objectives, scope, and implementation arrangements of the proposed study.</p> <p>Open discussion</p>
<p>1500 – 1545 (45 minutes)</p>	<p>Session 4: Priority Areas for Subregional Capacity Building in Customs</p> <p>The WCO will be requested to present its planned activities in the six priority areas for capacity building previously endorsed at SCS-2.</p> <p>ADB representative will make a presentation on the capacity building needs of SASEC countries which have been identified under the SASEC Trade Facilitation Program.</p> <p>Open discussion.</p>
<p><i>1545-1615</i></p>	<p><i>Coffee/Tea Break</i></p>
<p>1615- 1645 (30 minutes)</p>	<p>Session 5: Consideration of Summary of SCS-3</p> <p>The Chair, assisted by the SASEC Secretariat, will go over the SCS-3 summary proceedings paragraph by paragraph with a view to adopting it.</p>
<p>1645 – 1700 (15 minutes)</p>	<p>Date and Venue of the SCS-4 and Closing Session</p> <p>The SCS-3 participants will agree on the date and venue of the SCS-4.</p> <p>The Chair will give his closing remarks.</p>
<p><i>1900 – 2100</i></p>	<p><i>Dinner at Fishtail, Taj Fort Aguada Hosted by the Government of India</i></p> <p><i>Assembly time: 1830H at Novotel Hotel Lobby</i></p>