



## National Consultation on the SASEC Sanitary/Phytosanitary and Technical Barriers to Trade Diagnostic Study

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Dhaka, Bangladesh

### AGENDA

<b>Purpose</b>	Under the SASEC Trade Facilitation Strategic Framework 2014-2018, Pillar 2 seeks to address constraints and challenges in standards and conformity throughout the SASEC region. During focused meetings in November 2013 and December 2014, SASEC member countries agreed to move this agenda forward, by conducting a Sanitary/Phytosanitary (SPS) and Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT) Diagnostic Study in each of the six SASEC countries. The Government of Bangladesh has identified the SPS/TBT nodal point and core group, and is now ready to hold a national consultation, to (i) review the terms of reference for the national SPS/TBT diagnostic study, reflecting the national priorities and preferences for Bangladesh; (ii) review the commodities chosen by Bangladesh for the national diagnostic study; (iii) confirm the willingness of the nodal point and core group to work with the national consultant for the 6-month period of the diagnostic study; and (iv) agree on a schedule for conducting the study.
<b>Expected Participants</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• About 15-16 government officials, including:</li><li>• SASEC SPS/TBT nodal point and core group</li><li>• Participants from related Government Agencies</li><li>• Research Institute</li><li>• Business Association</li><li>• Asian Development Bank (ADB)</li></ul>
<b>Venue</b>	Ascott Palace Hotel Baridhara Diplomatic Zone, Road 6, House 14, Block K, Dhaka 1212, Bangladesh Tel: +88 09610993990-9, 02-9885561
<b>08:30–09:00</b>	<b>Registration</b>
<b>09:00–09:30</b>	<b>Introductory Session</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Welcoming Remarks <i>Mr. Monoj Kumar Roy, Additional Secretary (FTA), Ministry of Commerce, Government of Bangladesh</i></li><li>• Objectives and Structure of the National Consultation <i>Dr. Rose McKenzie, Senior Regional Cooperation Specialist, South Asia Department, ADB</i></li></ul>
<b>09:30–09:45</b>	<b>Session 1: Update on SASEC Trade Facilitation Program and Activities</b>
	ADB will provide an update on the work of the SASEC Trade Facilitation Program and development of the SASEC trade facilitation strategic framework, including SPS/TBT activities. <i>Presenter: Rose McKenzie, ADB</i>
<b>09:45–10:15</b>	<b>Coffee break</b>



<b>10:15–11:00</b>	<b>Session 2: Update on Sanitary/Phytosanitary and Technical Barriers to Trade Measures in Bangladesh</b>
10:15–10:30	<b>Update on Bangladesh’s Initiative on Sanitary/Phytosanitary (SPS) Measures</b> <i>Presenter: Mr. Nesar Ahmed, Director (Joint Secretary), WTO Cell, Ministry of Commerce, Government of Bangladesh</i>
10:30–10:45	<b>Update on Bangladesh’s Initiative on Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT) Measures</b>
10:45–11:00	<i>Presenter: Mr. Shaquib Quoreshi, Secretary, Metropolitan Chambers of Commerce and Industry</i> <b>Q&amp;A</b>
<b>11:00–11:15</b>	<b>Coffee break</b>
<b>11:15–13:15</b>	<b>Session 3: National SPS/TBT Diagnostic Study</b>
11:15–12:45	<b>Presentation of the draft terms of reference for the Bangladesh National SPS/TBT Diagnostic Study</b> <p>The detailed terms of reference will be reviewed, with adjustments being made as necessary to reflect the specific environment of SPS/TBT in Bangladesh, and the priorities of the Government of Bangladesh in addressing SPS/TBT measures. Agreement will be sought from the SASEC SPS/TBT nodal point and core group to take forward the finalized terms of reference.</p> <i>Presenter: Dr. Selim Raihan, Professor, Department of Economics, University of Dhaka, Bangladesh and Executive Director, South Asian Network on Economic Modeling (SANEM)</i> <b>Q&amp;A</b>
12:45–13:15	<b>Finalization of Terms of Reference for National SPS/TBT Diagnostic Study</b> <p>The text of the final amended terms of reference for the Bangladesh National SPS/TBT Diagnostic Study will be presented, for clearance by the nodal point and core group.</p> <i>Presenter: Asian Development Bank</i>
<b>13:15–13:30</b>	<b>Closing Remarks by Chair</b>
<b>13:30–14:30</b>	<b>Lunch hosted by the Asian Development Bank</b>