



**National Consultation on the SASEC
Sanitary/phytosanitary and Technical Barriers to Trade Diagnostic Study**

12 August 2016
Thimphu, Bhutan

AGENDA

Objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review the terms of reference for the national SPS/TBT diagnostic study, reflecting national priorities and preferences for Bhutan; Review commodities tentatively identified by Bhutan for the national diagnostic study; Confirm readiness of the nodal point and the members of the national working group to work with the national consultant for the 6 month period of the diagnostic study; and Agree on the schedule for conducting the study.
Participants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SPS/TBT national core group Participants from related Government Agencies Asian Development Bank
Venue	Hotel Taj Tashi, Thimphu (Phone: 02-336699)
08:30 – 09:00	Registration
09:00-09:45	Session One: Introductory Session
09:00–09:15	Welcome and Opening
09.15–09.30	Opening Remarks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Dasho Namgay Wangchuk, Director-General, Bhutan Agriculture and Food Regulatory Authority (BAFRA), Ministry of Agriculture & Forests, Thimphu</i> <i>Ms. Rose McKenzie, Senior Regional Cooperation Specialist, South Asia Regional Department, ADB</i>
09:30–09:45	Update on SASEC Trade Facilitation Program and Activities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Ms. Rose McKenzie, Senior Regional Cooperation Specialist, South Asia Regional Department, ADB will discuss SPS/TBT in the context of the ongoing SASEC Trade Facilitation Strategic Framework 2014-2018</i>
09:45–10:15	Coffee break and official photograph
10:15–10:50	Session Two: National Updates on SPS and TBT in Bhutan
10:15–10:30	Update on National Status of Sanitary/Phyosanitary (SPS) Measures <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Ms. Kinley Pelden, Chief, Quality Control and Quality Division, BAFRA, Ministry of Agriculture & Forests, Thimphu</i>
10:30–10:40	Update on National Status on Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Dr. Selim Raihan, Professor, Department of Economics, University of Dhaka, Bangladesh and Executive Director, South Asian Network on Economic Modeling</i>

10:40–10:50	Q&A on national SPS/TBT updates
10:50 – 11:00	<i>Coffee break</i>
11:00–13:00	Session Three: Terms of Reference for the SASEC SPS/TBT Diagnostic Study in Bhutan
11:00–12:15	<p>Presentation of the draft TOR for the Bhutan National SPS/TBT Diagnostic Study</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Dr. Selim Raihan, Professor, Department of Economics, University of Dhaka, Bangladesh and Executive Director, South Asian Network on Economic Modeling</i> <p>Q&A and discussion on the products tentatively identified in 2013</p>
12:15–12:45	Finalization of Summary of Proceedings
12:45–13:00	Closing Remarks by the Co-Chairs
13:00–14:00	<i>Lunch by invitation of ADB</i>