



National consultation on the SASEC SPS/TBT Diagnostic Study

13th June 2016

Kathmandu, Nepal

AGENDA

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| Venue | Hotel Annapurna, Durbar Marg, Kathmandu. (Phone: 01 - 4221711) |
| Expected participants | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• SPS/TBT core group• Participants from related Government Agencies• SAARC• Research Institute• Business Association• Asian Development Bank |
| Objectives | <p>(i) Review the terms of reference for the national SPS/TBT diagnostic study, reflecting the national priorities and preferences for Nepal;</p> <p>(ii) Review the commodities chosen by Nepal for the national diagnostic study;</p> <p>(iii) Confirm the willingness of the nodal point and group to work with the national consultant for the 6 month period of the diagnostic study; and</p> <p>(iv) Schedule for conducting the study.</p> |
| 08:30 – 09:00 | Registration |
| 09:00 – 09:15 | Welcome, introduction and Opening |
| 09:15 – 09:30 | Opening Remarks: Ms. L. Savithri, Director Economic, Trade and Finance Division, South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) |
| 09:30 – 09:45 | Update on SASEC Trade Facilitation Program and Activities ADB will provide an update on the work of the SASEC Trade Facilitation Program and development of the SASEC trade facilitation strategic framework. |
| 09:45 – 10:15 | Coffee break and official photograph |
| 10:15 – 10:30 | Update on Nepal's Initiative on Sanitary/Phytosanitary (SPS) Dr. Pradyumna Pandey, Chief, International Trade Promotion Section (Senior Agricultural Economist), Agri-business Promotion and Statistics Division, Ministry of Agricultural Development (MoAD), Kathmandu, Nepal. |
| 10:30– 10:45 | Update on Nepal's Initiative on Technical Barriers to Trade Measures (TBT) Mr. Sanjeev Thakur, Director, Nepal Bureau of Standards & Metrology (NBSM) , Kathmandu, Nepal |
| 10:45 – 11:00 | Q &A |
| 11:00 – 11:15 | Update on 'ADB Proposed Agriculture Sector Development Loan' Mr. Ahsan Tayyab (HQ) and Mr. Govinda Gewali, ADB NRM |
| 11:15 – 11:30 | Coffee break |
| 11:30 – 12:00 | Presentation of the draft TOR for the Nepal National Diagnostic Study Dr. Selim Raihan, Professor, Department of Economics, University of Dhaka, Bangladesh and Executive Director, South Asian Network on Economic Modeling (SANEM) |
| 12:00 – 13:30 | Q &A |
| 13:30 – 14:00 | Closing Remarks by the Chair |
| 14:00 – 15:00 | Lunch |