

Government of Maldives

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

02 February 2017: Male, Maldives

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 Maldives; Review commodities tentatively identified by Maldives 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 and the private sector Asian Development Bank
Venue	Male, Maldives
9.00 – 09:15	Registration
09:15-09:45	Session One: Introductory Session
09:15–09:20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Recitation of Holy Quran</i>
09.20–09.30	<p><i>Opening Remarks:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Ms. Rose McKenzie, Senior Regional Cooperation Specialist, South Asia Regional Department, ADB</i> <i>Hon. Mohamed Saeed, Minister of Economic Development</i>
09:30–09:45	<p>Update on SASEC Trade Facilitation Program and Activities</p> <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>
09:45–10:00	Coffee break and official photograph
10:00–10:40	Session Two: National Updates on SPS and TBT in Maldives
10:00–10:15	<p>Update on National Status of Sanitary/Phytopsanitary (SPS) Measures</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Mr. Shatheesh Moosa, Senior Scientific Officer, Maldives Food and Drug Authority</i>

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10:15–10:30	<p>Update on National Status on Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT) Measures</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Mr. Shatheesh Moosa, Senior Scientific Officer, Maldives Food and Drug Authority</i>
10:30–10:40	Q&A on national SPS/TBT updates
10:40–13:00	Session Three: Terms of Reference for the SASEC SPS/TBT Diagnostic Study in Maldives
10:40–12:00	<p>Presentation of the draft TOR for the Maldives 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</p>
12:00–12:45	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>