



## Inception Meeting for the SASEC Customs Reform and Modernization for Trade Facilitation Program

### Inception Meeting

Monday, September 25, 2017

Venue: Skyline Hall, Hotel Himalaya, Lalitpur.

<b>Expected Participants</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mr. Shanta Raj Subedi, Secretary, Ministry of Finance</li> <li>Mr. Rajan Khanal, Secretary, Commission for the Investigation of Abuse of Authority (CIAA), Tangal.</li> <li>Mr. Chandra Kumar Ghimire, Secretary, Ministry of Commerce</li> <li>Mr. Sishir Kumar Dhungana, Secretary (Revenue), MOF</li> <li>Mr. Baikuntha Aryal, Chief, IECCD, MOF.</li> <li>Joint Secretaries, Ministry of Finance and Ministry of Commerce.</li> <li>Mr. Ram Sharan Chimoriya, DG, Department of Customs.</li> <li>Mr. Shovakant Poudel, DDG, Department of Customs.</li> <li>Mr. Shreekrishna Nepal, DDG, Department of Customs.</li> <li>Mr. Koshore Joshi, Chief, PCA office,</li> <li>Mr. Sharad Bhandari, Office In charge, Nepal Resident Mission, ADB</li> <li>Mr. Ronald Antonio Butiong, Director, ADB Manila</li> <li>Ms. Sonoko Sunayama, Senior Economist, ADB Manila</li> <li>MOF, MOC and DOC officials.</li> <li>Stakeholders from Customs National Trade Facilitation Committee.</li> </ul>
<b>Objective</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To update on SASEC Trade Facilitation activities, WTO TFA and Work Plan for "Customs Reform and Modernization for Trade Facilitation Program" implementation.</li> </ul>
<b>14:30 - 15:00</b>	Registration
<b>15:00- 15:45</b>	<p>Mr. Sishir Kumar Dhungana, Secretary (Revenue), Ministry of Finance. [Chair]. Opening Remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mr. Shovakant Poudel, DDG, Department of Customs.</li> <li>Mr. Ram Sharan Chimoriya, DG, Customs.</li> <li>Mr. Sharad Bhandari, Office In-charge, Nepal Resident Mission, ADB.</li> <li>Mr. Chandra Kumar Ghimire, Secretary, Ministry of Commerce. .</li> </ul>
<b>15:45 - 16:15</b>	Photo Session/ Tea Coffee
<b>16:15 - 18:30</b>	<p>Presentation Sessions: Chair and Moderator: Mr. Sishir Kumar Dhungana, Secretary, MOF.</p>
<b>16:15- 16:45</b>	Presentation and discussion on <b>Program Design and Policy Matrix</b> by Ms. Sonoko Sunayama, Senior Economist, ADB and Mr. Shyam Dahal, Regional Cooperation Expert-NEP, ADB.
<b>16:45- 17:30</b>	Presentation and discussion on <b>Economic Rationale of the program</b> by Mr. Ronald Antonio Butiong, Director, Regional Cooperation and Operations Coordination Division (SARC), South Asia Department (SARD), ADB and Ms. Sonoko Sunayama, Senior Economist, ADB, Manila.
<b>17.30 - 18.00</b>	Presentation and discussion on <b>WTO TFA and Nepal</b> by Mr. Toya Narayan Gyawali, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Commerce.
<b>18:00- 18.30</b>	Presentation and discussion on <b>Draft Work Plan</b> to comply 2nd tranche policy actions and way forward by Mr. Shreekrishna Nepal, DDG, Customs.
<b>18:30- 19.00</b>	<p>Closing Session</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Remarks by Mr. Ronald Antonio Butiong, Director, Regional Cooperation and Operations Coordination Division (SARC), South Asia Department (SARD), ADB</li> <li>Remarks by Mr. Baikuntha Aryal, Chief, IECCD, Ministry of Finance</li> <li>Remarks by Mr. Ram Sharan Chimoriya, DG DOC</li> <li>Closing remarks by Chair Mr. Sishir Kumar Dhungana, Secretary (Revenue), MOF.</li> </ul>
<b>19.00 - 21.00</b>	Dinner