

SASEC Trade Facilitation and Transport Working Group Meeting

7-8 February 2017
Colombo, Sri Lanka

Provisional Agenda
(as of 23 January 2017)

Objectives:

1. Review the progress of ongoing SASEC projects in transport and trade facilitation
2. Discuss and seek to endorse SASEC Vision document
3. Update the SASEC Operational Plan, 2016-2025, and consult with key development partners on this

Expected Participants:

1. SASEC nodal officials, and senior officials from ministries/agencies responsible for finance, planning, customs, commerce/trade, transport, rail, shipping, industry, tourism and energy
2. Senior officials and consultants of ADB
3. Representatives of selected development partner agencies (on 08 February only)

06 February 2017 (DAY 0)

Whole day	Individual Country Consultations on the SASEC vision document <i>Individual country consultations on the SASEC vision document to be held on 6 February. Specific time per country is provided in the attachment.</i>
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1900 – 2100	Welcome cocktails hosted by ADB
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07 February 2017 (DAY 1)

0845 – 0900	Registration
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Chair of the Inaugural Session:	Hon. Niroshan Perera State Minister of National Policies & Economic Affairs Government of Sri Lanka
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0900 – 0940	Inaugural Session National Anthem and Traditional Oil Lamp Lighting Opening Remarks by: Mr. Hun Kim Director General, South Asia Department Asian Development Bank
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	<p>Welcome Remarks by: Mr. M. I. M. Rafeek Secretary Ministry of National Policies and Economic Affairs</p> <p>Special Remarks by: Hon. Niroshan Perera State Minister of National Policies & Economic Affairs Government of Sri Lanka</p> <p><i>Brief Opening Statements by Heads of Country Delegations</i></p>
0940 – 1000	Group Photo/ Coffee Break
Chair of the Meeting:	Mr. Sanjaya Mudalige Director General, National Planning Department, Ministry of National Policies and Economic Affairs and SASEC Nodal Official for Sri Lanka
Co-Chair of the Meeting:	Mr. Hun Kim Director General, South Asia Department, ADB
1000 – 1100	<p>Session 1: Review of SASEC Transport Sector</p> <p><i>Brief presentation by ADB followed by remarks from each of the country delegations</i></p>
1100 – 1200	<p>Session 2: Review of SASEC Trade Facilitation Sector</p> <p><i>Brief presentation by ADB followed by remarks from each of the country delegations</i></p>
1200 – 1300	<p>Session 3: Discussion on the SASEC Vision Document</p> <p><i>Brief presentation by ADB on the key elements of the SASEC Vision document followed by open discussion on each of the key elements</i></p>
1300 – 1400	Lunch
1400 – 1630	Session 3 continued
1630 – 1700	Tea/Coffee break
1700 – 1730	Session 4: Consideration of Meeting Summary
1730 – 1740	Closing Session
1800	Dinner Hosted by the Government of Sri Lanka

08 February 2017 (Day 2): Updating of the SASEC Operational Plan, 2016-2025	
0930 – 1100	<p>Session 1 : Updates on the SASEC Operational Plan, 2016-2025</p> <p><i>Each country delegation will provide a brief update on their respective projects in the SASEC Operational Plan, 2016-2025 taking into account the strategic objectives and operational priorities of the Plan.</i></p>
1100 – 1130	Tea/Coffee break
1130 – 1230	<p>Session 2 : Views of Development Partners on the Updated SASEC Operational Plan, 2016-2025</p> <p><i>Representatives of ADB and other development partner agencies will share (i) a brief statement on their program for South Asia; and (ii) their views on the updated SASEC Operational Plan, 2016-2025, including expressions of interest to support projects contained in the Plan.</i></p>
1230 – 1300	<p>Briefing on Colombo Port</p> <p><i>Officials of the Sri Lanka Port Authority will brief the participants about Colombo Port.</i></p>
1300 – 1400	Lunch
1400 – 1730	Study Tour to Colombo Port

Individual Country Consultation

6 February 2017

Colombo, Sri Lanka

Cinnamon Grand Colombo Hotel

Venue	Angsana Room	Ivy Room
0900 – 1130	Bangladesh Delegation	Maldives Delegation
1300 – 1530	Bhutan Delegation	Nepal Delegation
1530 – 1800	Sri Lanka Delegation	