



**Seventh Meeting of the
South Asia Subregional Economic Cooperation Customs Subgroup
30–31 July 2018: Colombo, Sri Lanka**

AGENDA

Chair: Mrs. P.S.M. Charles, Director General, Sri Lanka Customs, Government of Sri Lanka
Co-Chair: Mr. Masato Nakane, Economist, Asian Development Bank

Expected participants:	SASEC Customs Officials (Director General [DG]/ Deputy DG level), Asian Development Bank (ADB), World Customs Organization (WCO), Resource Persons
Objectives:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Review the implementation status of subregional and national projects in the SCS Work Plan 2014-2018 2. Discuss ongoing Customs-related projects under SASEC Operational Plan 2016–2025 and projects under preparation 3. Update on the application of Electronic Cargo Tracking System for Customs and transport facilitation 4. Discuss findings of SASEC study on coordinated development of border infrastructure 5. Share findings of SASEC national and regional diagnostic studies on sanitary-phytosanitary and technical barriers to trade 6. Consider proposal on cross border trade facilitation corridors 7. Discuss subregional capacity-building activities in SCS priority areas
Venue:	The Spice Rooms, Shangri La Colombo Hotel, Colombo, Sri Lanka
30 July 2018 / 09:00–17:45 Seventh Meeting of the SASEC Customs Subgroup	
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30 July 2018 (Monday)	
08:45–09:00	<i>Registration</i>
09:00–09:30	Opening Session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oil Lamp Lighting Ceremony • Welcome Remarks: Ms. Sri Widowati, Country Director, ADB Sri Lanka Resident Mission • Opening Remarks: Mr. Sanjaya Mudalige, Director General, NPD, Government of Sri Lanka • Inaugural Address: Mrs. P.S.M. Charles, Director General, Sri Lanka Customs • Keynote Address: Dr. R.H.S. Samaratunga, Secretary of Treasury, Government of Sri Lanka <p><i>Group photo</i></p>
09:30–10:10	Session 1: Opening Statements by Heads of Country Delegations and Updates on SCS National Projects (Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Myanmar, Nepal, and Sri Lanka) <i>Delegations are requested to include a concise update on the SCS national projects underway in their respective countries, summarizing the circulated progress reports.</i> Presenters: SASEC member country Heads of Delegation

10:10–10:30	<i>Coffee/Tea Break</i>
10:30–11:50	<p>Session 2: The SCS Work Plan 2014-2018: Discussion on Subregional Projects</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Subregional Project 1</u>: Exchange of documents (export declarations) at selected border crossing points (India) • <u>Subregional Project 3</u>: Institutionalize border meetings between/among Customs authorities at major BCPs • <u>Subregional Project 4</u>: Automation of transit process: the use of ICT in the processing of transit cargo (India) • <u>Subregional Project 5</u>: Conduct of a Feasibility Study on Electronic Exchange of Data among SASEC Customs Administrations • <u>Subregional Project 6</u>: SASEC ASYCUDA World Support Network <p><i>ADB will give a brief overview of the subregional projects in the SCS Work Plan, including agreed decisions at previous SCS Meetings. Country proponents and/or representatives will lead discussion on the subregional projects followed by open discussion on each project.</i></p> <p>Presenter: Mr. Satish Kumar Reddy, Trade Facilitation Specialist, ADB</p>
11:50–12:30	<p>Session 3: Customs-related Projects in the SASEC Operational Plan, 2016-2025, and Related Technical Assistance</p> <p><i>ADB will brief participants on (i) Customs-related projects in the SASEC Operational Plan 2016–2025, and (ii) ongoing projects and projects under preparation.</i></p> <p>Presenter: Mr. Satish Kumar Reddy, ADB</p>
12:30–13:15	<p>Session 4: Use of Electronic Cargo Tracking Systems (ECTS) for Customs and Transport Facilitation</p> <p><i>ADB will provide an update on the application of ECTS in the subregion.</i></p> <p>Presenter: Mr. Masato Nakane, Economist, ADB Mr. Satish Kumar Reddy, ADB Mr. Shyam Dahal, ADB</p>
13:15–14:15	<i>Lunch</i>
14:15–15:00	<p>Session 5: SASEC Study on Coordinated Development of Border Infrastructure</p> <p><i>ADB will present the findings of the SASEC study on coordinated development of border infrastructure.</i></p> <p>Presenter: Ms. Aileen Pangilinan, Senior Regional Cooperation Officer, ADB Mr. Soumya Chattopadhyay, ADB</p>
15:00–15:40	<p>Session 6: SASEC Cross-Border Trade Facilitation Routes Initiative</p> <p><i>ADB will present a study proposal for the development of cross-border trade facilitation routes.</i></p> <p>Presenter: Mr. Satish Kumar Reddy, ADB</p>

15:40–16:10	<p>Session 7: SASEC National and Regional Diagnostic Studies on Sanitary-phytosanitary and Technical Barriers to Trade</p> <p><i>ADB will present the findings of SASEC SPS-TBT national and regional diagnostic studies and discuss the interface between Customs and SPS-TBT-related agencies.</i></p> <p>Presenter: Mr. Satish Reddy, ADB</p>
16:10–16:45	<p>Session 8: Subregional Capacity Building in Customs</p> <p><i>ADB will present capacity-building activities conducted in SCS priority areas since the SCS-6 and proposed activities for 2018-2019.</i></p> <p><i>WCO ROCB A/P will report on completed capacity-building activities since SCS-6, and future capacity-building plans under ROCB A/P.</i></p> <p>Presenter: Ms. Carolina Guina, Regional Cooperation Specialist, ADB Mr. Shinji Oda, Capacity Building Directorate, WCO</p>
16:45–17:00	Coffee/Tea Break
17:00–17:30	<p>Session 9: Consideration of Summary of Proceedings of SCS-7</p> <p><i>The Co-Chair, assisted by the SASEC Secretariat, will go over the SCS-7 Summary of Proceedings, paragraph by paragraph, with a view to adopting it.</i></p> <p>Moderator: Mr. Masato Nakane, ADB</p>
17:30–17:45	<p>Session 10: Date and Venue of SCS-8 and Closing of Meeting</p> <p><i>The SCS-7 participants will agree on the date and venue of the SCS-8.</i></p> <p><i>The Chair will give closing remarks.</i></p>
19:00–21:00	<p>Reception hosted by Asian Development Bank</p> <p>Venue: Lotus Room, Shangri La Colombo Hotel, Colombo, Sri Lanka</p>
31 July 2018 / 09:00–13:00	Learning Event: Coordinated Border Management
31 July 2018 / 14:00–17:45	Bilateral Meetings of SASEC Customs Administrations

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Expected participants	Customs Officials (Director General [DG]/ Deputy DG level) from participating SASEC countries, ADB, World Customs Organization (WCO), India Revenue Service (Customs), Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC), India, Finish Customs.
Objectives	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Share knowledge and experience in the design and implementation of Coordinated Border Management (CBM); 2) Understand the impact of CBM on trade facilitation and border management; and 3) Identify critical success factors for effective implementation of CBM.
31 July 2018 / 09:00–14:00	SCS-7 Learning Event on CBM
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31 July 2018 (Tuesday)	
08:45–09:00	<i>Registration</i>
09:00–09:10	Opening session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome Remarks: ADB (TBC) • Inaugural Address: Sri Lanka Customs (TBC)
9:10–9:25	Presentation by Sri Lanka Customs
09:25–10:05 (40 minutes)	Session 1: Coordinated Border Management: An Overview <i>World Customs Organization (WCO) will give an overview of CBM in the context of the Revised Kyoto Convention, Economic Competitiveness Package, Trade Facilitation Agreement et al. The key benefits and advantages of CBM, its impact on trade facilitation and enforcement, the resources needed, and its strategic value will be highlighted. WCO tools and resources for effective CBM will be shared.</i> Presenter: Mr. Shinji Oda, Asia/Pacific Regional Development Manager, World Customs Organization Secretariat <i>Open discussion to follow.</i>

<p>10:05–10:45 (40 minutes)</p>	<p>Session 2: Coordinated Border Management – Key Models and Enablers</p> <p><i>Session 2 will cover various models of CBM including single-stop facilities, joint management of border crossings, joint inspections, National Single Window (NSW) systems, integrated facilities etc. It will also cover key enablers such as the legal basis, use of ICT, border processes, institutional mechanisms, and human resources & training.</i></p> <p>Presenter: Mr. Rajendra Kumar Meena, Additional Commissioner, India Revenue Service (Customs), and Technical Expert in WCO Secretariat</p> <p><i>Open discussion to follow.</i></p>
<p>10:45–10:55</p>	<p>Coffee/Tea Break</p>
<p>10:55–11:35 (40 minutes)</p>	<p>Session 3: Coordination in Border Management–Cargo Inspections and National Single Window in India</p> <p><i>Session 3 will present the coordination of border inspections, the multi-tiered institutional structures, and the development of NSW in India.</i></p> <p>Presenter: Mr. Gaurav Dhanda, Deputy Commissioner, Single Window, Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC), India</p> <p><i>Open discussion to follow.</i></p>
<p>11:35–12:20 (45 minutes)</p>	<p>Session 4: Global Case Studies: Challenges, Lessons Learned, and Outcomes</p> <p><i>Session 4 will present case studies from across the globe on developing and implementing CBM; lessons learnt; the beneficial impacts of CBM on trade, focusing on examples from developing countries and least developed countries.</i></p> <p>Presenters: Mr. Mika Poutiainen, Senior Customs Officer, Finnish Customs, Enforcement Department, International Affairs</p> <p><i>Open discussion to follow.</i></p>
<p>12:20–12:45</p>	<p>Session 5: Open Discussion</p> <p>Moderator: ADB</p> <p><i>Open discussion to follow on the way forward and agreement on capacity building priorities under the SCS work plan 2017–2018.</i></p>
<p>12:45–13:00</p>	<p>Session 6: Wrap Up and Closing of Learning Event</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closing Remarks from the Chair/Moderator
<p>13:00–14:00</p>	<p>Lunch</p>
<p>14:00–17:45</p>	<p>Bilateral Meetings of SASEC Customs Administrations</p>
<p>14:00–14:45 14:45–15:30 15:30–16:15 16:15–17:00</p>	<p><i>In this session, the SASEC Customs administrations may elect to meet bilaterally with other SASEC administrations, if desired. The SASEC Secretariat will arrange meeting rooms from 14:00-17:45, with meeting slots lasting 45 minutes each. Delegations wishing to avail of this opportunity are requested to submit details of arranged meetings no later than 14 July 2018 to the Secretariat for allocation of meeting rooms.</i></p>

17:00–17:45	<i>Delegations are solely responsible for the planning of these bilateral meetings, including advance exchange of agendas and the proceedings.</i>
19:00–21:00	Dinner hosted by Sri Lanka Customs