

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

23 November, 2016: New Delhi, India

**AGENDA**

<b>Objectives</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review the terms of reference for the national SPS/TBT diagnostic study, reflecting national priorities and preferences for India;</li> <li>• Review commodities tentatively identified by India for the national diagnostic study;</li> <li>• 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</li> <li>• Agree on the schedule for conducting the study.</li> </ul>
<b>Participants</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SPS/TBT national core group</li> <li>• Participants from related Government Agencies</li> <li>• Asian Development Bank</li> </ul>
<b>Venue</b>	FF 1, Hotel Le Meridien, New Delhi
<b>9.00 – 09:15</b>	<b>Registration</b>
<b>09:15-09:45</b>	<b>Session One: Introductory Session</b>
09:15–09:20	<b>Welcome and Opening</b>
09.20–09.30	<p><i>Opening Remarks:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Ms. Rose McKenzie, Senior Regional Cooperation Specialist, South Asia Regional Department, ADB</i></li> <li>• <i>Mr. Bhupinder Singh Bhalla, Joint Secretary (FT-South Asia), Department of Commerce, India</i></li> <li>• <i>Mr. Sudhangshu Pandey, Joint Secretary (TPD), Department of Commerce, India</i></li> </ul>
09:30–09:45	<p><b>Update on SASEC Trade Facilitation Program and Activities</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <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></li> </ul>
<b>09:45–10:00</b>	<b>Coffee break and official photograph</b>
<b>10:00–10:40</b>	<b>Session Two: National Updates on SPS and TBT in India</b>
10:00–10:15	<p><b>Update on National Status of Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Dr. Murali Kallummal, Associate Professor, Centre for WTO Studies, Indian Institute of Foreign Trade, India</i></li> </ul>

10:15–10:30	<p><b>Update on National Status on Sanitary/Phytosanitary (SPS) Measures</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Dr. Murali Kallummal, Associate Professor, Centre for WTO Studies, Indian Institute of Foreign Trade, India</i></li> </ul>
10:30–10:40	<b>Q&amp;A on national SPS/TBT updates</b>
<b>10:40–13:00</b>	<b>Session Three: Terms of Reference for the SASEC SPS/TBT Diagnostic Study in India</b>
10:40–12:00	<p><b>Presentation of the draft TOR for the India National SPS/TBT Diagnostic Study</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Dr. Selim Raihan, Professor, Department of Economics, University of Dhaka, Bangladesh and Executive Director, South Asian Network on Economic Modeling</i></li> </ul> <p><b>Q&amp;A and discussion</b></p>
12:00–12:45	<b>Finalization of Summary of Proceedings</b>
12:45–13:00	<b>Closing Remarks by the Co-Chairs</b>
<b>13:00–14:00</b>	<b>Lunch by invitation of ADB</b>