

Biannual Meeting, 1-2 November 2012, Galadari Hotel, Colombo, Sri Lanka

"Transit Facilitation for Regional Connectivity: Enhancing Corridor Performance"

Thursday, Nov 1, 2012

08:00 – 08:30 Registration

08:30 – 09:00 Opening Statements and Welcome

Ravi Ratnayake, ESCAP
(South Asia Department), ADB
GFP's Program and Objectives
Mona Haddad, Sector Manager, International Trade, World Bank

09:00 – 09:30 Keynote Presentation

TBD

09:30 – 13:00 New Tools for Trade & Transit Facilitation Performance Measurement

Session 1 – Mod: GFP Secretariat: World Bank

ESCAP-WB Trade Cost Database
TBD.
Logistics Performance Index (LPI) 2012 & Trade and Transport Facilitation Assessments (TTFA)
Monica Alina Mustra, World Bank

Q&A

11:00 – 11:30 Coffee Break

Session 2 – Mod: TBD

CAREC Corridor Performance Monitoring Programme
Ying Qian, ADB

UNNExT Business Process Analysis Guide and application to Transit Corridors
ESCAP

Q&A

13:00 – 14:30 Lunch

14:30 – 18:00 Transit Facilitation along International Corridors: Recent Development and Best Practices

Round Table 1 (Best practices in transit corridor development)– Mod: TBD

Transport facilitation tools for corridor development
ESCAP Transport Division

Transit agreements: Key features and common challenges
TBD. (UNCTAD?)

Border crossing: best practices in integrated border management (case of Lao – Thailand Border...)
TBD (Thailand?)

Private Sector Perspectives

Discussion

16:00 – 16:30 Coffee break

Round Table 2 – Mod: TBD

From Border Single Windows to National Single Window
Azerbaijan Customs

E-TIR
TIR secretariat (UNECE)

Towards a UNNExT Guide & Training on Paperless Transit Facilitation
ESCAP (or UNNExT Advisory Group Member)

Discussion

18:00 – 20:00 Closing Session and Reception

Closing Address
Sri Lankan authority (tbd)

Wrap-up
Mona Haddad, World Bank

Friday, Nov 2, 2012

Study Tour of Colombo Port, Sri Lanka

Organized in collaboration with the Sri Lankan Port Authority and the Ceylon Chamber of Commerce.