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## **SASEC Stakeholder Workshop on Sub-regional Trade and Transit Collaboration**

(Tentative Programme as of 04 October 2012)

- Date: 29 October 2012
- Venue: Colombo, Sri Lanka
- Tentative Agenda

<b>Time</b>	<b>Programme</b>
09:00 – 09:20	<b>Registration</b>
09:20 – 09:30	<b>Opening</b> <i>Mr. Ravi Ratnayake, Director, Trade and Investment Division, ESCAP</i>
09:30 – 10:40	<b>Session 1: ESCAP-ADB BPA Study on SASEC Trade and Transit Corridors and Its Findings</b> Brief overview on and findings from the comprehensive BPA study conducted on three SASEC trade and transit corridors will be presented with discussion among participants. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Study Overview and Key Findings <i>Mr. Prabir De</i></li><li>● Corridor 1 Findings and Discussion <i>Mr. Pushpa Rajkarnikar/Mr. T.A. Khan/Mr. Mohammad Yunus</i></li></ul>
10:40 – 11:00	<i>Coffee Break</i>
11:00 – 12:20	<b>Session 1 (Cont'd)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Corridor 2 Findings and Discussion <i>Mr. Achyut Bhandari/Mr. T.A. Khan/Mr. Mohammad Yunus</i></li><li>● Corridor 3 Findings and Discussion <i>Mr. Pushpa Rajkarnikar and Mr. T.A. Khan</i></li></ul>

12:20 – 13:30	<i>Lunch Break</i>
13:30 – 15:00	<p><b>Session 2: Panel Discussion on Recommendations from the study</b></p> <p>Recommended actions from the study will be presented, followed by panel discussion among the panelists and participants on the issues identified and recommendations proposed from the study.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Recommended Actions <i>Mr.Prabir De</i></li> <li>● Panel Discussion Panelist: Selected Officials from Bangladesh, Bhutan, India and Nepal</li> </ul>
15:00 – 15:20	<i>Coffee Break</i>
15:20 – 16:00	<p><b>Session 3: Way Forward - Agenda for Subregional Trade and Transit Cooperation</b></p> <p>Based on the discussions from recommended actions, the participants will develop work items based on implementation feasibility and priority, including support activities needed from ESCAP, ADB, SAARC and other development agencies</p> <p><i>All</i></p>
16:00	<p><b>Closing</b></p> <p><i>Mr. Ravi Ratnayake, Director, Trade and Investment Division, ESCAP</i></p>