

# South Asian Regional Conference Participatory Approach to Address Non-Tariff Barriers in Regional Trade

**Thursday, April 11, 2013  
New Delhi, India**

## Programme

<b>1000 - 1100</b>	<b>Opening</b>
	<p><b>Welcome Remarks</b> Nick Langton, Country Representative, The Asia Foundation</p> <p><b>Introductory Remarks</b> Manab Majumdar, Assistant Secretary General, Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce &amp; Industry</p> <p><b>Opening Remarks</b> Vikramjit Singh Sahney, President, SAARC Chamber of Commerce and Industry and Managing Director, Sun Group, India</p> <p><b>Business Plan on Participatory Approach to Address Non-Tariff Barriers in Regional Trade</b> Bipul Chatterjee, Deputy Executive Director, CUTS International</p> <p><b>Opening Address</b> Indira Murthy, Director, Foreign Trade (South Asia/SAARC/Iran), Department of Commerce, Government of India</p>
<b>1100 – 1115</b>	<b>Tea/Coffee Break</b>
<b>1115 - 1300</b>	<b>Country Positions on Non-tariff Barriers in South Asia</b>
	<p><b>Chair</b> Rajiv Kumar, Senior Fellow, Centre for Policy Research, New Delhi</p> <p><b>Panelists</b> Md. Khairuzzaman Mozumder, Deputy Secretary, Ministry of Commerce, Bangladesh Sandeep Kumar, Commissioner (International Customs Division), Central Board of Excise &amp; Customs, Department of Revenue, Government of India Shankar Prasad Paudel, Under Secretary, Ministry of Commerce and Supplies, Government of Nepal Robina Ather, Joint Secretary, Customs and Trade Policy, Ministry of Commerce, Government of Pakistan Saman Kelegama, Executive Director, Institute of Policy Studies of Sri Lanka</p>
<b>1300 - 1400</b>	<b>Lunch</b>

<b>1400 - 1600</b>	<b>Group Discussion on the Business Plan</b>
	<p><b>Group Leaders</b>  Jahangir Bin Alam, CEO and Secretary General, India Bangladesh Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Dhaka  Anil Bhardwaj, Secretary General, Federation of Indian Micro and Small &amp; Medium Enterprises, New Delhi, India  Sushmita Pradhan, Senior Program Officer, SAARC Trade Promotion Network, Nepal  Majyd Aziz, Ex-President, Karachi Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Pakistan  Kosala Wickramanayake, Former President, Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry, Sri Lanka</p>
<b>1600 - 1615</b>	<b>Tea/Coffee Break</b>
<b>1615 - 1730</b>	<b>Presentation on the Business Plan by Group Leaders</b>
	<p><b>Co-Chair</b>  Pranav Kumar, Head-Trade and International Policy, Confederation of Indian Industry, New Delhi  Umer Bhatti, Trade Policy Expert, Ministry of Commerce, Government of Pakistan</p>
<b>1730 - 1815</b>	<b>Closing</b>
	<p><b>Chair</b>  Ambassador Humayun Kabir, Vice President, Bangladesh Enterprise Institute, Bangladesh</p> <p><b>Rapporteurs</b>  S.K. Hazari, Managing Director, Shosova Properties P Ltd and Ex-President, India-Sri Lanka Chambers of Commerce and Industry  Vaqar Ahmed, Deputy Executive Director, Sustainable Development Policy Institute, Pakistan  Atindra Sen, Senior Advisor for India, Transnational Strategy Group LLC, Mumbai</p> <p><b>Closing Remarks</b>  Nagesh Kumar, Director and Chief Economist, United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific</p> <p><b>Vote of Thanks</b>  Bipul Chatterjee, Deputy Executive Director, CUTS International</p>
<b>2000</b>	<p><b>Reception &amp; Dinner</b></p> <p><b>Presentation on SAARC Development Fund</b>  Karma, Chief Executive Officer, SAARC Development Fund, Bhutan</p>