





Regional cooperation on trade, climate change and food security in South Asia: Some reflections and way forward

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Programme Agenda

Session	Resource persons	Chair			
13 March 2014 (Day 1)					
8:30 - 9:00	Registration				
9:00 – 9:30	Welcome and Highlights of the Programme: Mr. Puspa	Dr. Posh Raj Pandey,			
Inaugural session	Sharma, Research Director, SAWTEE, Kathmandu	Executive Chairman, SAWTEE			
	Special remarks: Dr. Dinesh Bhattarai , Advisor to the Prime Minister of Nepal				
	Special remarks: Mr. Shanker Das Bairagi, Officiating				
	Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Government of Nepal				
	(GoN)				
	Remarks by the Chair				
9:30 – 11:00	<u>Presentation</u>	Mr. Shanker Das Bairagi,			
South Asian LDCs and	Dr. Ratnakar Adhikari , Executive Director, Enhanced	Officiating Secretary, Ministry			
trade facilitation	Integrated Framework (EIF) Secretariat, Geneva	of Foreign Affairs, GoN			
agreement, with					
reference to Aid for Trade	<u>Discussants</u>				
	Prof. Mustafizur Rahman , Executive Director, Centre for Policy				
	Dialogue (CPD), Dhaka				
	Dr. Nisha Taneja , Professor, Indian Council for Research on				
	International Economic Relations (ICRIER), New Delhi				
	Floor discussion				
	Remarks by the Chair				
	11:00 – 11:15 (Tea)				







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	14 March (Day 2)	
9:00–11:00 Regional cooperation to address climate change impacts in South Asia	Presentation Mr. Bishal Thapa, Co-founder, Saral Urja Nepal, Kathmandu Discussants Dr. Fahmida Khatun, Research Director, CPD, Dhaka Mr. Nitya Nanda, Fellow, The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI), New Delhi Floor discussion	Mr. Arvind Kumar, Advisor, The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI), New Delhi
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11:15 – 12:45 Agriculture adaptation practices in South Asia: Learning from each other	Presentations Case of India: Mr. Tirthankar Mandal, Freelance Consultant, New Delhi Case of Sri Lanka: Mr. Athula Senaratne, Research Fellow and Head, Environmental Economic Policy Research, Institute of Policy Studies of Sri Lanka (IPS), Colombo	Ms. Ramani Ellepola, Former Director General, Central Environment Authority of Sri Lanka, Colombo
	Discussants Dr. Gautam Vohra, Chairman, Development Research and Action Group (DRAG), New Delhi Mr. Shafqat Munir, Regional Rights in Crisis Coordinator, Oxfam Asia, Islamabad Ms. Rajju Malla Dhakal, Executive Director, South Asia Center for Policy Studies (SACEPS)	
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13:45 – 15:15 Trade promotion through standardization	Presentation Mr. Indu Bikram Joshi, Under Secretary, Nepal Bureau of Standards and Metrology (NBSM), Kathmandu Discussants Mr. Akhtar Bughio, Director, Pakistan Standards and Quality Control Authority (PSQCA), Islamabad	Ms. L. Savithri, Director - Economic, Trade and Finance Division, SAARC Secretariat
	Ms. S. Saroja, Coordinator, Citizen consumer and civic Action Group (CAG), Chennai Floor discussion	
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	15:15 – 15:30 (Tea)	
15:30 – 16:00 Closing session	Future work agenda for regional cooperation on trade, climate change and food security in South Asia: Mr. Puspa Sharma, Research Director, SAWTEE	Dr. Posh Raj Pandey, Executive Chairman, SAWTEE
	Remarks and vote of thanks: Mr. Scott Faiia , Nepal - Country Director, Oxfam, Kathmandu	







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