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Asian Development Bank (ADB) RETA 6472: Strategic Partnership for Policy Development and Action to Foster Regional Cooperation in South Asia

15-16 July 2011: Hotel Himalaya
Kathmandu, Nepal
Agenda

Day I: 15 July 2011, Friday	
09.00 – 09.30	**Registration**
09.30 – 10.30	**Inaugural session**
09.30 – 09.35	Welcome address by Dr Pushpa Raj Rajkarnikar, Former Member, National Planning Commission, and Chairman, Institute for Policy Research and Development (IPRAD)
09.35 – 09.45	Opening address by Dr. Biswajit Dhar, Director General, RIS
09.45 – 09.55	Special address by Mr. Barry Hitchcock, Country Director, Nepal Resident Mission, Asian Development Bank (ADB)
09.55 – 10.15	Keynote address by Dr. Yuba Raj Khatiwada, Governor, Nepal Rastra Bank, Nepal
10.15 – 10.30	Introduction of ADB RETA 6472 and its components: Dr. Prabir De, Dr. S K Mohanty, and Prof. I N Mukherjee
10.30 – 10.45	**Tea/coffee break**
10.45 – 12.30	**Working Session I: Economic Corridors in South Asia: Transit and Trade Facilitation in Eastern Corridors** [coordinated by Dr. Prabir De]
	Chair: Prof. Dr. P.R. Legal, Former Vice Chairman , National Planning Commission Nepal
10.45 – 11.05	*Role of Economic Corridor in Deepening Regional Integration in South Asia*, by Dr. Prabir De, Fellow, RIS
11.05 – 11.20	Discussant: Dr. Hemanta Dawadi, Secretary General, Federation of Nepalese Chamber of Commerce and Industry (FNCCI), Kathmandu
11.20 – 11.40	*Transit and Trade Facilitation across Nepal, India and Bangladesh Economic Corridors*, by Dr. Pushpa Raj Rajkarnikar, IPRAD, Kathmandu
11.40 – 11.55	Discussant: Mr. Madhu Sudhan Pokhrel, Deputy Director General, Department of Custom, Government of Nepal
11.55 – 12.30	Q&A and Wrapping–up by Chair
12.30 – 13.30	**Lunch Break**
13.30 – 15.00	**Working Session II: Expanding Regional Production and Trade in South Asia with Global Production Network** [coordinated by Dr. S K Mohanty]
	Chair: Dr. Dilli Raj Khanal, Former Member, National Planning Commission and Founder chairman, IPRAD
13.30 – 13.50	*GVCs and Regional Trade in South Asia: An Overview of Issues*, by Prof. Dev Nathan, Institute for Human Development, New Delhi, India and Duke University, USA
13.50 – 14.05	Discussant: Mr. Mahesh Agrawal, Former President, Chamber of Commerce, Nepal.
14.05 – 14.25	*Regional Value Chain in Industrial Cluster in India,* by Prof. Keshab Das, Gujarat Institute of Development Research (GIDR), Ahmedabad, Gujarat
14.25 – 14.40	Discussants: Mr. Rajan Sharma, Second Vice president, Freight Forwarder Association (FFA), Nepal.
14.40 – 15.00	Q&A and Wrapping–up by Chair
15.00 – 15.15	**Tea/coffee break**

15.15 – 17.30	**Working Session III: Economic Corridors in South Asia: Transit and Trade Facilitation in Western Corridors** [coordinated by Dr. Prabir De]
	Chair: Dr. Purusottam Ojha, Secretary, Prime Minister's Office (PMO)
15.15 – 15.35	*Economic Corridors in South Asia: Transit and Trade Facilitation between India and Pakistan*, by Ambassador P. S. Sahai, Centre for Research in Rural and Industrial Development (CRRID), Chandigarh
15.35 – 15.50	Discussant: Ms. Shiba Devi Kafle, Former Director, Nepal Rastra Bank
15.50 – 16.10	*Economic Corridors and Trade Facilitation in Western South Asia: Pakistan Perspective*, by Mr. Ghulam Samad, Research Economist, Pakistan Institute of Development Economics (PIDE), Islamabad
16.10 – 16.25	Discussant: Dr. Posh Raj Pandey, Former Member, National Planning Commission, and Chairman, South Asia Watch on Trade, Economics and Environment (SAWTEE), Kathmandu.
16.25 – 17.00	Q&A and Wrapping–up by Chair
19.00	**Dinner**

Day II: 16 July 2011, Saturday	
09.00 – 10.30	**Working Session IV: India – Sri Lanka FTA: Emerging Issues and Policy Options** [coordinated by Prof. I N Mukherjee]
	Chair: Dr. Pushkar Bajracharya, Former Member, National Planning Commission Nepal
09.00 – 09.20	*India-Sri Lanka Trade Relations and Effect on ILFTA (Field Survey-India)* by Mr. Abhishek Kumar, Project Director, and Mr. Ajit Kumar Thakur, Dy. Research Manager, Marketing & Development Research Associates (MDRA), New Delhi
09.20 – 09.35	Discussant: Mr. Paras Kharel, Senior Programme Officer, SAWTEE, Kathmandu
09.35 – 09.55	*India-Sri Lanka Bilateral Investment Linkages*, by Dr. Nawal K Paswan, Assistant Professor, Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), New Delhi [presented by Prof. I N Mukherjee, Senior Consultant, RIS]
09.55 – 10.05	Discussant: Prof. Alokesh Barua, Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), New Delhi.
10.05 – 10.30	Q&A and Wrapping–up by Chair
10.30 – 10.45	**Tea / coffee break**
10.45 – 12.30	**Working Session V: Expanding Regional Production and Trade in South Asia with Global Production Network** [coordinated by Dr. S K Mohanty]
	Chair: Prof. Dr. Govinda Nepal, Tribhuvan University, Nepal
10.45 – 11.05	*Study on Regional Value Chain: A Case Study for the Automobile Sector in Pakistan* by Institute of Public Policy, Beaconhouse National University, Lahore [presented by Ms. Maham Mustafa Bhatty and Ms. Javeria Niazi, Institute of Public Policy, Beaconhouse National University, Lahore, Pakistan]
11.05 – 11.20	Discussants: Mr. Kishore Kumar Agrawal, Nepal Chamber of Commerce
11.20 – 11.40	*Trade and Production Networks in Automobile Industry in India*, by Dr. Suresh Babu, Assistant Professor, Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Chennai
11.40 – 11.55	Discussant: Prof. Dr. Ramesh C. Chitrakar, Former Executive Director, CEDA, Tribhuvan University, Kathmandu
11.55 – 12.30	Q&A and Wrapping–up by Chair
12.30 – 12.45	**Concluding Session and Vote of Thanks**
12.30 – 12.35	Remarks by Dr Kavita Iyengar, ADB
12.35 – 12.40	Remarks by Dr Biswajit Dhar, RIS
12.40 – 12.45	Remarks and Vote of Thanks by Dr Pushpa Raj Rajkarnikar, IPRAD
13.00	**Lunch**