Stakeholder Consultation

Asian Development Bank (ADB) RETA 6472:

Strategic Partnership for Policy Development and Action to Foster Regional Cooperation in South Asia

11 July 2011

Cinnamon Grand, Colombo, Sri Lanka

Agenda

09.00 – 09.30	**Registration**
09.30 – 10.30	**Inaugural Session**
09.30 – 09.40	Welcome address by Dr. Biswajit Dhar, Director General, Research and Information System (RIS)
09.40 – 09.50	Address by Mr. Narhari Rao - Lead Country Economist, ADB Sri Lanka Resident Mission
09.50 – 10.10	Introduction of ADB RETA 6472 and its components: Dr. S K Mohanty (10 minutes) and Prof. I.N. Mukherji (10 minutes)
10.10 – 10.30	**Tea/coffee break**
10.30 – 12.30	**Working Session I: Indo-Lanka Free Trade Agreement: Towards More Comprehensive Economic Engagement** [Coordinated by Professor I.N.Mukherji]
	Chair: Dr. Rohan Samarajiva - Chair & CEO, LIRNE*asia*
10.30-10-50	*Indo-Sri Lanka Free Trade Agreement: A Decadal Assessment* by Dr. Subrata K. Bahera & Prof. I.N.Mukherji
10.50-11.00	**Discussant:** Dr. Sirimal Abeyratne - Professor of Economics , University of Colombo and Mr. Gomi Senadhira - Director General of Commerce, Department of Commerce, Sri Lanka.

11.00-11.20	*Indo Lanka Free Trade Agreement and its Impact (Responses from Field Survey)* by Mr. Nihal de Silva - Senior Consultant, Lanka Market Research Bureau (Pvt) Limited, Colombo
11.20 – 11.30	**Discussant:** Mr. Sumith Nakandala - Director General, Economic Affairs, Ministry of External Affairs, Sri Lanka
11.30 – 11.50	*Trade in Services between India and Sri Lanka* by Mr. Anushka Wijesinha, - Research Officer, Institute of Policy Studies of Sri Lanka.
11.50 – 12.00	**Discussant:** Mr. Mangala Yapa – Managing Director/Chief Executive Officer Colombo Dockyard, PLC and Dr**.** Rohan Samarajiva – Chair and CEO, LIRNE*asia*
12.00 – 12.30	Q&A and Wrapping–up by Chair
12.30 – 13.30	**Lunch break**
13.30 – 15.30	**Working Session II: Regional Production Network in South Asia** [Coordinated by Dr. SK Mohanty]
	Chair: Dr. Indrajit Coomaraswamy - Director (retired), Economic Affairs Division, Commonwealth Secretariat
13.30 – 14.00	*Production and Trade Network in South Asia: A Case Study of Agricultural Sector in India by* Dr. Sukhpal Singh, Indian Institute of Management (IIM), Ahmedabad
14.00 – 14.15	**Discussant:** Mr. Ajith Perera - Commercial Manager, Hayleys Agro
14.15 – 14.45	*Value Chain Development for Fostering Regional Cooperation in South Asia: Case of Tea Sector in Sri Lanka* *by* Mr. Anushka Wijesinha - Research officer, Institute of Policy Studies
14.45 – 15.00	**Discussant:** Mr. Rohan Fernando - HVA Lanka Food Exports (Pvt) Ltd and Vice President, Sri Lanka Tea Exporters Association
15.00 – 15.25	Q&A and Concluding Remarks by Dr. Kavita Iyengar - ADB India Resident Mission
15:25 – 15:30	Wrapping – up by Chair
15.30 – 15.45	**Tea/coffee break**