# 1<sup>st</sup> Trade Facilitation Capacity Building Program for BIMSTEC Countries

## PROGRAM SCHEDULE

**7<sup>th</sup> May 2023 (Sunday) – Arrival of Participants**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Time</th>
<th>Activity</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>9.30 am</td>
<td>Registration</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>10.00 am - 11.00 am</td>
<td>Inaugural</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• Welcome Remarks by Deepak Mishra, Director &amp; CE, ICRIER</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• Remarks by Rudrendra Tandon, Additional Secretary (BIMSTEC and SAARC), Ministry of External Affairs, GoI</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• Remarks by Thiam Hee Ng, Director, Regional Cooperation and Operations Coordination Division, South Asia Department, ADB</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• Inaugural Address by Vivek Johri, Chairman, Central Board of Indirect Taxes &amp; Customs (CBIC) &amp; Special Secretary to GoI</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• Group Photograph</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>11.00 am - 11.15 am</td>
<td>Tea/Coffee Break</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>11.30 am - 1.00 pm</td>
<td>Session 1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Anthony Bayley, ADB Consultant</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1.00 pm - 2.00 pm</td>
<td>Lunch</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2.00 pm - 3.15 pm</td>
<td>Session 2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Trade facilitation in BIMSTEC Region – State of Play and Constraints</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Introduction to the BIMSTEC Trade Facilitation Strategic Framework</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Thiam Hee Ng, Director, Regional Cooperation and Operations Coordination Division, South Asia Department (SARD), ADB</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3.15 pm - 3.30 pm</td>
<td>Tea/Coffee Break</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
3.30 pm - 4.30 pm : Panel Discussion

Trade Facilitation Imperatives for BIMSTEC Countries

Moderated by Nisha Taneja, Professor and Lead for Trade, Investment and External Relations (TIER), ICRIER

Panellists:
- Surendra Ahirwar, Joint Secretary (Logistics), Dept. for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade, Ministry of Commerce & Industry, GoI
- Pritam Banerjee, Head & Professor, Centre for WTO Studies, Indian Institute of Foreign Trade (IIFT)
- Rajan Sudesh Ratna, Deputy Head and Senior Economic Affairs Officer at United Nations ESCAP South and South-West Asia Office

9th May, 2023 (Tuesday)

9.30 am - 11.15 am : Session 1

Pre-arrival Processing of Cargo
- Concept and Benefits
- Operationalization – legal support and ICT processes

R. Ananth, Director Customs, CBIC

11.15 am - 11.30 am : Coffee/Tea Break

11.30 am - 1.00 pm : Session 2

Designing and Implementing Risk Management Systems
- Concept
- Interdiction tools and Compulsory Compliance Requirements
- Institutional arrangements – Review and revision of the targets and interventions in the RMS at local and national levels
- Evaluation of effectiveness of Interdictions

Paul Collins, ADB Consultant

1.00 pm - 2.00 pm : Lunch

2.00 pm - 3.15 pm : Session 3

Use of Trusted Trader Programs for Risk Management
- Designing and Implementing an AEO program
- Use of AEO program for risk management

Md. Salik Parvaiz, Additional Commissioner, Directorate of International Customs, CBIC

3.15 pm - 3.30 pm : Tea/Coffee break

3.30 pm - 4.30 pm : Presentation on AEO Program in India by Pramod Sant, Former Vice President, Head of Import Export and Customs, Siemens Ltd
## 10th May, 2023 (Wednesday)

**10.00 am - 11.30 am**:  **Session 1**
National Single Window
- Concept, features, benefits
- Challenges in design and implementation
  
  **Donald Lim-Fat, ADB Consultant**

**11.30 am - 11.45 am**:  Coffee/Tea Break

**11.45 am - 1.00 pm**:  **Session 2**
Paperless Trade
  
  **Soo Hyun Kim, Economic Affairs Officer, Trade Policy and Facilitation Section, Trade, Investment and Innovation Division, UNESCAP**

**1.00 pm - 2.00 pm**:  Lunch

**2.00 pm - 3.15 pm**:  **Session 3**
Advance Passenger Information System (APIS)
- Passenger data definitions; API, IAPI, PNR and their characteristics
- Data sharing and use
  
  **Vinod Kumar, Joint Director, CBIC**

**3.15 pm - 3.30 pm**:  Tea/Coffee break

**3.30 pm - 4.30 pm**:  Presentation by **Abhishek Chaudhary, Vice President, NICDC** on Logistics Data Bank Project and Impact on Trade/logistics Facilitation

Roundtable Discussion

---

## 11th May, 2023 (Thursday)

**10.00 am - 11.30 am**:  **Session 1**
Development of Efficient Land Border Crossings
  
  **Yasushi Tanaka, Principal Transport Specialist, ADB**

**11.30 am - 11.45 am**:  Coffee/Tea Break

**11.45 am - 1.00 pm**:  **Session 2**
Coordinated Border Management (CBM)
  
  **Sydney Chibbabbuka, Customs and Trade Facilitation Specialist, ADB Consultant**

**1.00 pm - 2.00 pm**:  Lunch
2.00 pm - 3.00 pm: **Session 3**
Experience in Development of Integrated Check Posts
Aditya Mishra, Chairman, Land Ports Authority of India (LPAI), Government of India

3.00 pm - 3.15 pm: Coffee/Tea Break

3.15 pm - 4.15 pm: **Session 4**
Experience in Development of Inland Container Depots/Dry ports
Sanjay Bajpai, ED/Business Development, Strategic Planning & Customs Container Corporation of India (CONCOR)

12th May, 2023 (Friday)

10.00 am - 11.15 am: **Session 1**
Commercial Frauds
- Definition, Typology, Case Studies
Shruti Mehrotra, Deputy Director, Directorate of Revenue Intelligence, CBIC

11.15 am - 11.30 am: Coffee/Tea Break

11.30 am - 1.00 pm: **Session 2**
Cooperation for Fraud Mitigation
- Instruments for enforcement cooperation
Komila Punia, Deputy Secretary, International Customs Division, CBIC

1.00 pm - 2.00 pm: Lunch

2.00 pm - 3.30 pm: **Session 3**
Trade Related Money Laundering
Mahesh Gupta, Deputy Director, Enforcement Directorate, GoI

3.30 pm - 3.45 pm: Coffee/Tea Break

3.45 pm - 5.00 pm: **Session 4**
Gender Mainstreaming and Trade Facilitation
- Soo Hyun Kim, Economic Affairs Officer, Trade Policy and Facilitation Section, Trade, Investment and Innovation Division, UNESCAP
- Anoush der Boghossian, Head of Trade and Gender Unit, WTO
- Sanjana Joshi, Senior Fellow, Trade, Investment and External Relations (TIER), ICRIER

13th May 2023 (Saturday) - Free

14-16th May, 2023 (Sunday, Monday, Tuesday) – Field Visit to Chennai Port
Practical Project on 17-18th May, 2023 (Wednesday, Thursday); 10:00 am to 4:30 pm
Moderator: Vijay Chauhan, Former Principal Commissioner of Customs, Imports, ICD Tughlakabad

19th May, 2023 (Friday)

10.30 am - 1.00 pm  :  Presentations of Practical Project
1.00 pm             :  Lunch
3.00 pm - 4.00 pm  :  Concluding Session

Opening Remarks by Deepak Mishra, Director & CE, ICRIER
Opening Remarks by Thiam Hee Ng, Director, Regional Cooperation and Operations Coordination Division, South Asia Department, ADB
Address by Tenzin Lekphell, Secretary General, BIMSTEC
Keynote Address by, Smt. Meenakshi Lekhi, Minister of State, Ministry of External Affairs, GoI
Distribution of Certificates of Participation
Vote of Thanks by Nisha Taneja, Professor and Lead for Trade, Investment and External Relations (TIER), ICRIER
Group Photograph

20th May 2023 (Saturday) – Departure of Participants