

SASEC Trade Facilitation Program



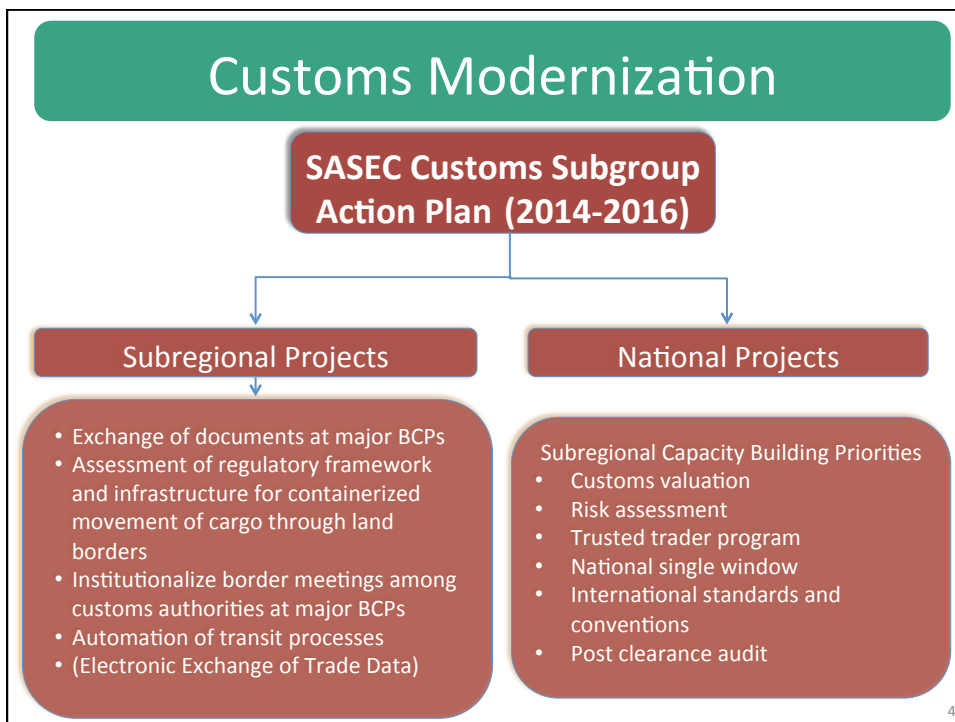
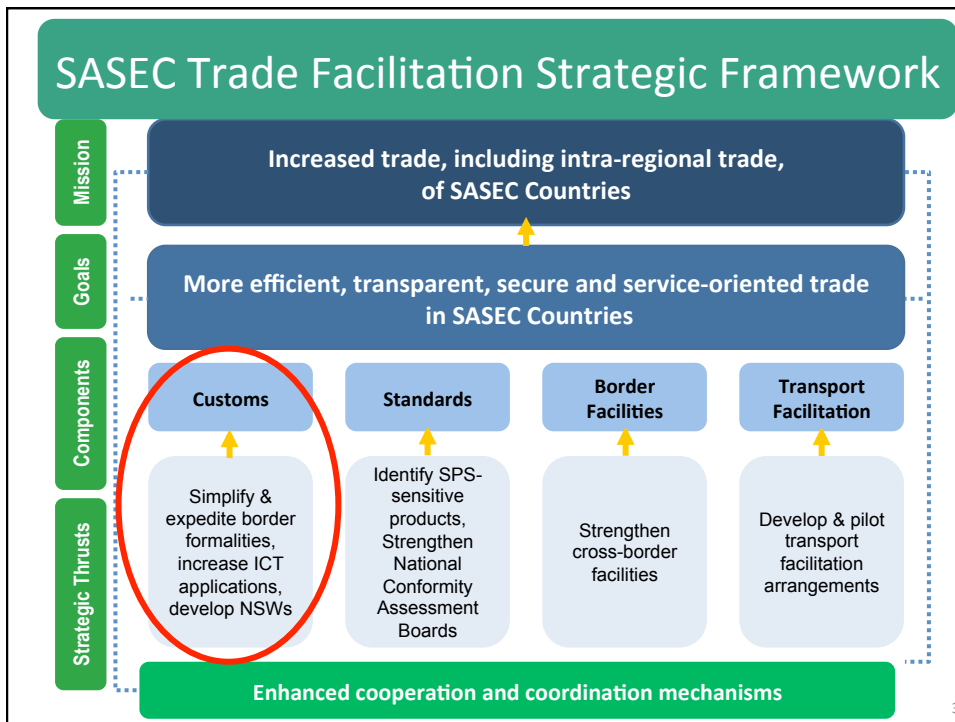
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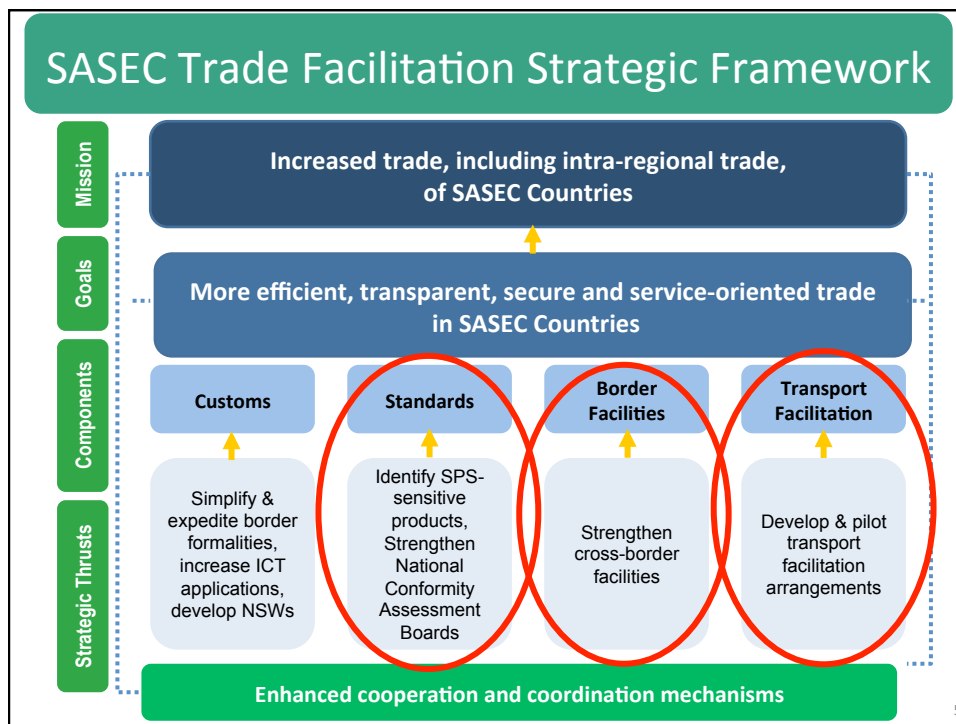
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ADB

SASEC Program (2001 -)

- 6 Member Countries, 3 Priority Sectors:
 - BAN, BHU, IND, MAL, ***NEP***, SRI
 - *Transport*, ***Trade Facilitation***, *Energy*
- Projects (as of March 2015)





ADB support to Nepal Trade Facilitation

1. **SASEC Trade Facilitation Program (2012 -2015)**
2. **Japan Fund for Poverty Reduction (JFPR) Technical Assistance projects**
3. SASEC Customs Subsector Subregional and National projects
4. ASYCUDA World and e-Customs
5. Formulation of the next phase Trade Facilitation projects (2017 -)

SASEC Trade Facilitation Program

- Grant US\$ 15 million, released in two tranches upon completion of policy actions.
- Achieving the STFP DMF Outputs by December 2015
 - **RKC accession**
 - ASYCUDA World launch
 - Documentation reduction
 - Establishment of the pilot NSW
 - Trade/Customs portal



JFPR TA Support

- 4 TA s (1 REG, 3 national for NEP, BAN and BHU; \$ 1.5 million each), approved in August/September 2013, closing in July/August 2016.
- **Accession to the RKC as a Project Output Target**
- Low disbursement – 6 % disbursed, 12 % contract awarded as of March 2015 (NEP).



NEP JFPR 2015-2016 Plan

- **Project 1:** WCO/WTO conventions/measures/standards on trade facilitation
- **Project 2:** RKC General standards compliance and Gap analysis of Specific Annexes
- **Project 3:** Nepal's Readiness for Trusted Traders Program and Authorised Economic Operator (AEO).
- **Project 4 :** Review of formalities and Documentation on Import and Export and conduct Time Release Study
- (Project Proposed : Support for transport facilitation)



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