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**Third Meeting of the SASEC Customs Subgroup (SCS-3)
11-12 March 2015
Goa, India**

**Customs Compliance Programs: Building Blocks to the AEO Scheme
--- A SASEC Learning Event ---
11 March 2015
1315-1700 hrs**

PROVISIONAL PROGRAM
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**Moderator: Mr. Satish Reddy
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Expected participants:	Customs Officials (Director General [DG]/ Deputy DG level) from participating countries, ADB, World Customs Organization (WCO)
Objectives:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Share knowledge and experiences in the design and implementation of Customs Compliance Programs 2) Obtain private sector perspectives on Customs compliance programs 3) Identify critical success factors in the implementation of such programs
1315 – 1330	Registration
1330 – 1345 (15 minutes)	<p>Opening session</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome Remarks by the Moderator • Inaugural Address by Mr. Sandeep Kumar, Commissioner (Customs), CBEC <p><i>The Moderator will welcome the participants and explain the rationale for the choice of topic; and the objectives and format of the Learning Event.</i></p>
1345 – 1400 (15 minutes)	<p>Session 1: Customs Compliance Programs: An Overview</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Harumi Chikada Regional Development Manager for Asia and the Pacific Capacity Building Directorate, World Customs Organization (WCO) <p><i>The WCO representative will give an overview of customs compliance programs and authorized traders in the context of the SAFE Framework (Transitional Standard 3.32); some of the most successful schemes that have been implemented and why they were successful; a commentary on</i></p>

	<i>the typology of customs compliance models that have evolved (i.e. the differences and similarities between gold cards, accredited clients program, trusted traders program, etc.); and a brief reference to the WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement (TFA), Article 7.7 on Authorized Operators (AOs).</i>
	Session 2: Operational AEO Schemes and Customs Compliance Programs
1400 – 1420 (15 minutes presentation + 5 minutes open discussion)	<p>Session 2a: Japan's AEO scheme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Norikazu Kuramoto Deputy Director Office of Counselor for International Affairs and Cooperation, Customs and Tariff Bureau, Ministry of Finance, Japan <p><i>Japan's case will illustrate an advanced and comprehensive AEO scheme. The presenter will describe the gradual expansion of the AEO scheme from a limited coverage to exporters in 2006 to its present comprehensive coverage of exporters, importers, warehouse operators, customs brokers, and logistics operators. The presentation will highlight the experience in handling these different operators considering their different characteristics and behavior.</i></p> <p>Open Discussion</p>
1420 – 1440 (15 minutes presentation + 5 minutes open discussion)	<p>Session 2b: India's AEO Scheme and Accredited Clients Program</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Akhilesh Pandey Additional Director, Risk Management Division Central Board of Excise and Customs, India <p><i>India's presentation will focus on the complementarity of the two programs — AEO and ACP. The presenter will focus on the need as well as the challenges of implementing the two schemes citing some concrete and practical experiences at the border.</i></p> <p>Open discussion</p>
1440-1500 (15 minutes presentation + 5 minutes open discussion)	<p>Session 2c: Indonesia: Mitra Utama Program: Facilitation Service for Priority Importers and AEO pilot program</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Moh Firstananto Jerusalem Head of Objection and Appeal Section I Customs Headquarter, Jakarta <p>Open discussion</p>
1500 – 1515 (15 minutes)	Open discussion on Sessions 1, 2a, 2b and 2c
1515 – 1530	<i>Coffee/Tea Break</i>
	Session 3: SASEC Panel Discussion

<p>1530 – 1620 (45 minutes panel discussion + 5 minutes recap by the Moderator)</p>	<p>Session 3: Panel discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Heads of Delegation of Participating Countries <p><i>Heads of Delegation of Participating Countries to the Learning Event will engage in a panel discussion to share their insights and reactions to the presentations (i) highlighting some of the good features observed from the four country cases; and (ii) implications on the design of their respective customs compliance/authorized traders program. The objective here is to crystallize the “take away” of the participating countries from the learning event --- whether in the form of additional knowledge/insights or additional questions or issues that they realize must be addressed in the design of their customs compliance programs. After giving their reactions, they can engage any of the speakers on some details of their presentations.</i></p>
<p>1620 – 1635 (15 minutes)</p>	<p>Open discussion on Sessions 3</p>
<p>1635 – 1645 (10 minutes)</p>	<p>Closing Session</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Synthesis and Closing Remarks
<p>1900 – 2100</p>	<p><i>Dinner hosted by ADB Venue: La Brise by Novotel Assembly Time/Area: 1830H, Novotel hotel lobby</i></p>