



# Regional: Advancing Cooperation in the Maritime Sector in South Asia Subregional Economic Cooperation Program

Project Name	Advancing Cooperation in the Maritime Sector in South Asia Subregional Economic Cooperation Program					
Project Number	53175-001					
Country	RegionalBangladeshIndiaMaldivesMyanmarSri Lanka					
Project Status	Proposed					
Project Type / Modality of Assistance	Technical Assistance					
Source of Funding / Amount	<table border="1"> <tr> <td colspan="2">TA: Advancing Cooperation in the Maritime Sector in South Asia Subregional Economic Cooperation Program</td> </tr> <tr> <td>United Kingdom Fund for Asia Regional Trade and Connectivity under the Regional Cooperation and Integration Financing Partnership Facility</td> <td>US\$ 1.50 million</td> </tr> </table>		TA: Advancing Cooperation in the Maritime Sector in South Asia Subregional Economic Cooperation Program		United Kingdom Fund for Asia Regional Trade and Connectivity under the Regional Cooperation and Integration Financing Partnership Facility	US\$ 1.50 million
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Strategic Agendas	Environmentally sustainable growth Inclusive economic growth Regional integration					
Drivers of Change	Governance and capacity development Knowledge solutions Partnerships Private sector development					
Sector / Subsector	Industry and trade - Industry and trade sector development					
Gender Equity and Mainstreaming	Some gender elements					
Description	This knowledge and support technical assistance will support advancing cooperation in the maritime sector of five countries Bangladesh, India, Maldives, Myanmar and Sri Lanka under the South Asia Subregional Economic Cooperation Program. The initiative will focus on addressing common issues adversely impacting on the performance of the subregion's ports, especially of their container operations. The initiative will provide relevant studies, analytical work, and identification of infrastructure projects designed to enhance maritime connectivity in South and Southeast Asia, and ensure effective knowledge sharing and capacity development of the relevant agencies on how best to address these issues.					
Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy	<p>SASEC member countries recognize that transport, especially maritime connectivity, is a prime catalyst for international trade competitiveness and economic growth, with its critical support role in international logistics. The inclusion of Maldives, Sri Lanka and Myanmar in the program has raised the importance of maritime connectivity for SASEC. However, there has not been a modal cooperation mechanism within SASEC for the maritime transport sector.</p> <p>Considering the present delays in the transit of containers through the subregion's ports, the ability to expedite the transit times between discharge from the vessel to delivery of the cargo to the end-user, and for outbound traffic from the exporter to loading on board the vessels, will not only reduce trade and transport costs but also ensure the reliability of international logistics chains.</p> <p>Trade in South Asia is expected to continue to increase significantly over the next 10 15 years, both in terms of intra-regional movements and trade outside the region. Most of this import/export traffic will be carried via the maritime mode. Thus, advancing cooperation in the maritime sector in the SASEC countries is crucial in ensuring that the subregion's potential economic growth can be fully realized, particularly as income generated by trade can be used to address poverty alleviation.</p>					
Impact	(i) Developed port infrastructure to enable the efficient handling of the subregion's maritime trade and expanded capacity to cope with anticipated growth in container traffic. (ii) Improved port logistics and facilities for efficient handling of cargo in major SASEC ports.					
Outcome	Pipeline of SASEC maritime projects and initiatives finalized.					
Outputs	1. Analytical studies promoting maritime cooperation in SASEC conducted 2. Capacity building and knowledge sharing for SASEC officials on improving port performance and greening ports enhanced					
Geographical Location	Bangladesh - Nation-wide; India - Nation-wide; Maldives - Nation-wide; Myanmar - Nation-wide; Sri Lanka - Nation-wide					
<b>Summary of Environmental and Social Aspects</b>						
Environmental Aspects						
Involuntary Resettlement						
Indigenous Peoples						
<b>Stakeholder Communication, Participation, and Consultation</b>						
During Project Design						
During Project Implementation						
<b>Business Opportunities</b>						

Consulting Services A combination of individual consultants and consulting firms will be engaged for the implementation of TA activities. Individuals will be engaged using individual consultant selection, while the consulting firms will be engaged using quality/cost-based selection with a 90:10 ratio. ADB will engage the consultants and carry out procurement following the ADB Procurement Policy (2017, as amended from time to time) and its associated project administration instructions and/or staff instructions.

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Fact Finding	18 Mar 2019 to 18 Mar 2019
MRM	-
Approval	-
Last Review Mission	-
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