RCI-POD Webinar #32



Integrated Approach to Trade and Transportation Facilitation

8 August, 10:00–11:30 a.m., MS Teams

The webinar will present the findings of an ADB report that looked into selected policy documents to identify gaps in discussion of trade and transportation facilitation and connectivity, offering a diagnostic framework at national (country level) and subnational (trade corridors) levels to understand trade readiness. The webinar will also bring together a panel of experts that will further shed light on adopting a comprehensive approach to trade and transport facilitation that is not only driven by technology, but also provides a sustainable, resilient, and inclusive outcome.



AGENDA

Host: Sanchita Basu Das, Economist, Regional Cooperation and Integration Division (ERCI), Economic Research and Development Impact Department (ERDI), Asian Development Bank (ADB)

10:00 – 10:05 Opening Remarks

• Jong Woo Kang, Director, ERCI, ERDI, ADB [Moderator]

Presentation: Introduction, Identified Gaps, and Key Messages

10:05 – 10:30 • Sanchita Basu Das, ERCI, ERDI, ADB

Presentation: Gaps in Policy Documents and Diagnostics Framework

- Shubham Gupta, Partner, Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu India LLP
- Nishant Jain, Director, Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu India LLP

10:30 – 11:15 Panel Discussion

- Nora Dihel, Senior Economist, World Bank
- **Azhar Jaimurzina Ducrest,** Chief, Transport Connectivity and Logistics Section, Transport Division, UNESCAP
- *Kijin Kim*, Senior Economist, ERCI, ERDI, ADB
- *Kanya Sasradipoera*, Principal Trade Specialist, Regional Cooperation and Integration Unit, South Asia Department, ADB
- Shandre Thangavelu, Head, Jeffrey Cheah Institute for Southeast Asia

11:15 – 11:25 Q&A

11:25– 11:30 Closing