



***Regional Conference on  
Strengthening Transport  
Connectivity and Trade Facilitation  
in South and South-West Asia***

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***Strengthening Transport Connectivity  
in South and South West Asia***

## Outline

1. State of transport connectivity in south and south west Asia needs improvement
2. ESCAP initiatives to enhance regional connectivity
3. Master Plan to strengthen transport connectivity for SSWA is the way forward



## 1.State of transport connectivity in SSWA countries

### 1a.Doing Business and Logistics Performance Index

Country	DB 2013 Rank	LPI 2012 Rank
Turkey	71	27
Pakistan	107	71
Nepal	108	151
Bangladesh	129	NA
India	132	46
Islamic Republic of Iran	145	112
Bhutan	148	107
Afghanistan	168	135

Source: WB, Doing Business 2013; Connecting to Compete, 2012

## 1b. Trading across Border in South Asia

Region	Documents to export (number)	Time to export (days)	Cost to export (US\$ per container)	Documents to import (number)	Time to import (days)	Cost to import (US\$ per container)
East Asia & Pacific	6	21	923	7	22	958
Eastern Europe & Central Asia	7	26	2,134	8	29	2,349
Latin America & Caribbean	6	17	1,268	7	19	1,612
Middle East & North Africa	6	19	1,083	8	22	1,275
OECD high income	4	10	1,028	5	10	1,080
<b>South Asia</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>1,603</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>1,736</b>
Sub-Saharan Africa	8	31	1,990	9	37	2,567

Source: WB, Doing Business 2013

### 1c. Regional Overview of Transport Connectivity Over Land

Subregion	Transport facilitation conventions	Multilateral/ bilateral agreements	Document harmonization	Joint controls at border	Route opening level	Road/rail/ border facilities
South	Limited	Limited	Limited	Limited for one side	Low	Partly modernized
Southeast	Some	Many	Many	Much progress	High	Mostly modernized
Northeast	Many	Many	Many	Much progress	Medium	Mostly modernized
Central	Many	Many	Many	Much progress	High	Many modernized
West	Many	Many	Many	Much progress	High	Many modernized



*1d. Weak connectivity has led to low Intra-Subregional Trade*

Subregion	Intra-Subregional trade share 2010 (%)	Intra-Subregional trade share 2011 (%)	Overall trade recovery in 2010 to pre-crisis level
East Asia	36.86	39.29	Yes
Southeast Asia	24.59	26.00	Yes
South Asia	3.27	3.24	No
Central & West Asia	6.37	6.28	No

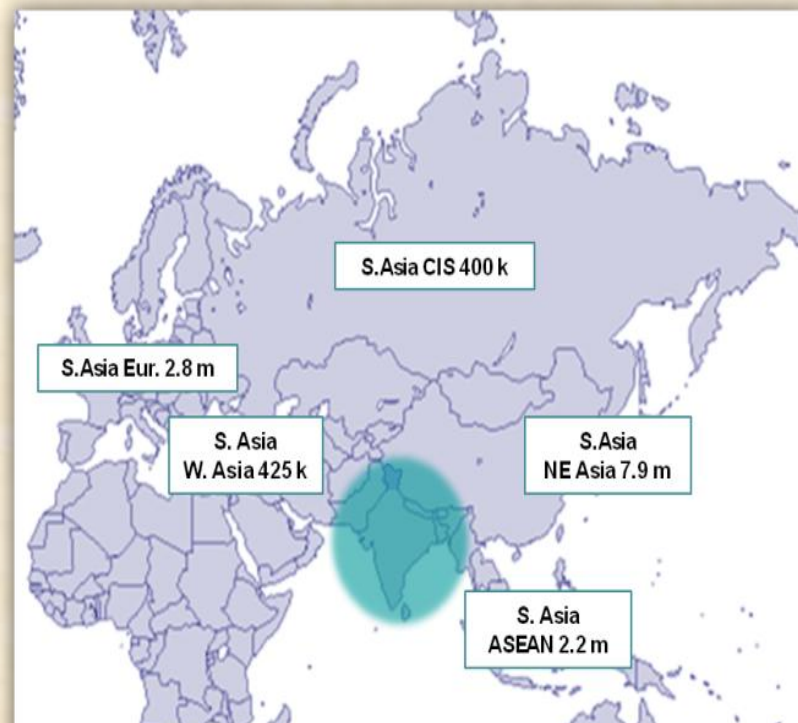
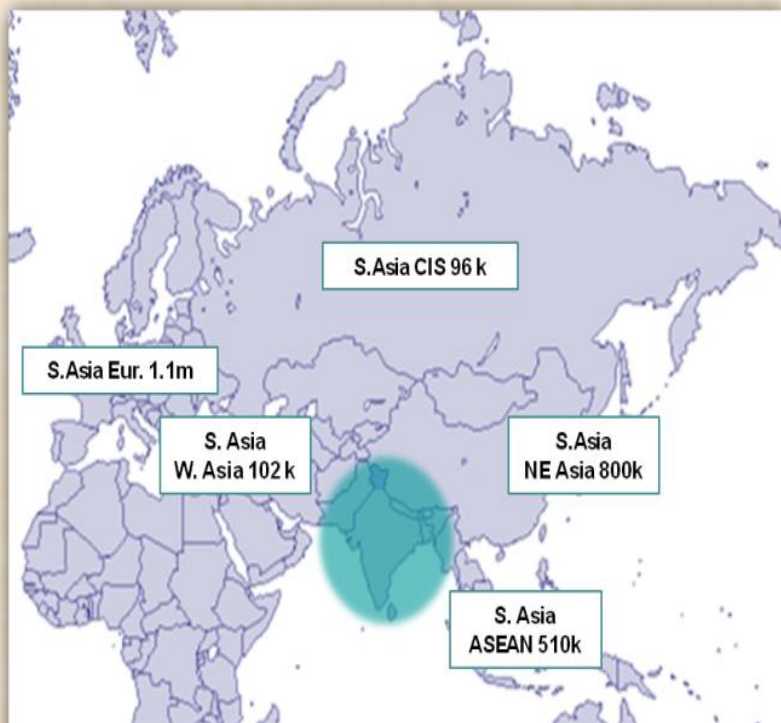
**Source:** UNESCAP Statistical Yearbook for Asia & the Pacific; Database of ADB Asian Regional Integration Centre.

## 2. ESCAP initiatives to enhance regional connectivity

- Inter Governmental Agreements on Asian Highway, Trans-Asian Railway Networks and the Dry Ports
- In 2006 members adopted Busan Declaration on Transport Development in Asia and the Pacific, 3 I's vision for transport and logistic system for the region
- 3I's are International, Inter-modal and Interconnected
- ESCAP resolution 48/11
- Transport facilitation is inherently challenging involves numerous government agencies and countries different institutional environment and implementation capacities
- Increasing importance of non- physical and need for a comprehensive approach. Consequent to study formulated Regional Strategic Framework to address the issues holistically



## **UIC estimates on Container Traffic in South Asia in 2025**



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