



DIALOGUE ON SOUTH ASIA MIGRATION COMMISSION

Duke's Court I, Cinnamon Lakeside Colombo

Friday 27 November 2009

Organized by

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8:45 – 9:00 REGISTRATION

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| 9:00 – 9:10 | Welcome Address by: | Joachim Schluetter , <i>Resident Director, Friedrich Ebert Stiftung, Colombo</i> |
| 9:10 – 9:20 | Introductory Remarks by: | Saman Kelegama , <i>Executive Director, Institute of Policy Studies of Sri Lanka</i> |
| 9:20 – 9:30 | Opening Remarks by: | Sridhar Khatri , <i>Executive Director, South Asia Centre for Policy Studies (SACEPS)</i> |
| 9:30 – 9:45 | South Asia Migration Commission (SAMC) – <i>Draft Text</i> | Farooq Sobhan , <i>President, Bangladesh Enterprise Institute (BEI)</i> |
| 9:45 – 10:00 | SAMC: Observations from India | S. Irudaya Rajan , <i>Professor, Research Unit on International Migration, Centre for Development Studies (CDS), India</i> |
| 10:00 – 10:15 | SAMC: Observations from Pakistan |,,
..... (to be confirmed) |
| 10:15 – 10:30 | SAMC: Observations from Sri Lanka | Tilani Jayawardhana , <i>Research Economist, Institute of Policy Studies of Sri Lanka</i> |

10:30 – 11:00 TEA/COFFEE

11:00 – 11:15 SAMC: Observations from Bangladesh

Rabab Fatima, *Regional Representative for South Asia, International Organization on Migration (IOM)*

11:15 – 11:30 SAMC: Observations from Nepal

Sridhar Khatri, *Executive Director, South Asia Centre for Policy Studies (SACEPS), Nepal*

11:30 – 11:45 SAMC: Observations from Maldives

Hussain Niyaz, *Director General, Economic & Development Cooperation Dept., Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Republic of Maldives*

11:45 – 12:00 SAMC: Observations from Bhutan

Sonam Tobgay, *Principal Consultant, Thimphu Consultants International, Bhutan*

12:00 – 12:15 SAMC: Observations from Afghanistan

Mahmoud Saikal, *Former Deputy Foreign Minister of Afghanistan & Senior Advisor to Dehsabz City Development Authority, Kabul*

12:15 – 13:00 Discussion

13:00 – 14:00 LUNCH [COFFEE SHOP]

14:00 – 16:30 Modifying the Draft Text

16:30 – 17:00 TEA/COFFEE

17:00 – Finalization of the Text
