



# **Regional Conference on Strengthening Transport Connectivity & Trade Facilitation in South & South West Asia**

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# Outline of Presentation



- **Setting the Context**
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- **Assessment of Infrastructure**
- **Contribution of CONCOR**
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# Setting the Context



- **South & South West Asia region: High growth nations as compared to World average. It is major driver of global economic recovery**
- **In the aftermath of global financial crisis in West: domestic & regional trade is a must to sustain growth**
- **For this: Transport Connectivity is v. critical**

# Sub-regional groups/ Trade agreements

- **To boost business in the sub-region, several groups and trade agreements have been formed**
- **Preferential trade arrangements play a major role in stimulating trade**
- **These agreements result in reduced costs and increasing volumes of regional trade**

**Trade Competitiveness depends on  
efficient, fast, reliable and seamless  
connectivity**

# Assessment of Infrastructure



**The infrastructure of Transport Network  
in South and South West Asia is  
lower than the World average**

*(Source: Kalegama & Abayasekara, Regional Economic cooperation and connectivity in south and south west asia)*

# Assessment of Infrastructure...



- **Air transport is most developed in the region**
- **Ports are also relatively well developed. All top 10 container ports are in Asia**
- **Road and Rail networks are less developed in the Region. Need lots of improvements and inputs**
- **Greater emphasis needs to be laid on improving Rail connectivity of the Region**

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