

Strengthening ASEAN Through BIMP EAGA and Subregional Cooperation

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- EAGA is one of four subregional initiatives in ASEAN
- IMS-GT, IMT-GT and GMS are the other initiatives
- Aim of initiatives is to accelerate development in the areas covered.

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- Will strengthening subregional cooperation strengthen ASEAN?

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- Regional cooperation is characterized by legal arrangements promoting closer cooperation among member countries
- Subregional cooperation puts in place necessary “connectivity infrastructure” to realize closer cooperation, specially in the border areas
- It is through subregional cooperation that agreements reached at the regional level can be effectively implemented

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- SASEC contributes to SAARC's objective of increasing trade cooperation in South Asia.
- .The Chittagong Port Trade Facilitation Project under SASEC has resulted in increasing the capacity and efficiency of the container terminal and has helped put in place international port security and environmental standards, which has led to lower shipping and port charges and has contributed to more international trade

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- How do we strengthen BIMP EAGA so that we strengthen ASEAN in the process?

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- BIMP EAGA Roadmap to Development (2006-2010)
- Mid-Term Review of the BIMP-EAGA Roadmap (2006-2010)
- Study on the BIMP EAGA Private Sector
- BIMP EAGA Implementation Blueprint (2012-2016)
- BIMP EAGA Vision 2025

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- “ ... In realising the BEV 2025, we emphasise the urgency to strengthen implementation processes, institutional mechanisms, and capacity of BIMP EAGA to ensure it remains responsive to the requirements of the subregion. We urged our respective concerned agencies at the national and local levels to provide policy, technical, funding and administrative support to ensure the effective, efficient and timely delivery of the BEV 2025...”

Thank You