ESCAP-ARTNET/ITD REGIONAL WORKSHOP ON TRADE FACILITATION FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

7 – 10 August 2018

1st floor, United Nations Conference Centre, Bangkok, Thailand

This workshop aims at building the capacity of government officials on implementing trade facilitation and paperless trade initiatives and enabling them to more effectively support or participate in the work of National Committees on Trade Facilitation or related inter-agency bodies. The workshop will present an update on the state of implementation of key trade facilitation and paperless trade measures in the region. Many key measures and instruments on trade facilitation will be introduced, including the WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement and the new Framework Agreement on the Facilitation of Cross-Border Paperless Trade in Asia and the Pacific. On practical implementation, participants will also learn how to conduct a Business Process Analysis (BPA) project to simplify trade procedures and learn about emerging topics on trade facilitation in the context of logistics management, gender specific dimensions of trade facilitation and e-commerce technical issues.

Day 1:

08.30 – 09.00 hours	**Registration**
09.00 – 09.15 hours	**Opening remarks** ➢ *Ms. Mia Mikic, Director, Trade, Investment and Innovation Division (TIID), ESCAP* ➢ *Mr. Kamalinne Pinitpuvadol, Executive Director, International Institute for Trade and Development (ITD)*
09.15 – 09.30 hours	**Introduction of workshop and self-introduction of participants/ resource persons** ➢ *Mr. Rajan Ratna, Trade Policy and Facilitation Section (TPFS), Trade, Investment and Innovation Division (TIID), ESCAP*
09.30 - 10.30 hours	**Session 1 - Trade Facilitation: Introduction and State of Play** ➢ *Mr. Yann Duval, Chief, TPFS, TIID, ESCAP*
10.30 – 10.45 hours	*— Networking break—*

10.45 – 12.00 hours	**Session 2 – WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement & other tools and instruments for trade facilitation** ➢ *Mr. Yann Duval, Chief, TPFS, TIID, ESCAP*
12.00 – 13.00 hours	*– Lunch –*
13.00 – 14.15 hours	**Session 3 – Establishing and Operating National Trade Facilitation Committee (NTFC)** ➢ *Ms. Pamela UGAZ, Economic Affairs Officer, Trade Facilitation Section, Division of Technology and Logistics, UNCTAD*
14.15 – 14.30 hours	*— Networking break—*
14.30 – 16.15 hours	**Session 4 – Introduction and group work for preparation of national reports and Group presentations** ➢ *Mr. Rajan Ratna, TPFS, TIID, ESCAP*

Day 2:

09.00 –10.30 hours	**Session 5 - Business Process Analysis (BPA) to Simplify Trade Procedures** ➢ *Ms. Yuhua Zhang and Mr. Sangwon Lim, TPFS, TIID, ESCAP*
10.30 – 10.45 hours	*— Networking break—*
10.45 – 12.00 hours	**Unlocking seamless Trade Facilitation using Strategic Logistics** *Mr. Ruth Banomyong, Head, Department of International Business, Logistics and Transport, Thammasat Business School* **Session 6 – BPA to**
12.00 – 13.00 hours	*– Lunch –*
13.00 – 16.00 hours	**Session 7 – 8 -*FIELD TRIP – Visit to Thai NSW***

Day 3:

09.00 –10.00 hours	**Simplify Trade Procedures: Group exercises and presentation** ➢ *Ms. Yuhua Zhang and Mr. Sangwon Lim, TPFS, TIID, ESCAP*
10.00 – 11.00 hours	**Session 9 – Single Window and Paperless Trade Implementation: Success factors, lessons learned and emerging trends** ➢ *Mr. Sangwon Lim, TPFS, TIID, ESCAP and Mr. Somnuk Keretho, Director, Institute for IT Innovation, Kasetsart University*

11.00 – 11.15 hours —*Networking break*—

11.15 – 12.15 hours **Session 10 – Digital Trade Facilitation and emerging technologies**

- *Mr. Sangwon Lim, TPFS, TIID, ESCAP and Mr. Shantanu Godbole, Senior Manager - Industries Research, IBM Research - India*

12.00 – 13.15 hours – *Lunch* –

13.00 – 14.30 hours **Session 11 - Trade Facilitation Measures for Landlocked Countries and Special Island States**

- *Mr. Prabir De, Professor at the Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS), New Delhi*

14.30 – 14.45 hours —*Networking break*—

14.45 – 16.00 hours **Session 12 – AEO programme and WCO Instruments for Trade Facilitation**

- *Mr. Hong-Young JO, Program Manager for East, Central, and West Asia, Asia Pacific Regional Office for Capacity Building (ROCB A/P), World Customs Organization (WCO)*

Day 4:

09.00 –10.30 hours **Session 14 – E-commerce and trade Facilitation in Regional Trade Agreements**

Presenter:

- *Mr. Rajan Ratna, TIID, ESCAP*

Discussant:

- *Mr. Shantanu Godbole, Senior Manager – Industries Research, IBM Research - India*
- *Mr. Somnuk Keretho, Director, Institute for IT Innovation, Kasetsart University*
- *Ms. Duangthip Chomprang, Director, Office of Regional Cooperation and Support, International Institute for Trade and Development (ITD) (TBC)*

10.30 – 10.45 hours —*Networking break*—

10.45 – 12.00 hours **Session 15 – Practical Strategies and Measures in incorporating Gender Dimension in Trade Facilitation**

- Ms. Yumiko Yamamoto , Lecturer, Center for Global Partnerships and Education, Okayama University

12.00 – 13.00 hours *– Lunch –*

13.00 – 14.00 hours **Session 16 – Group work - Preparation of presentations**

14.00 – 14.30 hours *—Networking break—*

14.30 – 15.45 hours **Session 17 – Group presentations – comparative performance and way forward**

15.45 – 16.15 hours **Session 18 – Panel session on trade facilitation and sustainable development: way forward**

Panelists:

- *Mr. Prabir De, Professor at the Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS), New Delhi*
- *Mr. Somnuk Keretho, Director, Institute for IT Innovation, Kasetsart University*
- *Ms. Duangthip Chomprang, Director, Office of Regional Cooperation and Support, International Institute for Trade and Development (ITD)*

16.15 – 16.30 hours **Wrap up and closing**