

ESCAP-ARTNET-ITD TRADE FACILITATION FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP 2019

23 – 26 September 2019

Meeting room A, 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**
- *United Nations ESCAP*
 - *International Institute for Trade and Development (ITD)*
- 09.15 – 09.30 hours **Introduction of workshop and self-introduction of participants/
resource persons**
- *Prof. Somnuk Keretho, Director, Institute for Information Technology Innovation, Kasetsart University*
- 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 – Unlocking seamless Trade Facilitation using Strategic Logistics**
➤ **Regional Expert**
- 14.15 – 14.30 hours — *Networking break*—
- 14.30 – 16.15 hours **Session 4 – Group work for preparation of national reports and Group presentations**
➤ *Prof. Somnuk Keretho, Director, Institute for Information Technology Innovation, Kasetsart University*
- 16.15 – 17.00 hours —*Self-study*—

Day 2:

- 09.00 –10.30 hours **Session 5 - Business Process Analysis (BPA) to Simplify Trade Procedures: Introduction and planning**
➤ *Prof. Somnuk Keretho, Director, Institute for Information Technology Innovation, Kasetsart University*
- 10.30 – 10.45 hours — *Networking break*—
- 10.45 – 12.00 hours **Session 6 - Business Process Analysis (BPA) to Simplify Trade Procedures: Modeling and analysis**
➤ *Prof. Somnuk Keretho, Director, Institute for Information Technology Innovation, Kasetsart University*
- 12.00 – 13.00 hours — *Lunch* —
- 13.00 – 16.00 hours **Session 7 – 8 -FIELD TRIP – Visit to Thai NSW**
- 16.00 – 17.00 hours —*Self-study*—

Day 3:

- 09.00 –10.00 hours **Session 9 – BPA to Simplify Trade Procedures: Group exercises and presentation**
➤ *Prof. Somnuk Keretho, Director, Institute for Information Technology Innovation, Kasetsart University*
- 10.00 – 11.00 hours **Session 10 – Single Window and Paperless Trade Implementation: Success factors, lessons learned and emerging trends**
➤ *Prof. Somnuk Keretho, Director, Institute for Information Technology Innovation, Kasetsart University*

- 11.00 – 11.15 hours *—Networking break—*
- 11.15 – 12.15 hours **Session 11 – Digital Trade Facilitation and emerging technologies**
➤ *Prof. Somnuk Keretho, Director, Institute for Information
Technology Innovation, Kasetsart University*
- 12.15 – 13.15 hours *– Lunch –*
- 13.15 – 14.30 hours **Session 12 - Trade Facilitation Measures for Landlocked Countries
and Special Island States**
➤ *Regional expert*
- 14.30 – 14.45 hours *—Networking break—*
- 14.45 – 16.00 hours **Session 13 – E-commerce and trade Facilitation**
➤ *ITD*
- 16.00 – 17.00 hours *—Self-study—*

Day 4:

- 09.00 –10.30 hours **Session 14 – Establishing and Operating National Trade Facilitation Committee (NTFC)**
➤ UNCTAD/Regional Expert
- 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**
➤ Regional expert
- 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**
- 15.45 – 16.15 hours **Session 18 – Panel session on trade facilitation and sustainable development in the context of Global Value Chain (GVC): way forward**
Moderator: Ms Mia Mikic, Director, Trade, Investment and Innovation Division, United Nations ESCAP
Panelists:
➤ TBC
- 16.15 – 16.30 hours **Wrap up and closing**