



ASIA-PACIFIC RESEARCH AND TRAINING NETWORK ON TRADE

Seminar Series

The Trade and Investment Division and the Asia-Pacific Research and Training Network on Trade (ARTNeT) are pleased to invite you to a seminar on:

Assessment of the Nairobi Outcome and Implications for Asia and the Pacific*

Speaker: Mr. Shishir Priyadarshi

**Thursday, 4 February 2016
14.00 to 15.30 hours
Meeting Room H, 1st Floor, UNCC**

Please confirm your participation by email to ARTNeT Secretariat at artnetontrade@un.org no later than 29 Jan 2016

About speaker



Mr. Shishir Priyadarshi heads the Development Division of the WTO, whose mandate is to facilitate work on all trade related developmental issues in the WTO. A significant part of Mr. Priyadarshi's responsibilities extends to taking care of the developmental aspects of the Doha negotiations, especially in so far as they relate to addressing the concerns of developing countries. In particular this also includes the responsibilities relating to the initiative on Aid for Trade.

WTO is a steadfast institutional partner of ARTNeT and ESCAP secretariats.

**The 10th WTO Ministerial Conference (MC10) took place in Nairobi, Kenya, from 14 to 19 December 2015. The meeting adopted the "Nairobi package" which builds on a number of agreements reached in Bali in 2013. In addition to delivering decisions to secure fairer and more development-oriented trade (through elimination of agriculture export subsidies), the meeting also adopted a number of LDC specific decisions. However, there were significant divergences on the reaffirmation of the DDA which has been languishing for over a decade. There were similar divergences on the need to start looking at some 'new issues'. All this has led to 'mixed reactions' in the press.*

The purpose of this ARTNeT seminar is to debrief, and exchange views, with ESCAP staff and representatives of ESCAP member States, ARTNeT associates and civil society on the results of MC10 especially the implications of the agreed text in key areas for the work on trade and development issues for the Asia and Pacific.