



Asia-Pacific Research and Training Network on Trade (ARTNeT)

Call for ARTNeT Post-workshop Research Study Proposals

(limited to participants in the WTO/ESCAP Ninth ARTNeT Capacity Building Workshop for Trade Research)

(deadline 5 September 2013)

1. Background

ARTNeT invites researchers who participated in the WTO/ESCAP Ninth ARTNeT Capacity Building Workshop for Trade Research held in June 2013 to submit proposals for short-term research.

Proposals should relate to the analytical tools covered in the workshop and their use in assessing the effect of trade facilitation, infrastructure development or preferential trade agreements, as broad components of Aid for Trade, on trade development with the view to identify sound policy recommendations. The proposals should in principle aim to explore how Aid for Trade is, or could be, utilized in generating further benefits in terms of trade and overall economic development. The proposal should clearly demonstrate application of the knowledge or methods studied during the workshop.

Two successful candidates shall receive funding to attend the Aid for Trade Expert Dialogue held in Bangkok, Thailand on 18 and 19 November 2013 where they will present their findings.

2. Proposal Submission (deadline: 5 September 2013)

- Researchers and/or research teams¹ are invited to submit short research proposals to the ARTNeT Secretariat no later than 5 September 2013. Proposals shall be sent to artnetontrade@un.org.
- Research proposals should be less than 5 pages. The proposed outline is as follows:
 1. Title
 2. Background [1/2 page]
 3. Literature Review [1/2 to 1 page]
 4. Research Question(s) and Scope of Study [1/2 page]

¹ Only one representative of the research team, if selected, will be awarded funding to attend the Dialogue.

5. Methodology and Data [1 page]
6. Expected research outcome and policy relevance [1/2 page]
7. Proposed research team (include CVs)

3. Proposal Selection (to be announced around 10 September 2013)

The proposals will be reviewed by the Secretariat with help from external advisors and collaborating institutions. The following criteria will be used for the evaluation:

- Relevance of the proposal
- Relevance of the expected results to policy makers in the Asia-Pacific region
- Technical quality and clarity of the proposal
- Potential contribution to trade research capacity building in the region.

4. Dissemination (18 November – 19 November 2013, Bangkok)

- ESCAP and/or other ARTNeT core partners will enter into appropriate contractual arrangements with the researcher(s) whose proposals have been selected for funding to attend the Expert Dialogue on Aid for Trade held in Bangkok, Thailand on 18-19 November 2013.
- The final study shall be ready by 31 October 2013 in a final draft version for dissemination in the Expert Dialogue, and should include a table of content with titles and subtitles, as well as an executive summary of 400 words focusing on policy implications. Studies must consist solely of original text which must be written in proper English, so that they may be distributed to stakeholders without major revisions or corrections. Authors may be requested to prepare a shorter version of the study to be published as a policy brief or similar publication. Final publications will be issued under the authors' names.

5. Contact information

Please email the ARTNeT Secretariat at artnetontrade@un.org if you have any questions.
