



ASIA-PACIFIC RESEARCH AND TRAINING NETWORK ON TRADE CALL FOR BRIEFS

Call for Research-based Policy Briefs on Trade and Investment Issues

Senior trade researchers from research and academic institutions are invited to submit policy briefs to the ARTNeT Secretariat for consideration for publication under the ARTNeT Policy Brief Series.

Topics of interest

Any topic under the theme of trade and investment for inclusive and sustainable development will be considered. Within this theme, briefs focusing on the following areas are of particular interest:

1. Trade competitiveness policies
2. Economic diversification / rebalancing of sources of economic growth
3. Trade facilitation
4. Environment-friendly trade policies in Asia-Pacific
5. Regional Trade Agreements
6. South-South cooperation, in particular on trade-related issues.
7. GATS Mode 4 and Labour Mobility
8. Tackling gender issues through trade and investment policies
9. Trade, investment and inequality in Asia and the Pacific
10. The importance of technology transfer: Trade and investment policy options

Format requirements

- Policy briefs should be between 2,000 and 2,500 words.
- They should include at least two regionally-relevant figures/tables/graphs, and be written in professional but non-technical English.
- They should be research and evidence-based and be of interest to trade policymakers from developing countries of the Asia-Pacific region. To the extent possible, policy briefs should provide an unbiased and timely analysis of a given issue based on an existing body of research and data, and provide practical recommendations/options to policy makers.

Submissions of policy briefs written jointly by researchers from two different countries or subregions are encouraged, as are briefs co-authored by a senior and a junior author.

Researchers interested in writing a policy brief may send the Secretariat a proposed topic and an overview/outline of their brief for initial feedback before proceeding to writing a full draft.

Selection criteria

In addition to the above requirements, the following criteria will be taken into account when selecting policy briefs for publication:

- Relevance and timeliness of the topic for policymakers in Asia-Pacific developing countries, particularly least developed countries.
- Extent to which the brief is based on professional and academic research and analysis, particularly from the region.
- Contribution to research capacity building and dissemination of research to policy makers.

Authorship and publication

Briefs will be published in a standardized ARTNeT policy brief design, and under the name of the author(s) and their institutions. Briefs are disseminated through publication on the ARTNeT website (see <http://www.unescap.org/tid/artnet/pub/polbrief.asp>) as well as through mailing and distribution of printed copies to ARTNeT stakeholders and policymakers.

Institutions to which the authors are affiliated are authorized and encouraged to issue the brief in their own publication series immediately following the release of the ARTNeT brief, with due acknowledgement of ARTNeT support and a relevant web link in a footnote on the front page of the brief.

Please submit your brief or proposal to:

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