



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

Asia-Pacific Trade Economists' Conference:
"Trade in the Asian century - delivering on the promise of economic prosperity"
Celebrating the 10th anniversary of ARTNeT
Bangkok, 22-23 September 2014

Call for Papers and Abstracts
Deadline: 30 April 2014

Background Information and Conference Goal

The Secretariat of the Asia-Pacific Research and Training Network on Trade (ARTNeT) is organizing a high-level conference of trade economists to mark ARTNeT's 10th Anniversary, on 22-23 Sep 2014 at the United Nations Conference Centre in Bangkok. The overall theme of the conference will be "Trade in the Asian century - delivering on the promise of economic prosperity". The Conference is organized with funding support from the International Development Research Centre, and the Secretariat of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) and [other partners - to be confirmed].

This Conference will provide an opportunity for research institutions and individual researchers of the Asia-Pacific region to showcase research they are conducting in collaboration with ARTNeT, as well as to get input on their work from prominent trade experts from around the world. In addition, the Conference will be expected to result in policy recommendations to the Governments of the region which will be submitted to the Committee on Trade and Investment of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific in March 2015.

Thematic Areas of the Conference

1. Trade protectionism: something old, something new, all bad?
2. Trade governance: how (and why) to make the WTO a sustainable model for the future?
3. Development and production networks in Asia
4. The role of stakeholders in the formulation of inclusive and sustainable trade policies
5. 'Behind the border' trade facilitation
6. Adapting trade policies to promote food security: sustainable agriculture and environmental protection
7. Development without manufacturing: Myth or reality?
8. Trade, FDI and jobs
9. Regulatory convergence and trade integration
10. Multilateralising regionalism

Note: In addition to above themes, papers contributing to modernizing teaching of international trade and improved knowledge on empirical techniques will be favorably considered.

Format of the Conference

The Conference will consist of two morning plenary sessions, and several organized expert group sessions. On the basis of submitted abstracts, the program committee will select papers eligible for presentation in the expert group sessions. All presented papers will be available on the dedicated page of the ARTNeT website at the beginning of the Conference. All research papers accepted for the conference and passed peer review after the conference will be considered for inclusion into the Conference volume. Speakers will be asked to discuss the highlights and implications of their work. In order to strengthen the capacity of regional researchers, each expert session will include one or two relevant recent papers by ARTNeT researchers. A substantial amount of time will also be devoted to questions from the audience.

Please be informed that no registration fees will apply for participation in the Conference.

Format of proposals

- ***Expert Group Session Proposals***

If you are interested in taking the lead role in preparing one of the expert group sessions under the topics listed above, or some other topic fitting under the general theme of the Conference, please note that the following information is required at the time of submission:

1. Session organizer's name, affiliation and full contact details
2. Session title
3. Session description (if theme different from the above)
4. How many presentations there will be in the session (either 3 or 4)
5. Full abstract details for all proposed presentations (not longer than two pages for each presenter), including:
 - a. Presenter's name
 - b. Abstract title
 - c. Table of contents
 - d. Abstract

- ***Paper proposals***

If you are interested in preparing a paper in one of the mentioned areas, please note that the following information is required at the time of submission:

1. Session title
2. Full abstract details (not longer than two pages), including:

- a. Presenter's name and full contact details
- b. Abstract title

The session proposal, as well as each abstract proposal, will be reviewed after the 30 April 2014 deadline. The session organizer and the presenter of each proposed abstract will be notified in April of their acceptance/rejection status.

The following criteria will be used in selection:

1. Relevance of the proposal in light of the overall theme of the Conference
2. Relevance of the proposal to the expert group session thematic areas listed above, and expected contribution to the debate
3. Technical clarity and comprehensiveness of proposal
4. Relevance of prior research and experience of proposed researchers

Timeline

Deadline for proposals for organized sessions and abstracts	30 April 2014
Acceptance / rejection status notification	31 May 2014
Delivery of final versions of papers and presentations	31 August 2014 10 Sep 2014 exceptionally for the organized sessions

Financial Support

ARTNeT will financially support the participation in the Conference of researchers and research institutions which are members of ARTNeT and whose papers or proposals for organization of expert group sessions are selected. In addition, ARTNeT will cover the travel costs for the team leaders or a key researcher of the current regional theme projects of ARTNeT. [Pending IDRC and other partners' funding].

Eligibility

All ARTNeT member institutions, and researchers affiliated with them as well as other researchers, especially from the Asia-Pacific region, are eligible to submit proposals.

Submission of Proposals

Interested research institutions and individual researchers are encouraged to submit their proposals as early as possible, and no later than 30 April 2014, by email to the ARTNeT Secretariat at artnetontrade@un.org with a subject line "for ARTNeT 10th conference".

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