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Dear ARTNeT researchers and friends,

We are pleased to report that ARTNeT held two successful events in the past few weeks, at which we met with many of you: the GTAP 13th Annual Conference and the WTO/ESCAP 6th ARTNeT Capacity Building Workshop for Trade Research. Details and pictures of these events can be found on pages 1 and 2 hereof.

In addition, we are pleased to announce calls for applications for two upcoming ARTNeT workshops:

- **Gravity Modelling, 23-27 August 2010, Bogor, Indonesia**
- **Trade and Gender Linkages, 15-17 September 2010, Bangkok, Thailand**

Details on both of these upcoming events can be found on pages 3 and 4 hereof and on the ARTNeT website.

An independent evaluator, Dr. Sailendra Narain, is currently conducting the impact evaluation of ARTNeT Phase II (2007-2010). We appreciate you extending your support to him by sharing your thoughts through interviews and surveys (more on page 2).

Finally, pencil in two upcoming conferences in October:

- ARTNeT/ADB Regulating services for inclusive and sustainable development of Asia and the Pacific, 11-12 October 2010
- ARTNeT/UNCTAD/WTO Trade diversification in the context of global challenges, 27-28 October 2010.

More details on both conferences coming your way soon.

The ARTNeT Secretariat

ESCAP/WTO Sixth ARTNeT Capacity Building Workshop for Trade Research 21-25 June 2010, Vientiane, Lao PDR



ARTNeT held its 6th annual capacity building workshop for trade research from 21 to 25 June 2010 with the generous support of the World Trade Organization (WTO) and the National University of Laos, which hosted the event.

30 researchers from 13 different countries participated in this workshop focusing on research in the area of trade and climate change. Resource persons included Mr. Patrick Low (WTO), Mr. Robert Teh (WTO) and Mr. Truong P. Truong (University of Sydney), as well as ARTNeT Secretariat staff.

All materials relating to the workshop, including background readings, are available for download from <http://www.unescap.org/tid/artnet/mtg/cbtr6.asp>.



Global Trade Analysis Project (GTAP) 13th Annual Conference

9-11 June 2010, Penang, Malaysia

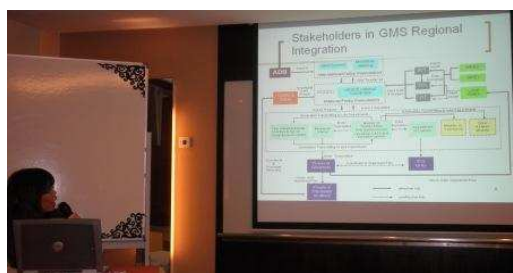


The Thirteenth Annual Conference on Global Economic Analysis was held from 9 to 11 June in Penang, Malaysia, under co-sponsorship of ARTNeT, the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP), the Asian Development Bank and the Center for Global Trade Analysis at Purdue University.

The conference attracted more than 200 economists and other professionals from around the world, over a third of which were from the Asia-Pacific region.



Keynote speakers included Prof. Masahisa Fujita of the Research Institute of Economy, Trade and Industry (Japan) (pictured above), Andrew B. Bernard of Tuck School of Business at Dartmouth, John Quiggin of University of Queensland, and Dominique van der Mensbrugge of the World Bank.



ARTNeT researchers Prabir De of RIS (India), Gloria Pasadilla of ADBI, and Korkarun Chewatrakoolpong of the Chulalongkorn University, and ARTNeT advisers Alan Deardorff, John Gilbert and Kym Anderson, presented their research in an ARTNeT session on Democratization of Trade Policy Design chaired by Evan Due of IDRC.

GTAP Conference papers and presentations can be downloaded from <https://www.gtap.org>

Workshop on Trade, Investment and Regional Integration: Lessons for Policymakers

11-12 March 2010, New Delhi, India

Seventy six participants from various ministries and research institutions in India attended the dissemination workshop on Trade, Investment and Regional Integration: Lessons for Policymakers held in New Delh. The workshop was co-organized by Ministry of Commerce & Industry of India and hosted by the IIFT. The key-note address was given by Dinesh Sharma, Joint Secretary and Mr V.L. Kantha Rao, Director, Department of Commerce, provided a summary of the discussions in the closing session.

Several ARTNeT researchers, including Nitya Nanda (TERI), Mochamad Pasha (CSIS, Indonesia), Prabir De and S.K. Mohanti (RIS), Biswajit Nag and Rajan Ratna (IIFT), Swapna Nair (ICRIER) and Ajitava Raychaudhuri (Jadavpur University) as well as Rashmi Banga (UNCTAD India) were invited to present their research findings to policymakers. Programme and presentations can be viewed at: <http://www.unescap.org/tid/projects/tiri.asp>

ARTNeT Phase II Evaluation Launched

With the end of ARTNeT's Phase II scheduled for the end of 2010, the ARTNeT Secretariat has hired an independent evaluator, Dr. Sailendra Narain, to conduct an evaluation of the implementation and impact of Phase II.



In this connection, Dr. Narain will be conducting telephone and in person interviews with a large number of ARTNeT stakeholders throughout the month of July. ARTNeT would also like as many of you as possible to contribute to this evaluation by participating in the online survey accessible through:

<http://artnetresearchersurvey.questionpro.com/>.

The evaluator's report will be made public on the ARTNeT website. His recommendations will be considered for the formulation of a Phase III of the project.

Thank you for your support in this process. We welcome your ideas.

2010 Short-Term Research Grants Awarded

Following ARTNeT's 2010 call for Short-Term Research Proposals, 25 full research proposals were received by the Secretariat. Following a careful review, four studies were selected for funding:

1. Nag, B., and Sikdar, C., **Impact of India-ASEAN Free Trade Agreement: A Cross – Country Analysis through Applied General Equilibrium Modeling** (India).
2. Wijayasiri, J., and Jayaratne, S.; **Implications of Food Safety Standards on Tea & Fish Exports from Sri Lanka** (Sri Lanka).
3. Thang, N. X.; Tuan, B. Q., Nhung, N. H., and Hung, N. M., **The Impacts of the Global Economic Crisis on Foreign Trade of Low-Income Economies in the Greater Mekong Sub-region and Policy Responses: The Case of Vietnam and the Implications for Laos and Cambodia** (Viet Nam).
4. Sohail, S. A., **Reforming the Governance of Trade Development Services: a case study of Pakistan's leather sector** (Pakistan).

We look forward to presenting these studies as ARTNeT working papers in the near future.

Calls for Applications Gravity Modelling Workshop

23-27 August, Bogor, Indonesia

The ARTNeT Secretariat is pleased to announce a call for applications for its upcoming Gravity Modelling Workshop which will take place from 23 to 27 August in Bogor, Indonesia. This course is a computer-based training on gravity modelling.

Interested researchers are invited to view the programme and complete the application form available on www.artnetontrade.com. Researchers are requested to include a short research proposal for which gravity modelling could be applied.

The deadline for applications is 26 July 2010.

Recent ARTNeT Policy Briefs

- Sasidaran Gopalan and Ramkishan S. Rajan, **External Financing in South Asia: The Remittances Option**, Brief No. 23, January 2010
- Simon J. Evenett, **Towards a Meaningful Trade Policy Agenda for the G-20 in 2010**, Brief No. 24, February 2010
- Martin Molinuevo, **The Global Crisis and Protectionism in the Services Sector: Implications of Current Findings**, Brief No. 25, March 2010



Recent ARTNeT Working Papers

- Florian A. Alburo, **The Development Impact of Information Technology in Trade Facilitation**, ARTNeT Working Paper No. 78, January 2010
- Pushpa Raj Rajkarnikar, **Adequacy and Effectiveness of Logistic Services in Nepal: Implication for Export Performance**, ARTNeT Working Paper No. 79, April 2010
- Joel Hernandez and Angelo B. Taningco, **Behind-the-Border Determinants of Bilateral Trade Flows in East Asia**, ARTNeT Working Paper No. 80, May 2010



ARTNeT Alerts on Emerging Policy Changes

- Sasidaran Gopalan and Ramkishan S. Rajan, **India's FDI flows: Trying to make sense of the numbers**, ARTNeT Alert No. 5, January 2010



Calls for Applications Trade and Gender Linkages Workshop

15-17 September 2010, Bangkok, Thailand

The ARTNeT Secretariat is pleased to announce a new call for applications for a workshop on Trade and Gender Linkages which will be organized in Bangkok, Thailand, from 15 to 17 September 2010 in cooperation with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP). The workshop will examine gender-sensitive data collection, for example through gender-disaggregated statistics and time-use studies, and explore impacts of trade policies on gender equality in areas such as employment and trade facilitation. The full programme is available on the ARTNeT website.

Interested researchers are invited to complete the application form available on the ARTNeT website. A limited number of sponsorships will be available for researchers from ARTNeT member institutions.

The deadline for applications is 16 August 2010.

ARTNeT Researchers on the move!

Mr. Tapas Paul, a lecturer at the Jahangirnagar University (Bangladesh) and an ARTNeT contributing researcher, has been awarded a Fulbright Scholarship to the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign to study their MS program in Economics in the fall of 2010. Congratulations!

Professor Kym Anderson of School of Economics at the University of Adelaide joined as an advisor to ARTNeT secretariat (for details see <http://www.unescap.org/tid/artnet/advisors.pdf>). We are looking forward to working with Professor Anderson.

Please send us an update on your recent career move or a new publication!

Upcoming Events

- **Gravity Modelling Workshop**, 23-27 August 2010, Bogor, Indonesia.
- **ARTNeT/UNDP Trade and Gender Linkages Workshop**, 15-17 September 2010, Bangkok, Thailand.
- **Asia-Pacific Trade Facilitation Forum 2010**, September 2010, TBA
- **ARTNeT/ADBI Conference on Reforming services for inclusive and sustainable development of Asia and the Pacific**, 11-12 October 2010, venue TBA.
- **ARTNeT/UNCTAD/WTO Research Workshop on Trade diversification in the context of global challenges**, 27-28 October 2010, Vientiane, Lao PDR.
- **ARTNeT Multi-stakeholders' Steering Committee Meeting**, 29 October 2010 – Introducing ARTNeT Phase III, Vientiane, Lao PDR.

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