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Announcing ARTNeT Phase III

Dear Members,

We are happy to announce that we have started Phase III of ARTNeT. Phase III builds on lessons learned while adapting its content to current regional priorities. Since ARTNeT was launched, the environment for regional and global trade and investment has changed drastically. The crisis of 2008-9 and the ensuing collapse of trade and investment flows brought new problems to policymakers, including increased challenges in achieving inclusive growth. Distributional and environmental issues have also come to the forefront, with decision makers lacking information relevant to these new challenges. As the crisis spread, it quickly became clear that solutions were regional in nature and that the agility of each region depended on the available expertise. The latest phase of ARTNeT allows members to contribute evidence and perspectives necessary to inform policymaking in this new environment. ARTNeT continues to work with its members to produce research, build regional policy expertise and research capacity, and promotes exchanges within the region.

The ARTNeT Secretariat

ARTNeT Symposium:

Towards a return of industrial policy?

25-26 July 2011, Bangkok, Thailand

The Symposium will provide a forum for a discussion on the policies and strategies needed to promote stable and sustainable economic growth, including so-called industrial policy. In particular, participants will explore various types of government interventions which may or may not be classed as industrial policy but which could facilitate a balanced growth of manufacturing and services sectors, as well as of external and domestic sources of growth.

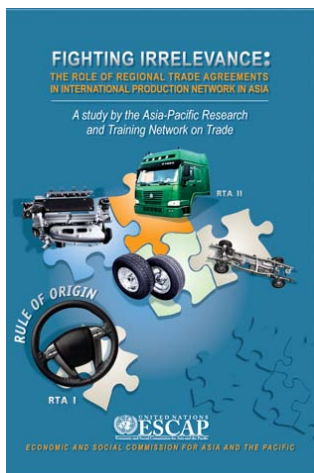
Some of the speakers are:



Sudip Rajan Basu Alan Deardorff Manuel Montes Rina Oktaviani

Simon Evenett will report on the discussions at the Symposium to the Committee on Trade and Investment, a legislative meeting of ESCAP.

New ARTNeT Publication: *Fighting Irrelevance*



The objective of this study was to explore the linkages between existing regional trade agreements and international production networks in the region. The book, "Fighting Irrelevance: The Role of Regional Trade Agreements in International Production Networks in Asia," provides new evidence from selected sectors of certain Asian economies on the linkages between international production networks and regional trade agreements. The research project was part of the Phase II research program of the Asia-Pacific Research and Training Network on Trade (ARTNeT) under the Multilateral Trade Liberalization and Regional Integration Theme. The project focused on only three sectors in five Asian countries – automotive, textiles and clothing, and electronics – which have proven to be fruitful areas for the establishment of international production networks in several Asian countries in the past few decades.

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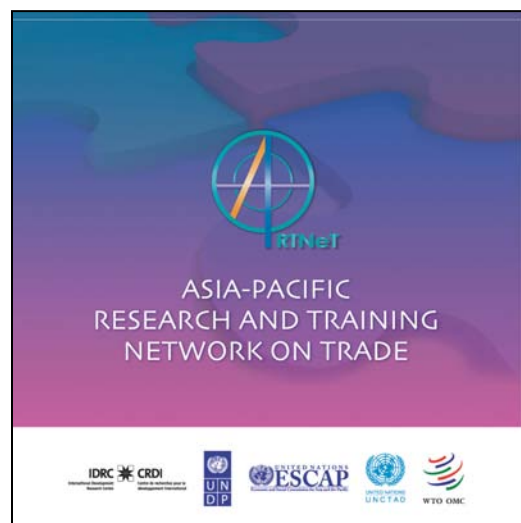
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Recent ARTNeT Working Papers

- Somnuk Keretho and Saisamorn Naklada, **Analysis of Export and Import Processes of Selected Products in Thailand, ARTNeT Working Paper Series**, No. 103, June 2011
- Nguyen Manh Hung and Pham Sy, **An Impacts of the global economic crisis on foreign trade in lower-income economies in the Greater Mekong Sub-region and policy responses: the case of Vietnam and its implications for Lao PDR and Cambodia**, ARTNeT Working Paper Series, No. 102, May 2011
- Biswajit Nag and Debdeep De, **Rules of origin and development of regional production network in Asia: case studies of selected industries**, ARTNeT Working Paper Series, No. 101, May 2011
- Sarith S. Kodithuwakku and Jeevika Weerahewa, **Coping with food price hikes: strategies of the poor in Kandy, Sri Lanka**, ARTNeT Working Paper Series, No. 100, May 2011
- D.R. Khanal, **Rules of origin in GSP schemes and their impact on Nepal's exports: a case study of tea, carpets, pashmina and handicrafts products**, ARTNeT Working Paper Series, No. 98, April 2011
- Martin Wermelinger, **Features of post-crisis protectionism in Asia and the Pacific**, ARTNeT Working Paper Series, No. 97, March 2011
- Deshal De Mel, Suwendrani Jayaratne, Dharshani Premaratne, **Utilization of Trade Agreements in Sri Lanka: Perceptions of Exporters vs. Statistical Measurements**, ARTNeT Working Paper Series, No. 96, March 2011
- Prabir De, **Trade Facilitation in India: An Analysis of Trade Processes and Procedures**, ARTNeT Working Paper Series, No. 95, February 2011
- Yann Duval, Chorthip Utoktham, **Trade Facilitation in Asia and the Pacific: Which Policies and Measures Affect Trade Costs the Most?** ARTNeT Working Paper Series, No. 94, January 2011
- Syed Saifuddin Hossain, Md. Tariqur Rahman, **Facilitating Trade through Simplification of Trade Processes and Procedures in Bangladesh**, ARTNeT Working Paper Series, No. 93, January 2011
- Dilani Hirimuthugodage, **Trade Related Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS) Agreement and the Agriculture Sector in Sri Lanka**, ARTNeT Working Paper Series, No. 92, January 2011
- Deshal de Mel, Suwendrani Jayaratne, Dharshani Premaratne, **Improving Import-Export Procedures and Processes in Sri Lanka**, ARTNeT Working Paper Series, No. 91, January 2011



Updated ARTNeT Brochure



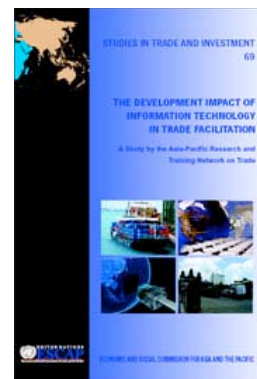
ARTNeT's new brochure includes updated information about ARTNeT's recent activities and achievements and information on Phase III of the program. The Brochure and further information about ARTNeT is available for download at:

<http://www.unescap.org/tid/artnet/about.asp>

Recently Published ARTNeT Research

The Development Impact of Information Technology in Trade Facilitation

This publication brings together case studies from five different countries in Southeast and East Asia to examine the impact of IT-based trade facilitation measures already implemented, with a specific focus on their effect on small and medium sized-enterprises. The development of IT systems to streamline the trade transaction processes has typically been partial and often uncoordinated across government agencies involved in trade control, often resulting in limited gains in trade efficiency.



Downloadable at: <http://www.unescap.org/tid/artnet/other-publications.asp>

ARTNeT Meetings

International Seminar: “Selected Outstanding Issues in Services, Trade and Development”

3-5 May 2011, Manila, Philippines

The purpose of this event organized by ARTNeT in cooperation with the Asian Development Bank Institute was to enable a policy dialogue between trade officials and researchers in the region on the current state of readiness of countries to conduct analytical research in these new areas, as well as the implications of such research to the broader development objectives of the countries in the region. Trade experts from WTO and other organizations will also be invited to contribute their insights on trade and related issues.



ADBI/ARTNeT International Seminar
Manila, Philippines, May 2011.

ARTNeT Seminar Series



On Wednesday, 23 February 2011, Professor Peter Lloyd of the University of Melbourne visited the ARTNeT secretariat and gave a talk entitled, "Global Governance after the Failure of Doha and IGC Climate Change Negotiations."

New ARTNeT Online Tools

Interactive Trade Cost Database

The Trade and Investment of Division, in support to the ARTNeT research program on trade facilitation, has developed a bilateral trade cost database in an effort to increase understanding of the cost of trading between countries in Asia and the Pacific and beyond. The trade cost measure is a comprehensive, all-inclusive measure based on micro-theory and calculated using macro-economic data, providing an alternative measure of trade facilitation performance.

Website: <http://www.unescap.org/tid/artnet/tcdb.asp>

ARTNeT Services Trade and Regulation



The ARTNeT Services Trade and Regulation platform to provide enhanced access to resources relating to trade and regulation in services, including links to trainings and publications, as well as to databases of statistics and regulations of relevance to services.

ARTNeT researchers and partners are welcome to contribute relevant resources to this site by contacting the ARTNeT Secretariat at artnetontrade@un.org.

Website: <http://www.unescap.org/tid/artnet/services.aspx>

Presentations by the ARTNeT Secretariat

- Mekong-India Cooperation: Linking Markets, Fostering Trade, International Conference, RIS, IFPS, Calcutta University and SDC, 23-24 June, 2011 Kolkata, India (Yann Duval and Mia Mikic).
- Seminar on Assessing National and Regional Logistics Performance: Enhancing Logistics Policy Making Capability, World Bank, ESCAP, Thamassat University, 11 May, 2011 Bangkok, Thailand (Yann Duval).
- Workshop on The Impact of Transportation Networks on Trade and Tourism, Islamic Development Bank, 7-8 June 2011, Izmir, Republic of Turkey (Yann Duval).
- ADB/PECC Conference on Services Trade: New Approaches for the 21st Century, 1-3 June 2011, Hong Kong, China, Speech on ASEAN integration in area of services trade and ARTNeT programme on services development (Mia Mikic).
- Seminar on services research, organized by ARTNeT members at the University of International Business and Economics, Beijing and University of Adelaide, 29 April 2011 in Beijing. Explanation of ARTNeT services, trade knowledge platform and capacity building done in that area (Mia Mikic).
- AANZFTA Capacity Building Workshop on International Trade in Services Statistics Collection and Management, 28-30 March 2011, Bangkok, Thailand. Discussion of developments in international services trade statistics and applications for policymaking and negotiations (Mia Mikic).
- WTO seminar on International merchandise Trade Statistics and the WTO tariff databases, 11-13 January 2011, Hanoi. Speak about evidence based trade policymaking. (Mia Mikic).

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Call for expressions of interest

The ARTNeT Secretariat is seeking expressions of interest from any of its members interested in hosting ARTNeT trainings and dissemination events in 2012 (both computer and classroom-based). Please contact the Secretariat by email at artnetontrade@un.org. Thank you!

ARTNeT Researchers on the Move

ARTNeT is proud to recognize two junior researchers who have participated in ARTNeT training and contributed ARTNeT research outputs who have been awarded scholarships:

Mr. Md Gazi Salah Uddin, a Senior lecturer at the Department of Business Administration, East West University, Dhaka, Bangladesh and an ARTNeT contributing researcher, has been awarded a Graduate Scholarship and Dean of Graduate Studies Entrance Scholarship for an MA in Economics at the Carleton University at Canada. He will begin his studies in Fall of 2011.

Mr. Rajan Krishna Panta was selected for an Australian Leadership Award scholarship from Nepal to pursue his PhD in Economics, starting in 2011. He is currently studying at the Arndt-Corden Division of Economics at Australian National University. His areas of interest include international and monetary economics and economic policy.

ARTNeT extends its congratulations to these young scholars!



Mr. Md Gazi Salah Uddin



Mr. Rajan Krishna Panta

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