

A Note from Secretariat

Dear Members

Phase III of ARTNeT is truly under way. Thank you to all who attended the ARTNeT Symposium to mark the occasion of the move into Phase III focusing on "Drivers of Competitiveness and Economic Diversification."

Uncertainties in the global economy and shifting of the growth poles make the research under this topic urgent as economies of the region could improve their resistance to continued challenges and threats by becoming more economically diversified. Research grants awarded in this cycle will contribute to locally created knowledge to improve understanding of the factors and

channels of their influence on growth, trade and investment in the region. (see also p.3)

ARTNeT members and secretariat were active over the last 3 months in organizing events with ARTNeT secretariat and partners. Ten ARTNeT members joined ESCAP secretariat in organization of seminars to disseminate major findings of the Asia-Pacific Trade and Investment Report 2011 (see more details at www.unescap.org/tid/ti-report2011/launches/index.asp).

Furthermore, a number of publications were issued, some of which we feature in the Newsletter.

We welcome the increasing number of individual researchers

using social media to stay in touch with us. In that context, we would like to invite interested individuals to join the ARTNeT Group on www.linkedin.com.

Last but not the least, we would like to thank our members and friends who wrote to us sharing concern for our wellbeing during the recent (and still ongoing) flooding situation in Bangkok, Thailand. We have been warmly touched by this show of support.

Please visit the [ARTNeT website](http://www.artnet.org) for the up-to-date and comprehensive coverage of events, publications and other material.

The ARTNeT secretariat

Welcome to New Members and Associate Partners!

The ARTNeT secretariat would like to welcome two new institutions into the ARTNeT family: Center for the Advancement of Trade Integration and Facilitation (CATIF), Philippines and Economics Department, Auckland University of Technology.

Formed in 2006, CATIF is a non-governmental organization that seeks to contribute to the understanding and enhancement of trade integration and facilitation, and to informed policy formulation on trade-related issues. Its key members have long-established records in research, teaching, and project management, and maintain linkages with institutions.

For more information please visit www.catif.org/



Auckland University of Technology is the youngest of the eight New Zealand universities and the only one to be established since the 1960s. The Economics Department has received a 100% research-active rating in the latest research quality assessment (2006) of the New Zealand universities. Members of the Department have published in many highly ranked, domestic and international journals.



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More information is available from <http://www.aut.ac.nz/>

A complete list of members, partners and associate partners as well as information on how to apply for membership or associate partnership is available from [ARTNeT website](http://www.artnet.org).

From the Calendar

Past Events

ARTNet/RIS Capacity building workshop on use of gravity modeling
9-11 November 2011

This was the 4th training on gravity modeling since ARTNet first introduced such a course in 2008. This time the course targeted both young researchers and government officials with responsibilities in doing or commissioning research on trade. The course was generously hosted by RIS, New Delhi. The principal trainer was Dr. Ben Shepherd from Developing Trade Consulting Limited, while Dr. Prabir De of RIS and Dr. Witada Anukoonwattaka of ESCAP assisted with the training. Some of the participants opinions: "I will be able to teach my students and perhaps do more research in the field" (A lecturer from De La Salle University) and "Useful for our Ministry which is now direct in new trends" (A Researcher from SME Ministry of Commerce, Myanmar)

ESCAP/WTO Seventh ARTNet capacity building workshop for trade research
12-16 September 2011

ARTNet 7th annual capacity building workshop with the topic "Recent Advances in the Field of Trade Theory and Policy Analysis Using Micro-Level Data" was co-organized by ARTNet/ ESCAP and WTO, and was hosted by one of four recently established Asian WTO Chairs; the Center for World Trade Studies at the Universitas Gadjah Mada, Indonesia. The training material (www.unescap.org/tid/artnet/mtg/cbt7.asp) for the new research tools in trade area were developed by Dr. Cosimo Beverelli (WTO), and Dr. Benjamin Shepherd (Developing Trade Consulting, Ltd). Participants were given chance to compete for a post-workshop research grant in order to continue learning, and two teams were awarded the funding (see Research grants on page 3)

ARTNet Symposium "Towards a Return of Industrial Policy?" 25-26 July 2011

The Symposium was organized as part of the ESCAP Trade and Investment Week and was attended by more than 50 researchers, academia and policymakers from within and outside the region. Most of ARTNet advisors also attended and a summary of discussions ([click](#)) was presented to the government representatives at the 2nd session of the Committee on Trade and Development.



ARTNet Symposium
25-26 July 2011

Upcoming Events

To check out the latest and upcoming events, visit

www.unescap.org/tid/artnet/events.asp

WIPO-ESCAP Regional Workshop on Research on Intellectual Property Economics and Policy

World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), in cooperation with the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP), and ARTNet will organize a Regional Workshop on Research on Intellectual Property Economics and Policy, on December 8 and 9, in Bangkok, Thailand. The objectives of the Workshop are to: (i) create greater awareness about the linkages between intellectual property (IP) protection, innovation, and economic development; (ii) acquaint researchers with methodologies and analytical tools being used in the area of IP research; (iii) provide an opportunity to identify elements of an IP research agenda which is relevant to the region; and (iv) consider ways to ensure that IP research responds, and contributes, to policy discussions in the region. The workshop will accommodate up to 30 participants from the region. More information www.unescap.org/tid/projects/ipep.asp

International Conference in Kathmandu

Nepal Rastra Bank (NRB), the Central Bank of Nepal is organizing an International Conference on Economics and Finance on 20-21 April 2012 in Kathmandu, Nepal. As part of the conference, the Nepal Rastra Bank is also organizing a seminar under the theme "The Role of Financial Sector Development on Economic Growth and Poor Alleviation" as the forum wherein a network of policy makers, practitioners and academia will share their insights on related topics. The organizer also encourages interested researchers and academicians to submit the papers. Selected papers will be featured in the conference proceedings.

Interested participants and researchers should visit www.nrb.org.np/international_conference_international_conference.php

Important Deadlines

Call for papers for the Research Workshop "Trade policies for the 21st century" is 1 Dec 2011.
More details on [website](#)

About ARTNeT People

One to Remember for Life...

"It was 12th September, 2011, the memorable day, when I participated in an International workshop for the first time in my life. Never the less, It was my first overseas travel. If I ever become famous and write auto-biography, I will be very certain to mention about this event.

I do really convey my gratefulness to ARTNeT for effective workshop which is

really now helping me to conduct my research activities in relevant areas. I would rather like to mention what else I enjoyed and experienced beside the learning from workshop. I found the opportunity to get introduced and interact to people from different nations; to work with them in groups, sharing ideas. I also like to thank the organizers for the efficient management in every step.

At last, but not the least, I liked Indonesian food, walking along the roads of Jogjakarta, visiting Mount Merapi and Barabudur and dinner at Bale Raos. My first overseas travel would last for long with the memory of the 7th ARTNeT capacity Building Workshop!!!"

Tahreen Tahrima Chowdhury
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Tahreen (second from the left)
With her fellow participants

New Publications: Working Papers and Policy Briefs

FOR OTHER PUBLICATIONS
AND PAPERS, PLEASE VISIT
[WWW.UNESCAP.ORG/
TID/ARTNET/](http://WWW.UNESCAP.ORG/TID/ARTNET/) ON
"PUBLICATION" TAB

1. AWP No.103 (June)

"Analysis of export and import processes of selected products in Thailand" by Somnuk Keretho and Saisamorn Naklada

2. AWP No.104 (June)

"Implications of agri-food standards for Sri Lanka: Case studies of tea and fisheries export industries" by Janaka Wijayasiri Suwen drani Jayaratne (June 2011)

3. AWP No.105 (September)

"The rich keep getting richer in India! Says who?" by Nilanjan Banik & Anurag Banerjee

4. AWP No.106 (October)

"Does the Data Support the Neo-Mercantilist Preoccupation with Protecting Manufacturing?" by Edward Tower & Alecia Waite (October 2011)

5. Policy Brief No. 31 (October)

"'Green' policies – limited environmental benefits and distorted imports: What should trade policymakers do?" by Martin Wermelinger

Research Grants

Following ARTNeT's 2011 call for Research Proposals, more than 30 research proposals were received by the secretariat. Following a careful review, the following studies were selected for funding:

Dibyendu Maiti and Prakash Singh; Competitiveness, technological innovation and exportability of firm in Asia-Pacific region: The role of Innovation and Finance

Dilli Raj Khanal, Resham B. ThapaParajuli, and Anile Belbase; Sources of growth, factor returns and sustained growth: A comparative study of primary, secondary and tertiary sectors in Nepal

Dilli Ram Upreti and Bishnu Prasad Bhattarai; Competitiveness of agricultural exports and impacts on inclusive growth

Jeevika Weerawewa and Sarath Kodithuwakku; Determinants and paths of export diversification: A case study on export diversification in Sri Lanka

Nathapornpan Piyaarekul Uttama; The welfare effects of foreign direct investment liberalisation under ASEAN Economic Community

Long Quang Trinh, Dinh Hien Minh, and Vo Tri Thanh; Investment climate, technical efficiency and export intensity in Indonesia, the Philippines and Vietnam: An empirical analysis using firm level data

Paras Kharel; Nature of structural change and role of trade policy in economic transformation in Nepal

Prabir De; Logistics services

efficiency and industrial fragmentation: An analysis of India's trade with Bangladesh and Thailand

Saing Chan Hang and Oun Vimolil; What are the constraints to inclusive growth in Cambodia?

Vathana Roth and Pon Dorina; Industrial clusters, business associations, and SMEs' productivity: Evidence from enterprise survey in Cambodia

Syed Al-Helal Uddin and Md. Tariqur Rahman; Sources of manufacturing growth and distribution implications: Comparative analyses for South and Southeast Asian countries

From five post-workshop research proposals, two were selected for funding:

J. Deshmukh, Department of Economics, Jadavpur University Kolkata and P. K. Pyne, IIFT, Kolkata Campus, "Labour productivity and export performance: Firm level evidence of Indian manufacturing industries since 1991"

J. Weerawewa (University of Peradeniya), R. Walisinghe (Department of Agriculture), and A. Abayasekara, (IPS), "Determinants of Export Performance of Agro Food Enterprises in Sri Lanka: A comparative analysis using WB Enterprise survey data"

We look forward to presenting these studies as ARTNeT working papers and/or parts of other publications in the near future.

Tools for Research



eLibrary is the World Bank's subscription-based collection of nearly 6,000 books, reports, journals, and working papers.

More information on e-library from

elibrary.worldbank.org

At its October 2010 Session, the ARTNeT Multi-Stakeholder Steering Committee requested that the ARTNeT secretariat explore access opportunities for ARTNeT members to use the World Bank's eLibrary service. Based on the interest expressed by members and evaluation of their applications, the

Secretariat has arranged to fund the 2011/2012 subscription for three members –the Faculty of Economics and Business Administration, National University of Laos; the Centre for Policy Development, Dhaka Bangladesh; and the Department of Agricultural Economics and Business Management of the University

of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka.

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Useful Tips: Communicating Your Research Findings

Even if research is demand-driven, research findings do not automatically find the way into the policies and strategies. Some of the sound applied research never gets adopted into policies and more often than not, this is due to poor communication of research findings to decision - and policy-makers. As part of the capacity building programme, ARTNeT secretariat will integrate training on effective

communication of research for policymaking during this phase of the project. Meantime, we would like to draw attention to some useful materials available online. As a PowerPoint presentation is often the chosen format of research communication, some useful materials on the topic can be found at the IDRC website featuring a number of toolkits for researchers. We would like to draw your attention to two of them :

How to build good slide presentation

How to make an effective presentation?



*Have you been exposed to "Death by PowerPoint?"
If you survived, do not inflict the same pain on others*

ARTNeT Secretariat on the Move

On the invitation by the organizers, ARTNeT Coordinator Mia Mikic traveled to Dhaka, Bangladesh to represent ARTNeT Secretariat at the South Asian Economic Summit IV which was held on 22 and 23 October 2011. More on that event at www.cpd.org.bd/saesiv/.

Mia has also been invited to attend Poverty and Economic Policy Network Policy Conference on 5 December 2012 ([click for more information](#))

ARTNeT secretariat Assistant Coordinator, Melanie Ramjoué, is currently on extended leave (spending time with her precious baby daughter) and during that time ARTNeT secretariat will be helped by Avantika Pandeya, (Tel. +662-288 2067) who is warmly welcome to the team.

Also a warm welcome for the new ARTNeT team assistant : Chaveemon Sukpaibool or Ning (Tel. +662-288 1425)



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