



ASIA-PACIFIC RESEARCH AND TRAINING NETWORK ON TRADE

Membership Guideline

ARTNeT is an open network. Institutions involved in the network and its activities are classified as ARTNeT Members, Core Partners, and Associate Partners, as follows:

ARTNeT Members

ARTNeT Members are national-level research and academic institutions involved in trade research and located in ESCAP member countries. Institutions who receive funding from ARTNeT directly or indirectly (e.g., if they receive a research grant, or if they receive financial support for participation in workshop or other ARTNeT activities) automatically become members for a period of one year.

Benefits of being an ARTNeT member include (1) improved regional dissemination of own research to policy makers through ARTNeT website, United Nations publications, and ARTNeT meetings, (2) networking with other trade researchers and institutions, (3) enhanced opportunity to participate in ARTNeT research projects and projects from relevant international institutions, and (4) opportunities to participate in technical training workshops for junior researchers and other capacity building activities.

How to become a member?

Joining ARTNeT is free. Interested institutions are invited to send a letter or email to the ARTNeT Secretariat (Ms. Mia Mikic, ARTNET Coordinator and Chief, Trade Policy and Analysis Section, Trade and Investment Division, ESCAP) indicating their interest in becoming a member of the network, along with (1) a half-page institutional profile, (2) a list of recent trade or investment related research (past 2 years or more), (3) a copy of the institution most recent trade-related research study or a short-term research proposal on a topic consistent with the ARTNeT research programme, and (4) the name and contact information of the person from your institution (senior researcher or manager) who will be the contact person for ARTNeT. The application will be reviewed by the ARTNeT Secretariat and its Institutional Advisory Board within six weeks of receipt of the documents for approval. Once the membership application has been approved, the institution will automatically be granted ARTNeT membership when it participates in its first ARTNeT activity/event or when it contributes its first paper/study or other significant input on trade research to the ARTNeT website. Non-LDC institutions are strongly encouraged to obtain membership by participating in calls for short-term research proposals and call for papers.

There are no restrictions in the number of members per country. To maintain their membership, all members have to participate in at least one ARTNeT activity/event annually OR to contribute at least one paper/study or other significant and relevant input on trade research to the ARTNeT website every 12 months. All ARTNeT Members are required to provide a link to the ARTNeT website from their institutional website.

ARTNeT Core Partners

ARTNeT core partners are governmental or intergovernmental institutions who provide significant and regular support to ARTNeT activities in the form of financial contributions, expertise and substantive inputs for research.

ARTNeT core partners include the International Development Research Centre (IDRC), Canada, the UN Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), and the World Trade Organization (WTO).

ARTNeT Associate Partners

Associate partners are international or regional institutions who participate in ARTNeT activities or collaborate with ARTNeT and its Secretariat on an ad-hoc basis (e.g., for organization of capacity building activities or consultative policy meetings; joint research projects; sharing and cross - dissemination of research outputs). Associate partners may include governmental, intergovernmental and nongovernmental organizations with recognized trade-related programmes. Associate partner institutions are not eligible to apply or receive ARTNeT research grants.

Institutions interested in becoming core or associate partners are encouraged to contact the ARTNeT Secretariat for more information (please visit <http://artnet.unescap.org/>).