

Regional research priorities to advance policy making in trade related areas

Experts' consultation in preparation of the Phase IV research agenda for ARTNeT

Meeting Room F

United Nations Conference Centre (UNCC)

Bangkok, Thailand

Purpose of this consultation is to elaborate on the major factors which are expected to shape the trade policy of developing Asia-Pacific developing and least developed countries in next decade and to help in formulation of the phase IV research programme of ARTNeT. Participants are representatives of the core ARTNeT institutional members, advisers, policymakers and other experts.

TENTATIVE PROGRAMME

Monday, 25 March 2013

08:15-08:30	Registration
08.30 – 08:45	Opening remarks Dr. Ravi Ratnayake, Director, Trade and Investment Division, ESCAP
08.45 – 09.30	Session 1: Overview of the changes in international trade, increasing complexity of trade policies and priority areas for Asia-Pacific countries <i>ARTNeT Secretariat</i>
09.30 – 10.30	Session 2: Trade in tasks / production fragmentation and impacts on trade (and other) policies <i>Chair: Sisira Jayasuriya, Monash University</i>
10.30 – 10.45	Networking break

10.45 - 11.45	<p>Session 3: Trade policies for inclusive development</p> <p><i>Chair: Ian Coxhead, University of Wisconsin-Madison Session</i></p>
11.45-13.00	<p>Lunch</p>
13.00 – 14.00	<p>Session 4: (Other) Policy areas that affect trade (e.g. regulatory regimes for services, competition policy, investment policy, government procurement, intellectual property protection)</p> <p><i>Chair: Wing Thye Woo, Penang Institute</i></p>
14.00 – 15.00	<p>Session 5: Building resilient economies- role for services sector</p> <p><i>Chair: Saman Kalegama, IPS, Sri Lanka</i></p>
16.00 – 16.45	<p>Session 6: Regional cooperation and connectivity: What role for the WTO?</p> <p><i>Chair: Safdar Sohail, Ministry of Commerce, Pakistan</i></p>
16.45 – 17.00	<p>Wrap up</p> <p>ARTNeT secretariat</p>