



30 March 2007

**WTO/ESCAP Third ARTNeT Capacity Building
Workshop on Trade Research**

Organized by UNESCAP and the WTO
26-30 March 2007, Bangkok, Thailand

PROGRAMME

Monday, 26 March 2007

Seminar Room 1: 3rd Floor, Learning Centre, UNCC

08:15 - 08:30 **Registration**

08:30 - 08:45 **Welcome remarks**

*Xuan Zengpei, Director, Trade and Investment Division, UNESCAP
Patrick Low, Director, Economic Research and Statistics, WTO
Evan Due, International Development Research Centre, Canada*

Day 1: Advances in Trade Theory and Trade Research Updates

08.45 - 10.00 **Session 1: Advances in trade theory and policy research implications**
Patrick Low, Director, Economic Research and Statistics, WTO

10.00 – 10.15 *Coffee break*

10.15 – 12.00 **Session 2: Six decades of multilateralism: what have we learned?**
Patrick Low, Director, Economic Research and Statistics, WTO

12:00 – 13:15 **Welcome/Networking Lunch**
(UNCC Dining Room)

13.15 - 14.15 **Session 3: Regionalism as a building block of multilateralism: policy perspectives and the role of ESCAP**
Tiziana Bonapace, Chief, Trade policy Section, TID, UNESCAP

14.15 - 14.30 *Break*

14.30 - 16.00 **Session 4: Research update on regional trade arrangements and emerging issues**
Mia Mikic, Economic Affairs Officer, UNESCAP

Note:

Asia-Pacific Research and Training Network on Trade (ARTNeT), an initiative of UNESCAP and the International Development Research Centre (IDRC), Canada is an open regional network of research and academic institutions specializing in international trade policy and facilitation issues. Network members currently include about 15 leading national trade research and academic institutions from as many developing countries from East, South and South-East Asia and the Pacific. The Trade and Investment Division of UNESCAP is the Secretariat of ARTNeT, and operates through a grant from IDRC. WTO, as a core network partner, provides substantive and financial support to the network. Visit www.artnetontrade.org for details.

Tuesday, 27 March 2007

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Day 2: Trade Research Update (cont'ed)

- 08:45 - 10:15 **Session 1: Trade Facilitation: Recent research and emerging issues**
Yann Duval, Economic Affairs Officer, UNESCAP
- 10.15 - 10.30 *Break*
- 10.30 - 12.00 **Session 2: Trade, poverty and income distribution: What have we learned?**
Patrick Low, Director, Economic Research and Statistics, WTO
- 12.00 - 13.00 *Lunch break*
- 13.00 - 14.30 **Session 3: Presentation of selected papers by participants from the region for detailed discussion** [presentation will cover details of data collection and analytical methods; with commentaries by resource persons from related sessions as well as other participants]
- The Importance of Trade Costs: A Gravity Model Application
Prabir De, RIS, India
 - Who are opposed to Free Trade in the Philippines: An Ordered Logit Estimation of Survey Data
Christine Mendoza Liao, PIDS, Philippines
- 14.30 -14.45 *Break*
- 14.45 - 16.00 **Session 4: Introduction to CGE and GTAP (www.gtap.org)**
*Allan Rae, Professor and GTAP Research Fellow,
Massey University, New-Zealand*

Wednesday, 28 March 2007

IT Learning Lab: 3rd Floor, Learning Centre, UNCC

Day 3-5: CGE Modeling and Applications

(By Allan Rae, Professor and GTAP Research Fellow, Massey University, New-Zealand)

- 08.45 -10.00 **Session 1: Introduction to RunGTAP: examining some data**
- 10.15-10.30 *Break*
- 10.30-12.00 **Session 1: Cont'ed**
- 12.00-13.00 *Lunch Break*
- 13.00-14.30 **Session 2: Household behavior**

- 14.30-14.45 *Break*
- 14.45-16.15 **Session 3: Producer behavior and Technical change**

Thursday, 29 March 2007

- 08.45 -10.00 **Session 1: International Trade**
- 10.15-10.30 *Break*
- 10.30-12.00 **Session 2: Taxed and Subsidies**
- 12.00-13.00 *Lunch Break*
- 13.00-14.30 **Session 3: Setting up a simulation: model closure, solution procedure, shocks**
- 14.30-14.45 *Break*
- 14.45-16.15 **Session 4: Running a simple simulation**

Friday, 30 March 2007

- 08.45 -10.00 **Session 1: Analyzing Solutions**
- 10.15-10.30 *Break*
- 10.30-12.00 **Session 2: Welfare decomposition**
- 12.00-13.00 *Lunch Break*
- 13.00-14.30 **Session 3: Running a more complex simulation**
- *How to go further: GTAP products, courses, the latest GTAP database.*
- 14.30-14.45 *Break*
- 14.45-16.00 **Session 4: Presentation of selected papers by ARTNeT researchers**
- *Construction of GTAP Compatible Input/Output Table and SAM
Dilli Raj Khanal, Chairman, IPRAD, Nepal*
 - *Analysis a potential Impact of AFTA on Lao Economy –
Macroeconomic Model Approach
Phouphet Kyophilavong, National University of Lao, Lao PDR*