



Sixth ARTNeT Capacity Building Workshop for Trade Research

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PROGRAMME

Monday, 21 June 2010

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| 08:30 – 08:45 | Registration |
| 08:45 – 09:00 | Welcome remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none">• World Trade Organization• National University of Lao• ARTNeT/ ESCAP |
| 09:00 – 10:15 | Trade relations in the WTO and the state of play in the Doha negotiations (Robert Teh, WTO) |
| 10:15 – 10:30 | <i>Coffee Break</i> |
| 10:30 – 12:00 | An introduction to Computable General Equilibrium (CGE) and regression analysis (Robert Teh, WTO/ Truong P. Truong) |
| 12:00 – 13:00 | <i>Lunch break</i> |
| 13:00 – 14:00 | An introduction to Computable General Equilibrium (CGE) and regression analysis, continued (Robert Teh, WTO/ Truong P. Truong) |
| 14:00 – 15:15 | Discussion among participants on trade and climate change: what difficulties did participants encounter in previous research projects? (Moderated by ESCAP) |
| 15:15 -15:30 | <i>Coffee Break</i> |
| 15:30 – 17:00 | Overview of the state of scientific knowledge on climate change and vulnerabilities (Patrick Low, WTO) |

Note:

The 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 27 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, 22 June 2010

- 09:00 – 10:30 **Environmental assessment of bilateral trade agreements and DDA (Robert Teh, WTO)**
-research question/problems
-data availability (source)
-methodologies
- 10:30 – 10:45 *Break*
- 10:45 – 12:00 **Overview of the economics of climate change (Patrick Low, WTO)**
- 12:00 – 13:00 *Lunch break*
- 13:00 – 14:30 **Overview of the political economy of the trade-climate change linkages: relationship between WTO rules and multilateral rules on climate change (Patrick Low, WTO)**
- 14:30 – 14:45 *Break*
- 14:45 - 17:00 **Assessing the impact of mitigating policies (Patrick Low, WTO)**
Regulatory measures that can be used to mitigate the impacts of trade on climate change and their effects (on competitiveness, welfare/income distribution...)
 - a. Non-trade specific regulations, e.g. global energy standards for certain products; tax advantages linked to contents requirements
 - b. Trade-related measures
 - i. Incentives schemes, e.g. subsidies for using specific resources, lowering tariffs on environmental goods
 - ii. Preventive/restrictive measures: e.g. border tax adjustments, embargoes and quotas

Wednesday, 23 June 2010

- 09:00 – 10:30 **Assessing the impact of mitigating policies (Patrick Low, WTO) continued**
Regulatory measures that can be used to mitigate the impacts of trade on climate change and their effects (on competitiveness, welfare/income distribution...)
 - c. Non-trade specific regulations, e.g. global energy standards for certain products; tax advantages linked to contents requirements
 - d. Trade-related measures
 - i. Incentives schemes, e.g. subsidies for using specific resources, lowering tariffs on environmental goods
 - ii. Preventive/restrictive measures: e.g. border tax adjustments, embargoes and quotas.
- 10:30 – 10:45 *Break*
- 10:45 – 12:00 **Environmental impacts of services trade liberalization (Mia Mikic, ESCAP)**
- 12:00 – 13:00 *Lunch break*
- 13:00 – 14:30 **Trends in trade and regionalism of Asia-Pacific (Mia Mikic, ESCAP)**
- 14:30 -15:15 **Environmental Impacts of the ASEAN-China FTA on Greater Mekong Sub-region (Hing Vutha, CDRI, Cambodia)**
- 15:15 -15:30 *Break*
- 15:30 -17:00 **Small group discussions on research proposals**

Thursday, 24 June 2010

09:00 – 12:00 **Introduction to the use of the Global Trade Analysis Project (GTAP) models for the analysis of climate change and trade policies linkages (Truong P. Truong)**
Including coffee break 10:30 -10:45

1. GTAP as a model for international trade policy analysis
2. GTAP-E as an extension for the analysis of global energy and environmental issues

12:00 – 13:00 *Lunch break*

13:00 – 17:00 **Examples from the European Union climate change policy studies using the GTAP-E model**
Including coffee break 14:15 -14:30

3. Examples from the European Union climate change policy studies using the GTAP-E model
4. Other examples from studies for the cases of Japan, South Africa, Latin America.
5. Potential applications to Asia-Pacific countries.

Friday, 25 June 2010**Preparing research proposals**

09:00 -10:00 **Assessing the impact of trade facilitation measures on trade and climate change (Yann, Duval, ESCAP)**

10:00 – 10:15 *Break*

10:15 -11.45 **Writing effective research proposals (including a critique of ‘real-life’ proposals) (Melanie Ramjoue, ESCAP)**

11:45 -12:00 *Evaluation*

12:00 – 13:00 *Lunch break*

13:00 -14:00 **Presentation of UNDP Cambodia’s Trade Sector Wide Approach research project (Alessandro Vitale)**

Introduction to translating research ideas and issues into research designs using a global model such as GTAP-E or other appropriate models (Truong P. Truong)

14:00 -15:15

Group exercise: brainstorming among participants on research ideas and preparation of a sample research proposal

15:15 -16:15 **Group exercise: presentations of sample research proposals and feedback from participants and trainers**

16:15 -16:30 *Closing*
