



**Third ARTNeT Consultative Meeting  
of Policy Makers and Research Institutions**

1-2 November 2006

Macau University of Science and Technology  
Macao, China

**TENTATIVE PROGRAMME**

**Wednesday, 1 November 2006**

08:15- 08:30      **Registration**

08:30 – 09:00      **Welcome messages:**  
Kim Hak Su, Executive Secretary, ESCAP (Statement read by Mia Mikic)  
Evan Due, IDRC, Canada  
Patrick Low, Director, Research and Statistics Division, WTO  
Yumiko Yamamoto, Asia-Pacific Trade and Investment Initiative, UNDP

09:00 - 10:30      **Session 1: Update on the ARTNeT Thematic Study on Trade Facilitation**

*ARTNeT Thematic Study on Trade Facilitation*  
Yann Duval, ESCAP

*Trade Facilitation, Regional Integration and Logistics Liberalization*  
Andrew Stoler, Institute for International Trade (former Deputy Director-General, WTO)

*Trade Facilitation: The Way Forward*  
Florian Albuero, University of the Philippines, ARTNeT Advisor on Trade Facilitation

10:30 – 10:45      **Break**

10:45 – 12:15      **Session 2: Selected ARTNeT short-term studies**

*Utilisation of Preferential Trade Arrangements: Sri Lanka's Experience with EU and US GSP Schemes*  
Janaka Wijayasiri, Institute for Policy Studies, Sri Lanka

*Institutional Quality and Trade in Pacific Island Countries*  
Azmat Gani, University of the South Pacific, Fiji

*Trade Liberalization and Development in ICT Sector and its Impact on Household Welfare in Viet Nam*  
Tran Quoc Trung, Ministry of Planning and Investment, Viet Nam

12:15 – 13:30      **Lunch**

**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 and investment policy and facilitation issues. Network members currently include about 18 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. The activities of the network are carried out with the aid of a grant from IDRC. WTO and UNDP, as core ARTNeT partners, also provide substantive and financial support to the network.

- 13:30 – 14:45      **Session 3: ARTNeT Regional Study on Services Trade and related research**
- A Comparative Analysis of Liberalization of Trade in Financial Services*  
Muthi Samudram, Monash University Malaysia
- Financial Services Liberalization in the EU: Policy Lessons for ASEAN*  
Gloria Pasadilla, Philippine Institute for Development Studies, Philippines
- 14:45 – 15:00      **Break**
- 15:00 – 16:15      **Session 3 (cont'd): ARTNeT Regional Study on Services Trade and related research**
- Barriers to Trade in Education Services in Developing ESCAP Countries*  
Ajitava Raychaudhuri, Jadavpur University, India
- Trade in Services: The Way Forward*  
Christopher Findlay, University of Adelaide, Australia, and ARTNeT Advisor on Trade in Services
- 16:15 – 16:45      **Session 4: Online and analytical tools for trade policymakers**
- ARTNeT website*  
Yann Duval, ESCAP

**Thursday, 2 November 2006**

- 08:30 – 9:15      **Session 4 (cont'd): Online and analytical tools for trade policymakers**
- Asia-Pacific Trade and Investment Agreements Database*  
Mia Mikic, ESCAP
- 9:15 – 9:30      **Break**
- 9:30 – 12:00      **Session 5: Policymakers demands for trade related research and approval of ARTNeT research programme 2007**
- ARTNeT Trade Research Priority Survey and Draft Research Programme 2007*  
Yann Duval, ESCAP
- Regional trade research priorities: selected views*
- Prachanda Man Shrestha, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Supplies, Nepal
  - Biswajit Dhar, Indian Institute of Foreign Trade, India
  - Sok Sopheak, Deputy Director General, Ministry of Commerce, Cambodia
  - Patrick Low, Director, Research and Statistics Division, WTO
- 12:00 – 12:15      **Closing**

**1:00 – 3:30 PM CLOSED MEETING**

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Review of progress made toward objectives; 2. Planned 2007 activities; 3. ARTNeT Phase II (2007-10)

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