



**International Conference
“Selected Outstanding Issues in Services, Trade and
Development”**

3-5 May 2011, ADB Headquarters, Manila, Philippines

PROGRAMME

May 3, 2011

8.30 - 9.00

Registration

9:00 -12:30

Opening Session

***Moderator:* Gloria Pasadilla, ADB Institute**

Juzhong Zhuang, Asian Development Bank

Mia Mikic, UNESCAP

Keynote speech (TBC)

Ramon Kabisig

Assistant Secretary

Department of Trade and Industry

Philippines

Photo-session break

Session 1: TRADE AND ENVIRONMENT NEXUS

***Moderator:* John West, ADB Institute**

The session will discuss the trade and environment linkages, as well as investment opportunities from climate change mitigation and adaptation policies, including climate change related finance and trade in climate-smart goods and services. Considering the

current conundrum in the proposed multilateral agreement on emission targets, the session will discuss the impact of nationally determined climate policies, their potential trade impacts, various mitigating and adaptation policies, and the role that multilateral and inter-governmental organizations can play. This session will also discuss outstanding issues on environmental goods and services in the Doha Development Agenda and how other sub-regional organizations and PTAs are dealing with the issue. Outstanding issues include definitional issues, linkage between environmental goods and environmental services, technology transfers of 'environmental-friendly' technologies, use of 'end-use' and 'process and production methods (PPM)' criteria vis-a-vis Customs criteria and practices, among others.

9:45 – 10:45

Services in climate change mitigation activities

Dale Andrew and Sebastian Miroudot, OECD

Comments: **Marwan Azizi** – Ministry of International Trade and Industry, Malaysia

Discussion

10:45 – 11:00

Break

11:00 – 12:30

Environmental goods and services in regional trade arrangements

Tao Hu, China

Trade and investment opportunities for climate smart goods for Asia-Pacific economies

Mia Mikic, ESCAP/ARTNeT

Comments: **Dinesh Kumar**, Department of Commerce, India

Discussion

12:30 – 14:00

Lunch

14:00 – 18:15

SESSION 2: OUTSTANDING WORK ON SERVICES RULES AND

REGULATION: MAKING SERVICES WORK FOR DEVELOPMENT

Moderator: Gloria O. Pasadilla, ADB Institute

Services reforms are meant to help economies grow and develop. However, not many economies have solved the question of appropriate treatment of services in their domestic regulatory frameworks and liberalization vs. regulation strategies often appear at variance. Efforts at improving multilateral rules to address these issues are on-going. This session will discuss some of the discussions on GATS rules and country case study of structural reforms in services sector

14:00 -15:30 **Treatment of public services (including environmental services) under the GATS**
 Rudolf Adlung, WTO

15:30-15:45 Coffee Break

15:45 – 17:15 **Rule-making issues under the GATS: Domestic Regulation, Safeguards, and Subsidies**
 Rudolf Adlung, WTO

Discussion

17:15 – 18:15 **Structural reforms in services sectors and development: case study of Thailand**
 Deunden Nikomborirak, TDRI

18:15 – 20:30 **Dinner** (hosted by ADBI)
 at Oakroom 6th Floor
 Oakwood Premier Joy~Nostalg Center Manila

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9:00 – 12:30 **Session 3: MEASURING TRADE IN SERVICES AND GLOBAL**

VALUE CHAINS

Moderator: Mia Mikic, UNESCAP

Adequate measurement of services trade is an issue that has bedeviled researchers and policymakers. How does the revised BOP Manual help in compiling and reporting services trade statistics? Besides the modal complications in services trade transactions, the fragmentation of services 'production' further compounds the measurement problem in services. The session will also describe issues around global value chains and trade in services.

9:00 – 10:30 **Impact of adoption of the revised Manual on Statistics on International Trade in Services on trade flows**
 Andreas Maurer, WTO

Discussion

10:30 – 11:00 Coffee Break

11:00 – 12:30 **Global value chains and trade in services**
 Andreas Maurer, WTO
 Sebastian Miroudot, OECD

Discussion

12:30 – 14:00 Lunch

14:00 – 18:00 **Session 4: LABOR MIGRATION AND MODE 4 TRADE IN SERVICES**

Moderator: John West, ADB Institute

The session presents a proposed statistical approach to provide a realistic assessment of mode 4 trade as a preliminary first step to conduct proper analysis of this services mode of delivery. In addition, various regional trading arrangements have gone ahead of

the DDA in tackling the mobility of persons. The session presents the different approaches in RTAs with respect to movement of natural persons.

14:00 – 15:30

Measuring Mode 4 trade flows

Andreas Maurer, WTO

Discussion

15:30 – 16:00

Break

16:00 – 18:00

Provisions for Movements of Natural Persons in regional arrangements

Rupa Chanda, IIM, Bangalore

India-ASEAN trade in services: possibility of MRAs

Patcharawalai Wongboonsin, Chulalongkorn University, Thailand

Comments: **Jian Chen**, Ministry of Commerce, PRC

Discussion

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9:00 – 13:00

**SESSION 5: LIBERALIZING SERVICES PREFERENTIALLY:
EXPLORING THE LIMITS**

Moderator: Mia Mikic, UNESCAP

The proliferation of RTAs which tend to include services, their treatment of various services issues and their impact on the multilateral trading system will be discussed.

9:00 – 10:00

Reflections on preferential liberalization of services

Anirudh Shingal, World Trade Institute

10:00 – 10:30

Coffee Break

10:30 -12:30

**Scope and limits of the MFN-obligation under the GATS
(PTAs and surrounding 'grey' areas)**

Rudolf Adlung, WTO

Discussion

12:30 -13:00

Closing Session

13:00 – 14:00

Lunch