

**Fifth Multi-Stakeholder Steering Committee Meeting of
the Asia-Pacific Research and Training Network on Trade (ARTNeT)**

**1 November 2012
Colombo, Sri Lanka**

Venue: Orchid Room, Galadari Hotel

BACKGROUND

The Fifth ARTNeT Multi-Stakeholder Steering Committee¹ (MSC) Meeting will be held on 1 November 2012. The MSC, composed of policymakers, research institutions, international organizations, civil society and private sector representatives, was established in 2007. It is the lead advisory body to the ARTNeT Secretariat and it is expected to provide an inclusive forum for discussing the development and activities of the network to help it enhance its impact and reach its objectives. Background documents prepared based on inputs received from ARTNeT members, advisers and focal points, including those collected through the ARTNeT Research Priority Survey 2012, will be circulated in advance of the meeting.

PROGRAMME

	Opening Remarks
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17.00 – 17.10	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Ravi Ratnayake, Director, Trade and Investment Division, ESCAP</i>• <i>Evan Due, Senior Regional Programme Specialist, International Development Research Centre, Canada</i>
	Report on ARTNeT activities in Phase III (April 2011-present)
	Presentation by Mia Mikic, ARTNeT Coordinator, ESCAP
17:10 – 17:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Research programme implementation• Research capacity building• Research dissemination• Network development
17:30-18:00	Discussion and comments by members of MSC
	ARTNeT MSC members will have an opportunity to provide feedback on their experience with implementation of ARTNeT Phase III and perception of ARTNeT activities during this phase.
18:00 – 18.45	ARTNeT – next phase <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Possible research agenda for 2013 – based on ARTNeT research priority Survey 2012• New initiatives and new partnerships
	Discussion – ARTNeT MSC members to discuss and provide recommendations on research programme and options for sustaining current and establishing new initiatives and partnerships for ARTNeT.
18.45	Closing

Note:

ARTNeT, an open network of research and academic institutions and think–tanks in developing countries in the Asia-Pacific region, aims to increase the amount of high quality, topical and applied research in the region by harnessing existent research capacity and developing new capacities. ARTNeT undertakes regional team research projects, enhances research dissemination mechanism, increases interactions between policymakers and researchers, and organizes specific capacity building activities catering to researchers, research institutions and think – tanks from low-income countries. ARTNeT is an initiative of ESCAP and the International Development Research Centre (IDRC), Canada.

¹ Composition and terms of reference of the MSC are available at: <http://www.unescap.org/tid/artnet/about.asp>