

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

**12 December 2013  
Macao, China**

**BACKGROUND**

The Sixth ARTNeT Multi-Stakeholder Steering Committee<sup>1</sup> (MSC) Meeting will be held on 12 December 2013. 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.

**PROGRAMME**

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| 13.00 – 13.10 | <b>Opening Remarks</b><br>Opening remarks by <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Ravi Ratnayake, Director, Trade and Investment Division, ESCAP</i></li></ul> <b>Report on ARTNeT activities in Phase III (April 2011-Sep 2013)</b>  |
| 13:10 – 13:30 | Presentation by Mia Mikic, ARTNeT Coordinator, ESCAP <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Research programme implementation</li><li>• Research capacity building</li><li>• Research dissemination</li><li>• Network development</li></ul>  |
| 13:30-14:00   | <b>Discussion and comments by members of MSC</b><br><br>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.  |
| 14:00 – 15.00 | <b>ARTNeT – next phase (round table discussion)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Possible research agenda for next phase of ARTNeT</li><li>• New initiatives and new partnerships</li></ul><br>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. |
| 15.00         | <b>Closing</b>  |

**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.

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