

## Research workshop on Trade Diversification in the Context of Global Challenges

27-28 October 2010, Vientiane, Lao PDR

### PROGRAMME

#### **Wednesday, 27 October 2010**

08:45-09:00	Registration
09:00-09:30 Opening session	Welcome <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Ms. Mia Mikic, ARTNeT/ ESCAP</li><li>- Mr. Hiroaki Kuwahara, WTO</li><li>- Ms. Maika Oshikawa UNCTAD</li><li>- Mr. Siasavath Savengsuksa, Vice Minister of Industry and Commerce</li></ul>
09:30-09:45	Photo session
09:45-12:30 Morning session  (Coffee and refreshments will be served around 10:30)	<b>Explaining the export growth</b> Constant market share analysis of Southeast Asian Export growth (John Gilbert, Utah State University, USA) Export structure and economic performance in developing countries: Evidence from nonparametric methodology (Sudip Ranjan Basu, UNCTAD) Estimating the trade performance of Vietnam during 1997-2008 using the CMS and gravity models (Trinh Quang Long, CIEM, Vietnam, TBC)
12:30-13:30	Lunch
13:30-17:00 Afternoon session  (Coffee and refreshments will be served around 15:00)	<b>New and dynamic exports</b> (UNCTAD) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• New and dynamic exports of Asian LDCs (Miho Shirotori, UNCTAD)</li><li>• Export diversification and export survival - the role of comparative advantage (Blolormaa Tumurchudur, UNCTAD)</li><li>• Findings from the NTM firm survey in Philippines (Gloria Pasadilla, Asian Development Bank Institute)</li><li>• Creative industries as new and dynamic exports of Asia (Edna dos Santos, UNCTAD)</li></ul>

19:00-21:30

***Dinner at KauLao Restaurant (self-funded)***

**Thursday, 28 October 2010**

08:45-10:30

Morning session I

(Coffee and refreshments will be served around 10:30)

**Crisis and trade**

What determines differential export performance during the crisis: The case of Germany vs. United Kingdom

(Martin Wermelinger, ARTNeT and University of St Gallen)

The role of credit and currency crises on trade diversification: A product-disaggregated analysis of Asia Exports since 1980

(Pahan Prasada , University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka)

The financial crisis and trade protectionism - WTO's work on monitoring and surveillance

(Maika Oshikawa, WTO)

10:30-12:30

Morning Session II

**Country studies**

Diversification of exports of India

(Rajan Ratna and Snighda Moitra, IIFT)

Pro-poor export development: a study of export-oriented SME clusters in Indonesia

(Tulus T.H. Tambunan, University of Trisakti, Indonesia)

Mongolia's trade diversification

(Nachin Dashnyam, FIFTA, Mongolia )

Agricultural export diversification and competitiveness in South Asia

(Senal Weerasooriya and Jeevika Weerahewa, University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka)

12:30-13:30

**Lunch**

13:30-16:00

Afternoon session I

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**Natural resources and trade**

Presentation of the 2010 World Trade Report

(Gaurav Nayyar, WTO)

Natural raw materials, agriculture and the growing use of export policy

(Patrick Low, WTO)

16:00-17:00

Afternoon session II

**Panel**

**"Diversification and de-carbonization"**

Panellists: Patrick Low (WTO),) and Somphong Soulivanh, (MOIC, Lao PDR), Arindam Banerjee (RIS), A.K. M. Nazrul Islam (CPD)

Floor discussion

17:00-17:15

Closing session

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