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UNDP/ESCAP ARTNeT Trade Facilitation Research Team Meeting

15 March 2006
Bangkok, Thailand

PROGRAMME

The meeting will be held in Meeting Room H, United Nations Conference Centre (UNCC).

Wednesday, 15 March 2006

- 08:00 – 08:15 **Registration**
- 08:15 – 08:30 **Welcome message**
Mr. Xuan Zengpei, Director, Trade and Investment Division, UNESCAP
Ms. Tiziana Bonapace, Chief, Trade Policy Section, Trade and Investment Division, UNESCAP
Mr. Manuel Montes, Regional Programme Coordinator, UNDP Regional Centre in Colombo
- 08:30 – 09:00 **Session 1: ARTNeT Trade Facilitation Research Effort 2005**

Mr. Yann Duval, TID, UNESCAP

Update on WTO Negotiations
by Mr. Donald Lewis, University of Hong Kong
- 09:00 – 10:30 **Session 2: Trade Facilitation and Customs Valuation – Progress reports**

Implementation of the WTO Customs Valuation Agreement in Nepal: an ex-ante Impact Assessment – Progress report
Mr. Pushpa Raj Rajkarnikar, IPRAD, Nepal

Customs Valuation in the Pacific Islands: the case of Fiji – Progress report
Mr. Biman Chand Prasad, USP, Fiji [by Video Conference]

Customs Valuation in South Asia: the Case of India – Scope of Work
Mr. Sachin Chaturvedi, RIS, India

Customs Valuation Issues and Possible Research Methodologies
by Mr. Florian Alburo, University of the Philippines
- 10:30 – 10:45 **Coffee break**

- 10:45 – 12:30 **Session 2: Trade Facilitation and Regional Integration – Progress Reports**
- The Impact of Trade Facilitation on ASEAN Members' Trade: Literature Review and Preliminary Findings
Mr. Dedi Budiman Hakim, IPB, Indonesia
- Regional Integration Initiatives in Asia-Pacific: Trade Facilitation Impact and Lessons learned – Literature Review and Preliminary Findings
Mr. James Redden, IIBE &L, Adelaide, Australia
- Trade Facilitation and Regional Integration in the Pacific Islands: Progress report and scope of work
Mr. Biman Chand Prasad, USP, Fiji [by Video Conference]
- Trade Facilitation and Regional Integration in South Asia: Scope of work
Mr. Sachin Chaturvedi, RIS, India
- ESCAP Preferential Trade Agreement Database
Ms. Ying Qiu, TID, UNESCAP
- 12:30 – 14:30 **Networking Lunch**, UNCC Garden Cafeteria
- 14:30 – 15:30 **Session 4: Trade Facilitation and Liberalization in Trade Logistics Services – Progress reports**
- China's Liberalization in Trade Logistics Services and Trade Facilitation: Lessons learned and Policy Implications
Mr. Yang Zerui, CIIS, P.R. China
- Trade Logistics Services Liberalization in Australia
Mr. James Redden, IIBE &L, Adelaide, Australia
- CUTS on-going Trade Facilitation Research Efforts and findings
Mr. Pranav Kumar, CUTS, ARTNeT Partner
- 15:30 – 16:00 Discussions / closing