Asia Pacific Research and Training Network on Trade

ARTNeT
Background

• Increasingly complex trade environment
• Low or no trade research capacity in many countries in the region
• Need for a “research network on trade issues” identified by the 60th Commission in Shanghai, April 2004
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ARTNet’s Strategy

(Long-term goal)

Policy makers in the UNESCAP region able to make (more) informed decisions on trade issues

(Medium-term objective)

Increased quantity, quality, relevance and dissemination of trade-related research for policy makers

ARTNet Research Programme

• Team-based research
 • Trade issues of interest to the region
 • Short-term and long-term research

Research Dissemination

• ARTNet website
 • Newsletters and Policy Briefs
 • Annual Meeting of Researchers and Policy Makers

Research Capacity Building

• Visiting fellowships for LDC researchers
 • Technical Workshop on Trade Research for LDC
 • Technical Advisors
28 Oct. 2004: ARTNeT Launched
(during intergovernmental meeting)

29 Oct. 04: Adoption of the ARTNeT Research Programme 2004-05
ARTNeT Research Programme

• Thematic long-term (3-year) study on trade facilitation
  – Year 1: Need for and Cost of Selected Trade Facilitation Measures in the context of WTO Trade Facilitation Negotiations
  – Year 2: beyond WTO trade facilitation negotiations; trade facilitation indicators

• One regional study (16 months) on agricultural trade liberalization
  – Mapping and analysis of regional and bilateral trade agreements with agricultural trade components
  – Implications for agricultural trade and the MTS

• Short-term studies (3-4 studies in year 1)
  – STUDY No.1: “Explaining Supply-side Constraints on Export-led Growth in the PICs” (USP)
Up-coming Activities/Events

• First ARTNeT Capacity Building Workshop for Trade Research, 22-25 March 2005
• ARTNeT Website Launch (June 2005); First ARTNeT Policy Brief to be released (July 2005)
• Second ARTNeT Consultative Meeting of RIs and Policy Makers, November 2005
  • Presentation of members research to policy makers
  • Adoption of ARTNeT research programme 2005-06
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:: Resources for Policy Makers

Policy relevant publications, research studies, paper, policy dialogue, policy briefs and useful links on trade issues from leading research institutions in the Asia-Pacific... more>>

:: Resources for Research Institutions

This page can be a good starting point for researchers who wish to find information or publication relevant to ARTNeT research topics such as capacity building activities, funding opportunities, literature reviews, publications, research studies, and useful links. more>>

:: Recent and Upcoming events

ARTNeT Capacity Building Workshop for Trade Research, 22-25 March 2005, Bangkok, Thailand

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