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Dissemination Seminar on the Reports under the project "Trade Facilitation for Poverty Reduction: Building Capacity for the Implementation of Pro-Poor Trade Facilitation Policies and Measures in Developing Asian Countries"

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Meeting Room F

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PROGRAMME

Tuesday, 26 March 2013

08:45-09:00	Registration
09.00 – 09:15	<p>Opening remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Ravi Ratnayake, Director, Trade and Investment Division, ESCAP
09.15 – 10.30	<p>Session 1: Chair: Ms. Mia Mikic, ESCAP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Economic Corridors and their Impact on Trade facilitation and Poverty Reduction: An Empirical Analysis of Selected Corridors of South Asia, Mr. Prabir De, Research and Information System for Developing Countries, India <p>Discussant: Mr. Amrit Lagun, Director, SAARC Secretariat, Nepal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Barriers to international entrepreneurship in agricultural sector of Bangladesh: Focus on Vegetable Production, Mr. Abu Hena Reza Hasan, University of Dhaka, Bangladesh <p>Discussant: Ms. Loreli C. De Dios, Center for the Advancement of Trade Integration and Facilitation (CATIF), Philippines</p> <p>Question and Answers</p>
10.30 – 10.45	<i>Coffee Break</i>

10.45-12.00	<p>Session 2: Chair: Mr. Saman Kalegama, Institute of Policy Studies of Sri Lanka, Sri Lanka</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trade facilitation and microfinance for poverty reduction in the GMS: The case study of Thailand, Ms. Kornkarun Cheewatrakoolpong, Chulalongkorn University, Thailand <p>Discussant: Ms. Loreli C. De Dios , Center for the Advancement of Trade Integration and Facilitation (CATIF), Philippines</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Poverty, Inequality and Trade Facilitation in Low and Middle Income Countries, Mr. Cuong Viet Nguyen, National Economics University, Viet Nam <p>Discussant: Mr. Selim Raihan, University of Dhaka, Bangladesh</p> <p>Question and Answers</p>
12.00-13.00	Lunch Break
13:00-14:15	<p>Session 3: Chair: Mr. Safdar Sohail, Trade Policy, Ministry of Commerce, Pakistan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The impact of agricultural trade facilitation for agricultural food exports in Indonesia and Southeast Asia, Mr. Ir Masyhuri, Universitas Gadjah Meda, Indonesia <p>Discussant: Mr. Saman Kalegama, Institute of Policy Studies of Sri Lanka, Sri Lanka</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Export Processing Zones (EPZs) and their impact on trade facilitation and poverty reduction in Sri Lanka, Mr. Chandana Karunaratne, Institute of Policy Studies, Sri Lanka <p>Discussant: Ms. Anita Prakash, Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia, Jakarta</p> <p>Question and Answers</p>
14:15-14:30	<i>Break</i>
14:30 - 16:00	<p>Session 4: Chair: Mr. Rajan Sudesh Ratna, ESCAP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Impact of Ongoing Trade Facilitation Improvement on Export-Oriented Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) in Indonesia, Mr. Tulus T.H. Tambunan, Trisakti University, Indonesia

	<p>Discussant: Mr. Selim Raihan, University of Dhaka, Bangladesh</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trade Facilitation and Poverty Reduction: The case study on China-Asean Region, Mr. Laping Wu, China Agricultural University, China <p>Discussant: Mr. Safdar Sohail, Trade Policy, Ministry of Commerce, Pakistan</p>
16.00 – 16.30	Concluding Session
