



International production networks and regional trade agreements in a context of ARTNeT's research on regionalism

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Overview



- **Some general information on ARTNeT and its activities**
- **Research on Regionalism**
- **International production networks**



ARTNeT in brief

- ❑ **5-year old research and training network with 4 core partners (including WTO and UNCTAD), almost 30 member research institutions in 15 countries, growing number of associate partners**
- ❑ **Tools for researchers and policymakers:**
 - **ARTNeT Publications: working papers, policy briefs, alerts, and other publications**
 - **Online Trade Publications Database (2000+ publications)**
 - **Gravity Modeling Database**
 - **APTIAD**
 - **Access to data from UN Comtrade and consultations with ITC, WITS and GTAP teams**
 - **Training materials on trade research tools**
 - **Database on researchers and analysts**
 - **Access to other networks**



Overview of ARTNeT Activities

Policymakers in the ESCAP region able to make (more) informed decisions on trade issues

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

- Consultative meetings of researchers and policy makers
- ARTNET website
- Policy Briefs, WPs, books

Research Capacity Building

- Visiting fellowships for LDC researchers
- Technical Workshop on Trade Research for LDC
- Research workshops
- Technical Advisors

Research areas



Three main regional research themes in Phase II:

- 1. Trade, investment and domestic policy coherence for inclusive growth**
- 2. Trade facilitation and trade in related services**
- 3. Multilateral liberalization and regional integration**

Regionalism



Different aspects based on projects:

- 1. Agriculture trade**
- 2. Services trade**
- 3. Institutional aspects**
- 4. Production sharing –IPNs**

Continuous work -APTIAD

- 5. Monitoring PTAs**
- 6. Indicators of performance**

International production networks project



- Integration:
 - production sharing – production networks
 - regional trade agreements
- Representative sectors in selected countries
- Method of research in selected sectors: survey and focused interviews
- Key finding- RTAs do not matter too much



Thank you.

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