



Asia-Pacific Research and Training Network on Trade (ARTNeT)

Call for ARTNeT Post-workshop Research Study Proposals

(limited to participants in the WTO/ESCAP 10th ARTNeT Capacity Building Workshop for Trade Research: “Empirical Methods in Trade: Analyzing Trade Costs and Trade Facilitation”)

With support from Government of China¹

(Deadline 15 July 2015)

1. Background

ARTNeT invites researchers who participated in the WTO/ESCAP 10th ARTNeT capacity building workshop for trade research to submit proposals for short-term research studies. Proposals should relate to the analytical tools covered in the workshop and their use to explore any research question of relevance to the decision and policy making in the areas of trade facilitation and if possible impacts of trade facilitation measures on poverty reduction. The proposal should clearly demonstrate application of knowledge or methods studied during the workshop.

2. Proposal Submission (deadline: 15 July 2015)

- Researchers and/or research teams are invited to submit short research proposals to the ARTNeT Secretariat no later than 15 July 2015 (to be sent to artnetontrade@un.org).
- Research proposals should be less than 5 pages. The proposed outline is as follows:
 1. Title
 2. Background [1/2 page]
 3. Literature Review [1/2 to 1 page]
 4. Research Question(s) and Scope of Study [1/2 page]
 5. Methodology and Data [1 page]

¹ Project "Trade Facilitation for Poverty Reduction: Building Capacity for the Implementation of Pro-Poor Trade Facilitation Policies and Measures in Developing Asian Countries (230F-CPR11001)"

6. Expected research outcome and policy relevance [1/2 page]
7. Proposed research team (include CVs) and timeline (5 months maximum) WITH FINAL DATE OF COMPLETION TO BE NO LATER THAN 15 Dec 2015
8. Budget (depending on scope of work and extent of primary data collection, maximum is US\$2,500.)

3. Proposal Selection (announced 1 August 2015)

The proposals will be reviewed by the Secretariat with help from external advisors and collaborating institutions. The following criteria will be used for the evaluation:

- Relevance of the proposal
- Relevance of the expected results to policy makers in the Asia-Pacific region
- Technical quality and clarity of the proposal
- Potential contribution to trade research capacity building in the region.

4. Implementation (1 Aug to 15 Dec 2015 or earlier)

- ESCAP and/or other ARTNeT core partners will enter into appropriate contractual arrangements with the researcher(s) whose proposals have been selected for funding.
- The final study should include a table of content with titles and subtitles, as well as an executive summary of 400 words focusing on policy implications. Studies must be written in proper English, so that they may be distributed to stakeholders without major revisions or corrections. Authors may be requested to prepare a shorter version of the study to be published as a policy brief or similar publication. Final publications will be issued under the authors' names.

5. Contact information

Please email the ARTNeT Secretariat at artnetontrade@un.org if you have any questions.
