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Asia-Pacific Trade Economists' Conference Trade-Led Growth in Times of Crisis

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It is with great pleasure that we announce the Asia-Pacific Trade Economists' Conference on 2 and 3 November 2009 in Bangkok, Thailand, to celebrate the 5th Anniversary of the Asia-Pacific Research and Training Network on Trade (ARTNeT). With a focus on "*Trade-led Growth in Times of Crisis*," the Conference will provide a forum for regional and global experts from academia, governments and civil society to determine the broad contours of a new *trade-led development* paradigm in reaction to the current vulnerabilities of the global economy.

The Conference is organized by the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) in close collaboration with the International Development Research Centre (IDRC), Canada, the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Regional Centre in Colombo, and the World Trade Organization (WTO). The policy recommendations formulated by the Conference participants will be submitted for consideration to the Committee on Trade and Investment of ESCAP, to be held on 4-6 November 2009 in Bangkok.



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On behalf of the International Development Research Centre (IDRC) of Canada, it gives me considerable pleasure to participate in the 5th Anniversary Conference of Asia-Pacific Research and Training Network on Trade (ARTNeT). In partnership with ESCAP, IDRC has supported ARTNeT since its inception. Thanks to the dedication of ESCAP staff, and all its active partners, the Network has achieved enormous success in just five years. This has clearly been evidenced by the strong build up of research capabilities in the trade policy community in the ESCAP region and the number of significant policy briefs and research studies produced by the Network. IDRC is proud to be associated with this initiative and we congratulate ESCAP on hosting the 5th Anniversary Conference at this time of global economic concern.

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

ARTNeT is a regional trade research and training network that promotes policy-oriented trade research in the Asia-Pacific region by supporting regional team research projects, conducting capacity building trainings in various areas of trade research, and facilitating policy dialogues between trade policy-makers and researchers.

Since its founding in 2004, ARTNeT has grown to become a wide-reaching regional network, including 28 leading research institutes as members and 14 partners. In five years, network researchers have contributed over 70 working papers, 20 policy briefs and studies published in monograph form. In addition, several hundred researchers have received training through training workshops organized by ARTNeT in collaboration with partners such as the WTO and UNCTAD.

Conference Program at a Glance

	MONDAY – 2 NOVEMBER 2009	TUESDAY – 3 NOVEMBER 2009
MORNING SESSION	Welcome Address and Introduction	
	<p>Plenary Session 1: Taking Stock of the Global Crisis: Does the Asia-Pacific Region Need a New Approach to Trade and Development?</p> <p>Dr. Alan Deardorff Professor, Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy and Department of Economics, University of Michigan</p> <p>Dr. Kishore Mahbubani Dean, Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, Singapore</p> <p>Dr. Jun Zhang Director, China Centre for Economic Studies, Fudan University</p> <p>Dr. Debapriya Bhattacharya Distinguished Fellow, Centre for Policy Dialogue, Bangladesh</p> <p>Dr. Patrick Low Director, Economic Research and Statistics, World Trade Organization</p>	<p>Plenary Session 2: The Crisis: A Catalyst for More Coherent Trade Policies and Inclusive Growth?</p> <p>H.E. Prof. G L Peiris Minister of Export Development and International Trade, Sri Lanka</p> <p>Dr. Kym Anderson Professor, School of Economics, Adelaide University</p> <p>Dr. Patrick A. Messerlin Professor, Institut d'Etudes Politiques</p> <p>Dr. Simon Evenett Professor, University of St. Gallen</p> <p>Dr. Saman Kelegama Executive Director, Institute of Policy Studies of Sri Lanka</p>
AFTERNOON SESSION	Parallel Sessions	Parallel Sessions
	<p>Session 1: Trade-led Recovery and Production Networks</p> <p>Session 2: The Rise of Minilateralism and the Expansion of the Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement</p> <p>Session 3: Advances in the Use of CGE Analysis for Trade Policymaking</p>	<p>Session 8: Trade Facilitation</p> <p>Session 9: Adapting Trade Policies to Promote Food Security</p> <p>Session 10: Trade Liberalization in Services: Sectoral and Country Studies</p>
	<p>Session 4: Trade Governance: is the WTO a Sustainable Model for the Future?</p> <p>Session 5: Design of Inclusive Trade Policies</p> <p>Session 6: Trade and Development: Case Studies</p> <p>Session 7: Modeling the Effects of 'Behind the Border' Barriers</p>	<p>Session 11: Gravity Modeling and Trade Facilitation in South Asia</p> <p>Session 12: Dynamic and New Sectors of Developing Countries</p> <p>Session 13: Assessing the Human Development Impact of the Economic Crisis: Strategies and Policy Responses</p>
	Demonstration of ARTNeT online analytical tools for trade research	Plenary Session: Presentation of policy recommendations
EVENING SESSION	Cocktail Reception	

Confirmed conference key-note speakers include:



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Minister of Export Development and International Trade of Sri Lanka



Kym Anderson

George Gollin Professor of Economics at University of Adelaide



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