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ARTNeT Consultative Meeting on Trade and Investment Policy Coordination
16-17 July 2007
Bangkok

PROGRAMME

*Venue: Meeting Room A, United Nations Conference Centre
Bangkok*

Background

ARTNeT is an open regional network of national-level research institutions (ARTNeT members) specializing in trade and investment policy and facilitation issues, supported by UNESCAP, UNDP, WTO and IDRC, Canada (core ARTNeT partners) and other partners [see www.artnetontrade.org, for details].

The purpose of this ARTNeT consultative meeting is to provide a regional forum for discussion of the need for more coordination between trade, investment and other policies at the national level as well as the need for cross-border harmonization of investment rules, in particular through investment provisions in preferential trade agreements, based on draft research papers and preliminary findings resulting from the implementation of the ARTNeT Research Programme 2007 – the programme was endorsed by policymakers and research institutions during the Third ARTNeT Consultative Meeting of Policymakers and Research Institutions held in Macao, China in November 2006. These research papers will be complemented by country briefs and presentations by Government and experts from private sector and relevant international organizations. The discussions and exchanges of views between participants from different countries and stakeholder groups are expected to result in recommendations for trade and investment policymaking and research and will form the basis for further ARTNeT research work in this area, with a view to strengthening the analytical basis for effective development friendly trade and investment policy decision making.

Monday, 16 July 2007

- 08:15 – 08:30 **Registration**
- 08:30 – 08:45 **Welcome message**
Mr. Xuan Zengpei, Director, Trade and Investment Division, UNESCAP
- 08:45 – 09:15 **Session 1: Trade and investment linkages: Theory and recent evidence**

Interactions between FDI and import/export of FDI receiving and sending countries
Santi Chaisriwatsuk, Director, CIEDS, NIDA, Thailand
- 09:15 – 09:30 **Coffee Break**
- 09:30 - 12:00 **Session 2: Trade and investment linkages: Sectoral evidence in developing countries**

Impact of Trade Liberalization on Foreign Direct Investment in Indian Industries
Rashmi Banga, UNCTAD India

Trade and Investment Linkages in Higher Education Services in Malaysia
Siew Yean Tham, Deputy-Director, IKMAS, National University of Malaysia

Trade and investment policy reforms and their effect on the development of small and

medium sized enterprises in Indonesia

Tulus Tambunan, Director, CISMES, Universitas Trisatki, Indonesia

Remarks by:

Josef Yap, President, Philippine Institute of Development Studies [Note on the Dichotomy between Domestic and Export Sector in the Philippines]

Biswajit Dhar, Professor and Head, Centre for WTO Studies, Indian Institute of Foreign Trade, New Delhi, and ARTNeT Advisor on WTO and Trade and Development

12:00 – 13:00

Lunch

13:00 – 14:30

Session 3: Trade and Investment Policy Coordination: Evidence from developing countries***Trade and Investment Linkages in Nepal: Impact on productivity and exports and need for policy coordination***

Dilli Raj Khanal, Chairman, IPRAD, Nepal

Trade and Investment Linkages and Need for Policy Coordination in LDCs: the case of Bangladesh

Debapriya Bhattacharya, Executive Director, CPD, Bangladesh

Trade and Investment Linkages and Need for Policy Coordination in Sri Lanka

Deshal De Mel, IPS, Sri Lanka

Remarks by:

Sirisamphan Vorachit, Deputy Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Industry and Commerce, Lao PDR [country note on trade and investment policy coordination]

Jingjai Hanchanlash, Former Chairman, Greater Mekong Subregion Business Forum

14:30 – 15:00

Break

15:00 – 16:00

Session 4: Trade and Investment Policy Coordination: Evidence from Preferential Trade Agreements***Investment Provisions in regional and other preferential trade agreements in Asia and the Pacific: Trends, Rationale, and Policy Implications***

Nagesh Kumar, Executive Director, RIS, India

Remarks by:

Pierre Sauve, Senior Research Fellow, NCCR-Trade Regulation, Switzerland, and ARTNeT Advisor on Investment

Wisarn Pupphavesa, Advisor, Thailand Development Research Institute

16:15 – 18:00

Consultation on ARTNeT Phase II***Election of co-chairs******ARTNeT Phase I External Review: recommendation for Phase II***

Supperamaniam Manickam, Former Malaysian Ambassador to the WTO and Advisor to the Federation of Malaysian Manufacturer

ARTNeT Phase II Project proposal

Tiziana Bonapace, Trade Policy Section, Trade and Investment Division, ESCAP
Yann Duval, TPS, TID, ESCAP

19:00-20:30

Networking Dinner – Prince Palace Hotel

Tuesday, 17 July 2007

- 08:45 – 10:15 **Session 5: Towards and Beyond Trade and Investment Policy Coherence**
- The OECD Policy Framework for Investment (PFI)*
Michael Gestrin, Senior Economist, OECD
- Viet Nam's Practices in Investment-related Policy Formulation and the PFI*
Hien Thi Minh Nguyen, Ministry of Planning and Investment, Foreign Investment Agency, Viet Nam
- Australian experience in investment-related policy coordination and the PFI project*
Roy Nixon, the Treasury, Australia
- Remarks by:**
Marinus W. Sikkel, Chief, Investment and Enterprise Development Section, TID, ESCAP
- 10:15 – 10:30 **Break**
- 10:30 – 12:00 **Session 5 (Cont'ed): Towards and Beyond Trade and Investment Policy Coherence**
- Korea's New Trade and Outward FDI Policy: Facilitating Korean SMEs' Presence in Regional and Global Markets*
Seong-Bong Lee, Korea Institute for International Economic Policy
- Explaining Asian Outward Foreign Direct Investment*
Rashmi Banga, UNCTAD India
- Remarks by:** Jay Menon, ADB Institute
- 12:00 – 13:00 **Lunch**
- 13:00 – 15:45 **Session 6: Emerging Policy Research Questions – Toward a research agenda on Trade, Investment and Policy Coherence for ARTNeT Phase II**
Facilitator: Supperamaniam Manickam, Former Malaysian Ambassador to the WTO and Advisor to the Federation of Malaysian Manufacturer
- Multilateral Rules on Investment: Is Forward Movement Necessary and Possible?*
Pierre Sauve, Senior Research Fellow, NCCR-Trade Regulation, Switzerland, and ARTNeT Advisor on Investment
- IISD Model International Agreement on Investment for Sustainable Development*
Aaron Cosbey, Senior Project Advisor, IISD
- 15:45 – 16:00 **Evaluation and Closing**
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