Rapid tech advances in artificial intelligence (AI), internet of things (IoT) and quantum computing are transforming trade, as highlighted in the TradeTech – Catalysing Innovation report. These developments call for regulatory updates to ensure broad, affordable adoption without exclusion. This session will discuss aligning these innovations with effective regulations. This dialogue aims to navigate the regulatory landscape, promoting a trade future that is inclusive, efficient, and sustainable.

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**Highlights of the session include:**

- Insightful exchanges on leveraging TradeTech to enhance global trade, navigating the complexities at the nexus of innovation and regulation.
- Engaging discussions with leading experts, policymakers, and innovators on creating an environment that supports technological advancement while ensuring robust regulatory frameworks, flexible enough but without compromising on trade compliance or other legitimate objectives.
- Collaborative efforts across the public and private sectors to align strategies that promote inclusive and sustainable trade practices, incl. the use of Regulatory Sandboxes paving the way for a future where technology and trade evolve in harmony.

Join us in this forward-thinking discussion, as part of the TradeTech Global Initiative.

**Potential questions to be addressed:**

- How can policymakers and innovators work together to ensure that regulatory frameworks keep pace with the rapid advancement of technologies such as Artificial Intelligence, the Internet of Things, and quantum computing?
- What is the right balance between ensuring innovation and not compromising on trade compliance and other legitimate objectives?
- What are some of the major pain points for TradeTech suppliers when it comes to trade regulation? Where will regulatory flexibility be more appreciated?
- How can regulatory frameworks support digital inclusion, ensuring that the benefits of trade technology are accessible to all, especially in developing economies?
- What should be the goal of a TradeTech regulatory sandbox? Efficiency, inclusion, facilitating scaling up, etc?
• Looking ahead, what are the emerging technologies on the horizon that could further transform global trade, and how should regulatory frameworks adapt to accommodate these innovations?
• How can a multi-stakeholder approach contribute to the development of robust regulatory frameworks that support technological advancement in trade while addressing the concerns of all parties involved?

Panellists

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Confirmed: Topp Jirayut Srupsrisopa - Founder and Group CEO, Bitkub

Confirmed: Mike Yeh - Regional Vice-President, Corporate External and Legal Affairs, Microsoft Asia

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