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Fourth session
Bangkok and online, 12 and 13 June 2025

Annotated provisional agenda

The present document contains the provisional agenda for the fourth session of the Paperless Trade Council of the Framework Agreement on Facilitation of Cross-border Paperless Trade in Asia and the Pacific (sect. I) and the annotations thereto (sect. II).

I. Provisional agenda

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II. Annotations

1. Opening of the session

(a) Opening addresses

A senior official from the secretariat will open the session and deliver an opening statement.

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(b) Election of officers

The Paperless Trade Council will elect a Chair and Vice-Chairs for the session.

(c) Adoption of the agenda

Documentation

Provisional agenda (ESCAP/PTA/PTC(4)/1)

Annotated provisional agenda (ESCAP/PTA/PTC(4)/1/Add.1)

Annotation

The provisional agenda will be considered and adopted by the Paperless Trade Council, subject to such changes as may be necessary.

The list of participants and the programme for the session will be available online at www.unescap.org/events/2025/fourth-session-paperless-trade-council-framework-agreement-facilitation-cross-border.

2. Statements by the members of the Paperless Trade Council

In accordance with article 11 of the Framework Agreement on Facilitation of Cross-border Paperless Trade in Asia and the Pacific, each party to the Framework Agreement is required to appoint a high-level representative to participate in the Paperless Trade Council, the supreme body responsible for supervising and making final determinations on all issues related to the implementation of the Framework Agreement.

During the session, all representatives are invited to deliver a concise statement outlining their perspectives and strategic approaches to the effective implementation of the Framework Agreement.

3. Evaluation of the progress made in the implementation of the Framework Agreement on Facilitation of Cross-border Paperless Trade in Asia and the Pacific and discussion on the way forward

Documentation

Review of the progress made in the implementation of the Framework Agreement on Facilitation of Cross-border Paperless Trade in Asia and the Pacific and the way forward (ESCAP/PTA/PTC(4)/2)

Draft recommendations on adopting international standards for the implementation of the Framework Agreement on Facilitation of Cross-border Paperless Trade in Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP/PTA/PTC(4)/3)

Annotation

The Paperless Trade Council will evaluate the progress made in the implementation of the Framework Agreement on Facilitation of Cross-border Paperless Trade in Asia and the Pacific and review the most recent developments in cross-border paperless trade within the region. The key conclusions and recommendations from the fourth session of the Standing Committee of the Framework Agreement on Facilitation of Cross-border

Paperless Trade in Asia and the Pacific will be presented to the Council during its fourth session.

The Paperless Trade Council will review the opportunities and challenges related to resource mobilization and make strategic decisions regarding the continued implementation of the Framework Agreement and the promotion of cross-border paperless trade.

The Paperless Trade Council is invited to review the draft recommendations on adopting international standards for the implementation of the Framework Agreement and consider adopting them.

4. Dates and venue of the fifth session

The Paperless Trade Council, at its third session, decided that the fifth sessions of the Standing Committee and of the Paperless Trade Council would be held in Bangkok and online from 8 to 10 June 2026 and on 11 and 12 June 2026, respectively. The dates and venue are expected to remain unchanged.

5. Other matters

The Paperless Trade Council may wish to consider other matters not covered under the items mentioned above.

6. Adoption of the report of the Paperless Trade Council on its fourth session

Documentation

Draft report (ESCAP/PTA/PTC(4)/L.1)

Annotation

The Paperless Trade Council will consider and adopt the report on its fourth session.