Tentative programme

Wednesday, 27 July 2011

0830-0900 hrs.  Registration

0900-0945 hrs.  Item 1  Opening of the session and official launch of the Asia-Pacific Trade and Investment Report 2011

Welcoming address by Ms. Noeleen Heyzer, Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations and Executive Secretary of ESCAP

Opening address by H.E. Mr. Sarath Amunugama, Senior Minister for International Monetary Cooperation of Sri Lanka and Chairman of the sixty-seventh session of the Commission

Opening address by H.E. Mr. Muhammad Faruk Khan, Minister of Commerce of Bangladesh

Inaugural address by Mr. Yanyong Phuangrach, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Commerce of Thailand

Item 2  Election of the Bureau

Item 3  Adoption of the agenda

0945-1000 hrs.  Break

1000-1200 hrs.  Item 4  Capturing trade and investment opportunities in the new decade

Presentation on the Asia-Pacific Trade and Investment Report 2011 by Mr. Ravi Ratnayake, Director, Trade and Investment Division, ESCAP

Panel discussion

Moderator: Mr. Ravi Ratnayake, Director, Trade and Investment Division, ESCAP

* Reissued for technical reasons on 2 August 2011.
Keynote speakers

H.E. Mr. Muhammad Faruk Khan, Minister of Commerce, Bangladesh

H.E. Mr. Dalrai Davaasambuu, Ambassador and Economic Policy Advisor to the Chairman of the State Ilkh Khural, Mongolia

Ms. Vasana Mututanont, Executive Director, International Affairs Bureau, Board of Investment, Thailand

Mr. Chote Sophonpanich, Executive Chairman, Greenspot (Thailand); Vice-Chairman, Business Advisory Council; and Chair, Asia-Pacific Business Forum 2011

Mr. Simon Evenett, Professor of International Trade and Economic Development, University of St. Gallen

Mr. Wing Thye Woo, Professor of Economics, University of California, Davis

1200-1330 hrs. Lunch hosted by the Department of Trade Negotiations, Ministry of Commerce of Thailand (by invitation only)

1330-1500 hrs. Item 5 Facilitating intraregional trade

Introduction of the agenda item by Ms. Shamika Sirimanne, Chief, Trade Facilitation Section, Trade and Investment Division, ESCAP

Panel discussion

Mr. Sok Siphana, Advisor to the Government of Cambodia

Mr. Mozibur Rahman, Chairman, Bangladesh Tariff Commission

Country statements

1500-1530 hrs. Break

1530-1700 hrs. Item 6 Promoting trade and investment in low-carbon goods and services

Introduction of the agenda item by Mr. Ravi Ratnayake, Director, Trade and Investment Division, ESCAP

Panel discussion

Ms. Srirat Rastapana, Director-General, Department of Trade Negotiations, Ministry of Commerce, Thailand

Mr. Chaiyod Bunyagidi, Vice President, Thailand Environment Institute

Mr. Manuel Montes, Chief, Development Strategy and Policy Analysis Unit, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, United Nations

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0900-1030 hrs.  Item 7  Transferring technology for inclusive and sustainable trade and investment (APCTT/APCAEM)

Introduction of the agenda item by Mr. Krishnamurthy Ramanathan, Head, Asian and Pacific Centre for Transfer of Technology (APCTT) and Mr. LeRoy Hollenbeck, Head, Asian and Pacific Centre for Agricultural Engineering and Machinery (APCAEM)

Keynote address
Emeritus Professor Mario T. Tabucanon, Visiting Professor, United Nations University - Institute of Advanced Studies (UNU - IAS)

Country statements

1030-1100 hrs.  Break

1100-1230 hrs.  Item 8  Integrating small and medium-sized enterprises into the regional economy

Introduction of the agenda item by Mr. Marc Proksch, Chief, Private Sector and Development Section, Trade and Investment Division, ESCAP

Panel discussion
Mr. Janaka Bandula Sugathadasa, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Industry and Commerce, Sri Lanka
Ms. Wimonkan Kosumas, Deputy Director-General, Office of Small and Medium Enterprises Promotion, Government of Thailand

Special briefing on the outcome of the Global Compact Local Networks/Multinational Corporations Regional Meeting: “Partnerships for Corporate Sustainability”
Ms. Habiba Tasneem Chowdhury, Chief Coordinator, Institute of Hazrat Mohammad (SAW)

Country statements

1230-1400 hrs.  Lunch break

1400-1530 hrs.  Item 9  Moving multilateral and regional trade and investment cooperation forward

Introduction of the agenda item by Mr. Ravi Ratnayake, Director, Trade and Investment Division, ESCAP

Panel discussion
Ms. Indira Murthy Bhattiprolu, Director, Department of Commerce, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, India
Mr. Robert R. Teh, Counsellor, Economic Research and Statistics Division, World Trade Organization
Mr. Simon Evenett, Professor of International Trade and Economic Development, University of St. Gallen

Country statements
1530-1600 hrs.  Break

1600-1630 hrs.  Item 10  Consideration of the future focus of the subprogramme
Introduction of the agenda item by Mr. Ravi Ratnayake, Director, Trade and Investment Division, ESCAP

1630-1700 hrs.  Item 11  Consideration of draft resolutions for submission to the Commission at its sixty-eighth session

1700-1715 hrs.  Item 12  Dates, venue and provisional agenda for the third session of the Committee

1715-1730 hrs.  Item 13  Other matters

Friday, 29 July 2011

1400-1530 hrs.  Item 14  Adoption of the report

1530-1600 hrs.  Closing