Workshop on advancing cross-border paperless trade

09:00-12:00, 20 June 2023, Bangkok, Thailand and online

On-site: UNCC Room CR-3, Bangkok Online: Zoom meeting

Electronic exchange of trade-related documents across borders remains a work in progress. The purpose of this meeting is to evaluate the current state of cross-border electronic exchange of trade-related data and documents in electronic form, examine the lessons learned, and explore the possibility of initiating further pilot projects within the region, particularly for parties involved in the Framework Agreement.

Time	Tentative Programme
09:00 – 09:05	**Opening** Mr. Yann Duval, Chief, Trade Policy and Facilitation Section, ESCAP
09:05 – 10:00	**Digitalizing Certificates of Origin - Sri Lanka's Journey** This session will delve into how Sri Lanka, with the support of the International Trade Centre, embraced digitalization to transform its certificate of origin processes resulting in enhanced efficiency and significant time, cost and carbon footprint reductions. It will also provide insights and lessons learned from this endeavor, shedding light on the benefits of electronic documents exchange in facilitating seamless international trade. **Speakers:** • Ms. Raghad Al-Talli, Trade Facilitation Adviser & Programme Manager, International Trade Centre • Mr. Sanjeewa Pattiwila, Deputy Director of Commerce and Head of the Rules of Origin Division
10:00 – 10:40	**ePhyto Thailand Project** This session will introduce the ePhyto Thailand project, review success story and useful lessons learnt **Speaker:** • Mr. Chaisak Ringluen, Office of Agricultural Regulation, Department of Agriculture, Thailand
10:40 – 10:55	**Break**
10:55 – 11:10	**Cross-Border Paperless trade in the region: an overview** **Speaker:** • Mr. Julian Latimer Clarke, specialist, Mekong Institute • Mr. Tengfei Wang, Economic Affairs Officer, UNESCAP
11:10 – 12:00	**Way forward** This session aims to explore the possibility of initiating further pilot projects within the region, particularly for parties involved in the Framework Agreement. The legal and technical challenges for the possible pilot project will be discussed. **Moderator:** Mr. Sang Won Lim, UNNExT Advisor **Panelists:** • Mr. Sung Heun Ha, Director of International Business and Cooperation, Korea Trade Network, Republic of Korea • Mr. Sapphasuk Wijaiworakit, Computer Technical Officer, Thai Customs, Thailand

	• Mr. Hari Maulidin, Indonesia Single Window Agency, Indonesia • Mr. Bryan Tan, Partner, Reed Smith, and legal advisor on ASEAN Single Window