Kazakhstan is dedicated to enhancing its trade facilitation measures and advancing its paperless trade agenda to streamline cross-border transactions and foster economic integration within Central Asia. As part of its commitment to modernizing and digitalizing trade processes, Kazakhstan has been actively involved in various initiatives to reduce trade barriers and improve trade procedures' efficiency.

To support Kazakhstan in these endeavors, the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP) has conducted a feasibility study focusing on pilot projects for the electronic exchange of phytosanitary certificates between Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan and certificates of origin between Kazakhstan and Tajikistan. This study aims to evaluate the feasibility and impact of such electronic exchanges, provide insights into potential challenges, and recommend strategies for effective implementation.

Objectives

1. **Present the findings** of the Feasibility Study for the selected pilot project on electronic exchange of certificates.
2. **Discuss the impact** of the study findings on the government's strategic goals.
3. **Identify the most effective implementation approaches** for the project.
4. **Foster dialogue** among participants to exchange opinions and experiences.
5. **Gather feedback** to refine the content of the study.

Target Audience

- Ministry of Agriculture, Republic of Kazakhstan
- State Revenue Committee of the Ministry of Finance, Republic of Kazakhstan
- National Chamber of Entrepreneurs of the Republic of Kazakhstan
- Other relevant bodies from Kazakhstan and partner countries
## Tentative Agenda

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