FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR A PILOT PROJECT IN KYRGYZSTAN TO ACCELERATE CROSS-BORDER PAPERLESS TRADE IN CENTRAL ASIA

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Background

Kyrgyzstan 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, Kyrgyzstan has been actively involved in various initiatives to reduce trade barriers and improve trade procedures' efficiency. Moreover, in 2023, Kyrgyzstan joined the Framework Agreement on Facilitation of Cross-border Paperless Trade in Asia and the Pacific (CPTA).

To support Kyrgyzstan in these endeavours, the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP) has conducted a feasibility study focusing on pilot project for the electronic exchange of certificates of origin between Kyrgyzstan and Uzbekistan. 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

Representatives:

- Ministry of Economy and Commerce of Kyrgyzstan;
- State Customs Service under the Ministry of Finance of Kyrgyzstan;
- Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Kyrgyzstan;
- State Enterprise "Single Window Center for Foreign Trade" under the Ministry of Economy and Commerce of Kyrgyzstan;
- Other relevant bodies from Kyrgyzstan
Tentative Agenda

15:00 – 16:30 (UTC+6, Bishkek)

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| 15:00 - 15:05 | Welcome remarks  
Mr. Yann Duval, Chief, Trade Policy and Facilitation Section, ESCAP  
Mr. Yern Fai Lee, Associate Economic Affairs Officer, Trade Policy and Facilitation Section, ESCAP |
| 15:05 - 16:00 | Feasibility Study Results of the Pilot Project in Kyrgyzstan for Accelerating Cross-Border Paperless Trade in Central Asia  
- Methodology  
- Objectives and significance  
- Key findings and results  
Aleksei Bondarenko, International Consultant, ESCAP  
Bulat Toksobaev, National Consultant, ESCAP |
| 16:00 - 16:25 | Q&A session                                                                                           |
| 16:25 - 16:30 | Closing remarks                                                                                       |

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