Launch Event

Legal TINA: Harnessing Technology and Artificial Intelligence for Better Trade Agreement Negotiations

Co-organized by United Nations ESCAP and CITD (Georgetown Law)

20 March 2024 19:30 Bangkok time (UTC+7, 8:30 Washington D.C. time)

Hybrid event (online and on-site)

This event is co-organized by ESCAP and the Georgetown Law Center on Inclusive Trade and Development (CITD) to launch 'Legal TINA', an extension of the original Trade Intelligence and Negotiation Adviser (TINA) powered by artificial intelligence and enabling search and compare of over 460 RTAs. This event will also be an opportunity to discuss latest trends in RTA negotiations and capacity building needs.

Legal TINA is an extension of the original Trade Intelligence and Negotiation Adviser (TINA), providing guidance and analytical capabilities to develop the text and legal provisions of trade agreements. It allows users to explore the basic legal framework of trade agreements through questions on specific trade-related issues, helping negotiators to narrow down formulation of provisions based on priorities and needs. It also enables users to easily search and compare texts of existing trade agreements, making it easier to understand what text may be most acceptable to negotiating parties involved and what more ambitious provisions may be proposed.

TENTATIVE PROGRAMME

Opening (8-15 minutes)	
19:30 – 19:45 (UTC+7) 8:30 – 8:45 Washington D.C. time (Onsite local time)	**Opening remarks (3-5 minutes each):** • **Mr. Yann Duval**, Chief, Trade Policy and Facilitation Section, United Nations ESCAP • **Ms. Katrin Kuhlmann**, Professor of Law and Faculty Co-Director, Center on Inclusive Trade and Development (CITD), Georgetown University

	Keynote address (3-5 minutes): • **H.E. Prof. Dr. SOK Siphana,** Senior Minister in charge of Special Missions and Chairman of the Trade Policy Advisory Board, Cambodia
Legal TINA introductory presentations (15 minutes)	
19:45 – 20:00 (UTC+7) 8:45 – 9:00 Washington D.C. time (Onsite local time)	**The presentation will demonstrate functionalities of Legal TINA with examples.** • **Mr. Alexey Kravchenko,** Economic Affair Officer, Trade Policy and Facilitation Section, United Nations ESCAP
Expert panel session (45-50 minutes) and Q&A (10 minutes)	
20:00 – 21:00 (UTC+7) 9:00 – 10:00 Washington D.C. time (Onsite local time)	**Invited experts will discuss trends in RTA negotiations and implications for trade negotiators and TINA, followed by Q&A with the participants.** • **Mr. Henry Gao,** Professor of Law, Singapore Management University • **Ms. Mira Burri,** Professor of International Economic and Internet Law and Director for Internationalization, University of Lucerne • **Mr. Paul Baker**, Chairman, International Economics Consulting Group This session will be moderated by Mr. Yann Duval and Ms. Katrin Kuhlmann.
Concluding remarks (2-3 minutes)	
21:00 – 21:03 (UTC+7) 10:00 – 10:03 Washington D.C. time (Onsite local time)	• **Mr. Simon Mevel,** Economic Affair Officer, African Trade Policy Center, United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (ECA)
Free breakfast refreshments will be served on site after the event.	