2nd meeting of the Ad-Hoc South Asian Subregional Task Force on Cross-border Electronic Trade Data Exchange: Draft Programme

CLOSED MEETING

21 & 22 June 2023, Bangkok, Thailand and online

On-site: UNCC Room MR A, Bangkok

The Ad-Hoc South Asian Subregional Task Force on Cross-border Electronic Trade Data Exchange (hereafter referred as "Task Force") was established following a decision at the South Asian Subregional Stakeholder Consultation Workshop on 15 December 2022, with its Terms of Reference agreed upon at the Inception Meeting on 25-26 April 2023. The Task Force comprises of Bangladesh, Bhutan, India (TBC), and Nepal as its members.

In its second meeting, with all members of the Task Force, plus Timor-Leste as an observer, it will discuss topics including the target documents for Task Force's discussion, activities planned for the first year of its operation, and identification of synergies with existing and ongoing bilateral and subregional initiatives. The meeting will provide an opportunity for Task Force members to exchange ideas and insights and take crucial steps towards enhancing cross-border electronic trade data exchange in the South Asian subregion.

Time	21 June 2023
09:00 – 09:10	**Welcoming and introductory remarks** *Mr. Yann Duval, Chief, Trade Policy and Facilitation Section, ESCAP*
09:10 – 10:00	**Session 1. Updates of national, bilateral and subregional initiatives** • Country representatives • International organizations
10:00 – 11:00	**Session 2. Finalization of target documents for the Task Force** Based on the country survey, target documents for discussions and activities of the Task Force will be decided.
	22 June 2023
09:00 – 10:00	**Session 2. Finalization of target documents for the Task Force (continued)** Based on the country survey, target documents for discussions and activities of the Task Force will be decided.
10:00 – 11:00	**Session 3. Way Forward** Activities of the Task Force for the first year of its operation, including the identification of synergies with existing and ongoing bilateral and subregional initiatives will be discussed.