Workshop: Lessons Learned from 18 National Readiness Assessments for Cross-border Paperless Trade in Asia and the Pacific

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11:00-12:00, 23 June 2023, Bangkok, Thailand and online

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

This workshop will present legal and technical readiness for paperless and cross-border paperless trade in Asia and the Pacific based on initial readiness assessment studies conducted in 18 countries. The session will highlight key commonalities and divergences among countries, regions and country groupings of their advancement towards cross-border paperless trade, which could support the identification of regional priorities and challenges. A country case conducting and utilizing readiness assessment will also be presented, as well as some recommendations for enhancing future readiness assessments.

Time	Tentative Programme
11:00 – 12:00	**Readiness assessments for cross-border paperless trade: Stocktaking and the way forward** • Key commonalities and divergences of legal and technical readiness for cross-border paperless trade *Ms. Leonila Guglya, ESCAP Consultant* • Country case – Bangladesh's readiness assessment and way forward *Mr. Tapan Ghosh, Senior Secretary, Ministry of Commerce* • Enhancement of readiness assessment *Ms. Soo Hyun Kim, Economic Affairs Officer, ESCAP* • Closing remarks *Ms. Hang Tran, Senior Coordinator, EIF* *Ms. Athita Komindr, Head, UNCITRAL Regional Centre for Asia and the Pacific (UNCITRAL RCAP)* *Questions and Answers (Q&As)*