Regional Workshop on Fostering Supply Chains Through Digital Trade Policy

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This workshop discusses the importance of digital trade policies and regional cooperation on supply chains. It emphasizes the importance of adaptability to the changing features of trade flows, showcasing how this adaptability is key to unlocking the comprehensive development potential of supply chains. Participants are expected to share practical examples on overcoming the challenges posed by digital trade.

**Presentation 1 (10 minutes):** How do digital trade regulations impact the Supply Chains?

- Discuss the role of digital trade regulations in facilitating or hindering international supply chains, including the adoption of digital technologies.
- Provide an overview of existing digital trade regulations, policies, and agreements that could potentially affect supply chains in the Asia-Pacific region.

Presenter: Witada Anukoonwattaka, ESCAP

**Presentation 2 (10 minutes):** Harnessing digital trade and supply chain 4.0 through regional trade agreements.

- Key provisions in RTAs that are instrumental for unlocking the potential of digital trade for supply chain 4.0
- Successful strategies and initiatives where countries utilize RTAs and regional cooperation to bolster digital trade and supply chain development.

Presenter: Pramila Crivelli, ADB

**Presentation 3 (10 minutes):** Lessons learned from East and Southeast Asia for North and Central Asia’s digital trade integration

- Key lessons learned from East and Southeast Asia’s regulatory cooperation that can be applied to enhance North and Central Asia’s digital trade integration
- Recommended strategic priorities for accelerating digital trade development and digital trade regulatory cooperation between North and Central Asian countries and beyond.

Presenter: Gloria Pasadilla, Partner and director at Leadership Design Studio Pte. Ltd, Singapore

**Presentation 4 (10 minutes):** Digital trade regulations in the EAEU (TBC)

- The EAEU regulatory coverage in digital trade
- Barriers to digital trade in the EAEU and strategic recommendations for addressing the problems

Presenter: EEC, TBC
Country experience sharing and open discussion (50 minutes)

- Cambodia, TBC
- Malaysia, TBC
- Ainur Amirbekova, Director, Department of International Integration, QazTrade Center for Trade Policy Development, Ministry of Trade and Integration, Kazakhstan
- Uzbekistan, TBC
- Mongolia, TBC

Open discussion