

South Asian Subregional Stakeholder Consultation Workshop

15 December 2022, 09:30-11:30

UNCC Room MR G, Bangkok (Closed meeting)

This workshop will discuss the feasible arrangements for cross-border electronic data exchange and the establishment of a subregional task force to work toward a pilot-based electronic data exchange of selected trade data elements or documents among selected South Asian countries. The workshop will refer to the national feasibility studies on this topic, currently being conducted in Bangladesh, Bhutan, Nepal and Timor-Leste. The workshop is organized under the project “Enhancing capacity for sustainable cross-border trade digitalization through application of emerging technologies”, supported by Enhanced Integrated Framework (EIF).

Time	Tentative Programme
09:30 – 10:10	<p>Part 1: Cross-border electronic trade data exchange – challenges and opportunities in South Asian countries</p> <p>Moderator: Ms. Soo Hyun Kim, Economic Affairs Officer, ESCAP</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Kyeongrim (Kerri) Ahn, ESCAP Consultant – consolidated findings based on preliminary national feasibility studies and common challenges <p>Commentators:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Bryan Tan, Partner, Reed Smith Mr. Tahseen Khan, Vice-chair, UN/CEFACT & Advisory Committee Country officials (Bangladesh, Bhutan, Nepal, Timor-Leste)
10:10 – 11:30	<p>Part 2: Way forward</p> <p>Discussions on the establishment of a subregional task force to work towards a pilot-based electronic data exchange of selected trade data elements or documents among selected South Asian countries</p> <p>Moderator: Mr. Yann Duval, Chief, Trade Policy and Facilitation Section, ESCAP</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Christian LEMBKE, Technical Attaché, World Customs Organization (WCO) & Mr. Sangwon Lim, Special Advisor, UNNExT & Ms. Munkhzul Nergui, State Customs Inspector of Information Technology Center of Customs General Administration, Mongolia – insights from the WCO-ESCAP Joint Task Force on cross-border electronic data exchange <p>Commentators:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Alvin Mah, UNNExT expert Mr. Dennis Pantastico, ESCAP Consultant Country officials (Bangladesh, Bhutan, Nepal)