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).

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| 09:30 – 10:10 | **Part 1: Cross-border electronic trade data exchange – challenges and opportunities in South Asian countries**  
Moderator: Ms. Soo Hyun Kim, Economic Affairs Officer, ESCAP  
Speakers:  
- Ms. Kyeongrim (Kerri) Ahn, ESCAP Consultant – consolidated findings based on preliminary national feasibility studies and common challenges  
Commentators:  
- 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| **Part 2: Way forward**  
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  
Moderator: Mr. Yann Duval, Chief, Trade Policy and Facilitation Section, ESCAP  
Speakers:  
- 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  
Commentators:  
- Mr. Alvin Mah, UNNExT expert  
- Mr. Dennis Pantastico, ESCAP Consultant  
- Country officials (Bangladesh, Bhutan, Nepal) |