

## National workshop on cross-border paperless trade facilitation and emerging technologies: TIMOR-LESTE

Co-organized by the Ministry of Tourism, Commerce and Industry (MCTI) and the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP)

**3 May 2023, Dili Convention Center, Dili, Timor-Leste**

The workshop aims to raise stakeholders' awareness of feasible data and exchange mechanisms for cross-border electronic data for trade facilitation, with particular emphasis on utilizing emerging technologies, such as distributed ledger technology/blockchain, Internet of Things, Artificial Intelligence and data analytics. The workshop will be attended by government officials from relevant agencies and private stakeholders. 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).

09.30-10.00	Registration
10.00-10.15	<p><b>Welcoming and opening Statement</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• H.E. Mr. Domingos Lopes Antunes, Vice Minister of Trade and Industry</li> <li>• Ms. Olufunmilayo Abosede Balogun Alexander, UN Resident Coordinator</li> </ul>
10.15-10.45	<p><b>Session 1. Emerging technologies for trade facilitation</b></p> <p>Introducing the use of emerging technologies including distributed ledger technology/blockchain, Internet of Things, Artificial Intelligence and data analytics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Soo Hyun Kim, Economic Affairs Officer, Trade Policy and Facilitation Section (TPFS), Trade, Investment and Innovation Division (TIID), ESCAP</li> <li>• Mr. Ian Watt, UNNExT expert &amp; Vice Chair, UN/CEFACT</li> </ul>
10.45-12.30	<p><b>Session 2. Challenges and opportunities from emerging technologies for trade facilitation</b></p> <p>Highlighting opportunities and challenges for the implementation of emerging technologies</p> <p>Moderated by Mr. Ian Watt, UNNExT expert &amp; Vice Chair, UN/CEFACT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Steve Capell, UN/CEFACT – verifiable credentials for cross-border trade</li> <li>• Mr. Ziyang Fan, Head, Digital Trade, World Economic Forum – emerging technologies for trade: opportunities and challenges</li> <li>• Mr. Rudy Hemeleers – eCRM</li> </ul>
12.30 – 13.30	Lunch

13.30-14.00	<p><b>Session 3. International standards and reference data models for cross-border electronic data exchange</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Ian Watt, UNNExT expert &amp; Vice Chair, UN/CEFACT</li> </ul>
14.00 – 14.15	<p><b>Session 4. International model laws for cross-border electronic data exchange</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Luca Castellani, Legal Officer, United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL)</li> </ul>
14.15 – 15.15	<p><b>Session 5. Good practices from the Asia-Pacific region</b></p> <p>Sharing good practices on leveraging emerging technologies for efficient trade facilitation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Kerri Ahn, consultant, ESCAP – Republic of Korea’s Customs experience using blockchain for efficient trade facilitation</li> <li>• Ms. Hannah Nguyen, Director, Digital Ecosystems, International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) Digital Standards Initiative (DSI)</li> </ul>
15.15 – 15.45	Tea/Coffee Break
15.45-16.30	<p><b>Session 6. Pilot projects &amp; lessons learned: a pathway to the future for Timor-Leste</b></p>
16.30-17.00	<p><b>Closing</b></p>