



National Consultation on Facilitating Cross-border Paperless Trade TONGA

Co-organized by Ministry of Trade and Economic Development & Economic and Social
Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP)
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In moving forward in the area of trade facilitation and paperless trade in Tonga, legal and technical readiness assessments for cross-border paperless trade will be conducted, under a United Nations ESCAP project as part of the joint UN Development Account project entitled “Transport and trade connectivity in the age of pandemics”.

The purpose of the national consultation is to discuss and review the recommendations and the draft action plan, based on the findings from the assessment.

PROGRAMME

Master of Ceremony: **Ms. Fololenitina Kivalu Asau**, Principal Policy Analyst, Ministry of Trade and Economic Development

Time	Topic	By
1:45-2:00	<i>Participants arrive and seated</i>	
2:10-2:15	Prayer	Meeting participant (tbc)
2:15-2:30	Welcoming remark	Ms. Lorraine Kauhenga Deputy CEO, Trade Negotiation & Planning, Ministry of Trade and Economic Development (MTED)
<i>Group Photo</i>		
2:40-2:45	Opening remarks: Tonga's readiness assessment for cross-border paperless trade	Ms. Soo Hyun Kim Economic Affairs Officer Trade Policy and Trade Facilitation Section, Trade, Investment and Innovation Division, ESCAP
2:45-2:50	Brief overview of key findings from legal and technical readiness assessment	Mr. Tony Siamomua ESCAP Consultant
2:50-3:15	Review the draft action plan; Technical Aspect	Mr. Tony Siamomua ESCAP Consultant
3:15-3:30	<i>Afternoon tea</i>	
3:30-4:15	Review the draft action plan; Legal Aspect	Ms. Akanesi Katoa & Mr. Tony Siamomua ESCAP Consultants