

# Launch of the UN Global Survey on Digital and Sustainable Trade Facilitation 2023

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The launch of the UN Global Survey on Digital and Sustainable Trade Facilitation 2023 celebrates continued global progress in advancing digital and sustainable trade facilitation. Conceived in 2015, the Survey has been conducted by the United Nations Regional Commissions and UNCTAD, in close collaboration with an increasing number of regional and international partners, including ADB, ASEAN and ICC.

As its latest edition, the 2023 Survey offers an updated and comparative analysis of 60 trade facilitation measures implemented across over 140 countries worldwide. Its invaluable insights empower countries and development partners to formulate evidence-based strategies and policies, foster the exchange of exemplary and innovative practices, and pinpoint capacity-building and technical assistance requirements. Inclusive of the measures in the WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement, this survey also encompasses cutting-edge paperless and cross-border trade facilitation measures, as well as those supporting more inclusive and sustainable trade.

This launch event will present progress made towards digital and sustainable trade facilitation globally and in the five regions and will discuss the way forward for the uptake of findings and recommendations emerging from the survey, including with the private sector.

AGENDA	
18:00-18:05	<b>Opening remarks</b> Ms. Armida Salsiah Alisjahbana, Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations and Executive Secretary of Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP)
18:05-18:50	<b>Progress made towards Digital and Sustainable Trade Facilitation</b>  <b>Overview of Global Survey Results and in the Asia-Pacific region</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Ms. Rupa Chanda, Director, Trade, Investment and Innovation Division, ESCAP</li></ul> <b>Digital and Sustainable Trade Facilitation in Africa</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Ms. Brendah Phiri-Mundia, Principal Regional Advisor, Regional Integration and Trade Division, United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (ECA)</li></ul> <b>Digital and Sustainable Trade Facilitation in Europe and Central Asia</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Ms. Elisabeth Tuerk, Director, Economic Cooperation and Trade Division, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (ECE)</li></ul> <b>Digital and Sustainable Trade Facilitation in Latin America and the Caribbean</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Mr. Sebastian Herreros, Economic Affairs Officer, International Trade and Integration Division, Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC)</li></ul> <b>Digital and Sustainable Trade Facilitation in the Arab region</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Mr. Mohamed El Moctar Mohamed El Hacene, Cluster lead, Shared Economic prosperity Cluster, Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA)</li></ul>
18:50-19:00	<b>Way Forward</b> Implications of the Survey 2023 Results and the Way Forward <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Mr. Jan Hoffmann, Head of Trade Logistics Branch, UNCTAD</li></ul> Perspectives from the private sector <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Ms. Valerie Picard, Head of Trade, International Chamber of Commerce (ICC)</li></ul>