The second session of the Standing Committee of the Framework Agreement
Chair’s summary
Attendance

- Representatives from 10 Parties
- Representatives from 11 Non-Parties
- Representatives from United Nations Commission on International Trade Law, Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat, and World Customs Organization Regional Office for Capacity Building
- Invited experts
Second Session of the Standing Committee of the Framework Agreement on Facilitation of Cross-border Paperless Trade in Asia and the Pacific
19-21 June 2023
UNCC, Bangkok
Agenda for the second session

- follow up on the tasks that were prioritized during the first session
Key outcomes (1)

- The Standing Committee agreed to adopt the template for national Individual Action Plan and recommended that the plans be updated and submitted to the secretariat and shared with other Parties once a year before the regular session of the Standing Committee.
- The Standing Committee agreed to adopt the templates for “Request for Capacity Building Support” and “Offer of Capacity Building Support”. The Standing Committee recommended that the secretariat act as facilitator in seeking support for technical assistance and capacity building from development partners. Outcomes of capacity building activities should be submitted to the secretariat and a repository will be developed by the secretariat to collect this information and inspire more Parties to conduct such activities.
- The Standing Committee invited each Party to report on their progress in setting up national committees within three months of the conclusion of the second session of the Standing Committee with the aim to have a national committee established before the next regular session of the paperless trade council.
Key outcomes (2)

- The Standing Committee reviewed the Cross-Border Paperless Trade Database and encouraged each Party to review the database and provide support to collect and validate data contained in the database.
- The Standing Committee agreed that a working group for providing guidance on the implementation of legal and technical aspects of cross-border mutual recognition of trade-related data and documents in electronic form related to Article 8 of the Framework Agreement should be set up.
- The Standing Committee recommended that each Party, with support of secretariat, should identify and prioritize pilot projects on cross-border paperless trade.
- The Standing Committee identified the key strategies for collaborating development partners in implementing the Framework Agreement.
Key outcomes (3)

- The Standing Committee requests the secretariat to
  prepare a draft guide on facilitating concurrent implementation of national and cross-border paperless trade systems.
- develop a model agreement for bilateral and plurilateral exchange of trade-related data and documents, with reference to existing examples.
- prepare a draft guide on engaging in cross-border paperless trade taking into account regional and international laws and regulations and best practices as appropriate.