

PROGRAMME

SRI Lanka: Capacity Building on Trade Policy Analysis

20-22 SEPTEMBER 2017

Venue: MILODA ACADEMY OF FINANCIAL STUDIES, COLOMBO

Day 1: 20 September 2017 (Wednesday)	
09:00 – 09:30	Opening session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Welcome address by Dr. Rajan Ratna, ESCAP ○ Inaugural address by Mr. Chinthaka S. Lokuhetti, Secretary, Ministry of Industry & Commerce (TBC)
09:30 – 11:00	Session 1 – Economics of trade liberalization: why do countries liberalize their trade? Potential costs and benefits of different approaches of liberalization. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Gains from free trade – Approaches of trade liberalization – Concepts of trade diversion and trade creation – Dynamic impacts Mr. Alexey Kravchenko, Trade, Investment and Innovation Division, ESCAP
11:00 – 11:15	Coffee break
11:15 – 12:30	Session 2 – WTO: An introduction Dr. Rajan Sudesh Ratna, Trade, Investment and Innovation Division, ESCAP
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch
13:30 – 15:00	Session 3 – RTAs: Basic concepts Dr. Rajan Sudesh Ratna, ESCAP
15:00 – 15:15	Coffee break
15:15 – 16.45	Session 4 - Multilateral and regional (preferential) liberalization compared <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Reality issues: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Multilateralism vrs. regionalism ○ Replacement of tariff protection ○ Rules of origin and the cost of compliance ○ Effects of overlapping FTAs ○ Effects to business sector ○ The loss of tariff revenue and adjustment costs Dr. Rajan Sudesh Ratna, ESCAP

Day 2: 21 September 2017 (Thursday)	
09:00 – 10:30	Session 5 – Evidence-based trade policy formulation: impact assessment of trade liberalization and FTA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Policy questions at different stages of negotiation: ex-ante and ex-post FTA analysis – Tools for impact assessment: an overview of their uses, strength and weakness, and required technical knowledge and datasets <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Descriptive statistics ○ Trade indicators ○ Partial equilibrium model ○ Gravity model ○ CGE Mr. Alexey Kravchenko, ESCAP
10:30-10:45	Coffee break
10:45 – 12:15	Session 6 – Where to find the data? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Finding data on trade flows – Finding data on trade policy – Finding ready-to-use trade indicators – What if secondary data is not available? Mr. Alexey Kravchenko, ESCAP
12:15 – 13:30	Lunch
13:30 – 15:00	Session 6 – Partial equilibrium for analyzing trade liberalization: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – SMART simulation on effects of tariff reduction – Scenario analysis for the impact of multilateral, regional and bilateral trade negotiations Mr. Alexey Kravchenko, ESCAP
15:00 – 15:15	Coffee break
15:15 – 16.45	Session 7 – continued Hands on session
Day 3: 22 September 2017 (Friday)	
09:00 – 10:30	Session 7 – continued <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Discussions on results
10:30 – 10:45	Coffee break
10:45 – 12:00	Session 8 – Sri Lanka China FTA: Preparing Offensive List Mr. Alexey Kravchenko, ESCAP
12:00 – 13:30	Lunch
13:30 – 14:30	Session 9 – Assessment of Sri Lanka's Preferential Trade Agreements Dr. Janaka Wijayasiri, IPS, Colombo

14:30 – 14:45	Coffee
14:45 -15:45	<p>Session 10 – Preparedness and perspectives of stakeholders in Sri Lanka’s trade agreements</p> <p>Panel discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Anushka Wijesinha, Chief Economist & Head of Economic Intelligence Unit (EIU) • Dr. Rajan Sudesh Ratna, ESCAP
15:45 - 16:30	<p>Closing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feedback of participants • Closing Statements by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ DG, Commerce, Government of Sri Lanka ○ ESCAP • Distribution of certificates