



Session 4 – Group work for preparation of national reports and Group presentations

**ESCAP-ARTNET/ITD REGIONAL WORKSHOP ON TRADE FACILITATION FOR
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT**

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Introduction

- This workshop aims to build capacity on:
 - Implementing trade facilitation and paperless trade initiatives;
 - Create a pool of experts who can work on National Committees on Trade Facilitation or related inter-agency bodies.
- In addition to the technical sessions by related experts, hands on exercises in the form of country reports and group presentations have also been included in this course.

Workshop outputs

- **Country reports on trade facilitation**
 - Focus on country performance in facilitating trade and implementing trade facilitation measures
 - Report should be no longer than 5 pages
 - Participants of same country can work together to prepare the report
 - Submit report by email to ratna@un.org by end of third day session (9th August 2018)
 - Reports will be shared among all participants
- **Group Presentations**
 - Presentation will include highlights from country reports and identify the common challenges they face
 - Presentation will identify lessons learned and priorities for further advancing trade facilitation for sustainable development
 - Participants will be divided in groups (mixed countries)
 - They will chose a group leader who will make the presentation

Suggested country report outline

- Introduction
[suggest you specify trade facilitation definition]
- Trade facilitation performance
 - Trade costs
 - Logistics Performance
 - Others (*see ESCAP-OECD Guide on Indicators for Trade Facilitation*)
- Trade Facilitation and Paperless Trade Implementation
 - WTO TFA: Official implementation status (category A, B, C)
 - Implementation based on UN Global Survey 2017 (*include least implemented measures*)
 - Status of National Committee for Trade Facilitation
- Trade facilitation commitments outside WTO TFA
 - Framework Agreement on Facilitation of Cross Border Paperless Trade in Asia and the Pacific
 - WCO Revised Kyoto Convention
 - Bilateral/Regional (trade / transit) agreements
 - Others
- Recent improvements/update on trade facilitation implementation and key challenges (*from national news/information/consultations*)
- Conclusions / Recommendations / Way Forward
[mention in particular how to further enhance trade facilitation towards sustainable development; possible priority measures/actions; and what support may be required by country]

Group presentation structure

- **Each group will get 15 minutes to present.**
- **Presentation should include:**
 - **Comparative tables of country performance and commitments (5 minutes)**
 - **Common challenges faced by the group (5 minutes)**
 - **Way forward, capacity building needs, etc. (5 minutes)**
- **After the group presentations a general discussion among all participants will be held to prioritize actions for way forward**

Thank You