

International Seminar on Trade Facilitation in North-East Asia

13 December 2016, Holiday Inn Incheon Songdo, Incheon, Republic of Korea

08:00 – 08:30 **Registration**

08:30 – 09:00 **Opening Remarks**

Ms. **Weina Wang**, Acting Director, Greater Tumen Initiative (GTI) Secretariat
Dr. **Kilaparti Ramakrishna**, Head, East and North-East Asia (ENEA) Office,
UN Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP)

Welcome Remarks

Mr. **Cho Dong-am**, Vice Mayor, Incheon Metropolitan City

09:00 – 10:25 **Session 1: Addressing Standards-Related Issues in Agriculture Trade**

The session will discuss major developments, trends and issues on trade facilitation with focus on standards-related issues such as food labelling, inspection and testing procedures and share international approaches to cooperation and capacity-building activities which could be tapped into or provide lessons for further cooperation including on sanitary and phytosanitary (SPS) matters in the Greater Tumen Region.

Chaired by Dr. **Kilaparti Ramakrishna**, Head, ENEA Office, UNESCAP

- Mr. **Melvin Spreij**, Counsellor, Secretary to the Standards and Trade Development Facility, Agriculture and Commodities Division, World Trade Organization (WTO)
- Mr. **Sangwon Lim**, Economic Affairs Officer, Trade Facilitation Unit, Trade, Investment and Innovation Division, UNESCAP
- Mr. **Otto Loesener**, Trade Facilitation Lead, Standards and Trade Facilitation Division, United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO)
- Mr. **Magnus Brod**, Team Leader, Support for Economic Cooperation in Sub-regional Initiatives in Asia, Deutsche Gesellschaft für International Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH

10:25 – 10:40 **Group Photo followed by coffee & tea break**

10:40 – 12:00 **Session 2: Addressing Sanitary and Phytosanitary Issues in Trade Facilitation**

The session will introduce the current state and issues in the implementation of WTO Sanitary and Phyto-Sanitary Agreement including e-SPS in the GTI member countries, discuss the impact and challenges of SPS issues (including on quarantine, food safety and bio-security) on cross-border movement of goods and look into good practices from national or bilateral experiences such as establishment of SPS networks and capacity development and cooperation.

Chaired by Mr. **Batkhuuyag Baldangombo**, Programme Officer, GTI Secretariat

- Mr. **LI Weimin**, Director, General Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine of the People's Republic of China
- Ms. **Purevsuren Bolortuya**, Consultant, State Central Veterinary Laboratory, Mongolia
- Mr. **LEE Eune Sub**, Deputy Director, Quarantine Policy Division, Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, Republic of Korea

12:00 – 13:00 **Lunch**

13:00 – 14:30 **Session 3: International and Private Sector Perspectives on Trade Facilitation**

The session will discuss emerging trade facilitation issues (e.g., NTMs, logistics, customs procedures and other bottlenecks) from the perspectives of international organizations and the private sector with the objective of identifying areas for future cooperation activities to facilitate trade in GTR.

Chaired by Ms. **Yejin Ha**, Programme Officer, ENEA Office, UNESCAP

- Ms. **Siu Yin Wong**, Program Manager for Southeast Asia, Asia Pacific Regional Office for Capacity Building, World Customs Organization (WCO)
- Mr. **Man Sun**, Advisor, China and South East Asia, International Road and Transport Union (IRU)
- Mr. **Jin Ho Kim**, Legal Expert, International Trade Law Division, Office of Legal Affairs, Regional Centre for Asia and the Pacific, United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL)
- Mr. **Sarandavaa Myanganbuu**, Deputy CEO, Mongolian National Chamber of Commerce and Industry
- Mr. **XU Liang**, Deputy Director General, International Relations Department, China Council for the Promotion of International Trade

14:30 – 14:45 **Special Session: Launch of ESCAP's Asia Pacific Trade and Investment Report (APTIR) 2016**

Ms. Dorothea Lazaro, Economic Affairs Officer, ENEA office, UNESCAP

14:45 – 15:00 **Way Forward and Closing**

Ms. **Weina Wang**, Acting Director, GTI Secretariat

Dr. **Kilaparti Ramakrishna**, Head, ENEA office, UNESCAP