

What is the role of Trade in Development?

Enhancing the contribution of PTAs to
inclusive and equitable trade:

Islamic Republic of Iran

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Workshop outline

- Trade, growth and development
- Trade protection and liberalization: from efficiency to meeting social objectives
- PTAs and multilateral trading system and PTAs in Asia-Pacific
- Trade reforms and PTAs of Islamic Republic of Iran
- Towards PTA's contribution to inclusive and equitable trade
- Getting a PTA done:
 - Stakeholders
 - Negotiation
 - Implementation
- What if the expectations are not met?

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GROUP ACTIVITY

Please discuss (from Iran's perspective)

- What is the size of trade- share of export and import in GDP?
- How many jobs depend on trade?
- Role in balance of payments and exchange rate determination
- Does it matter what (merchandise, services, natural resources?) and where (partners?) is exported?
- What are the gains from trade?
- What determines a distribution of gains?
- Are there any costs from trade?
- How are these costs shouldered?
- What else is relevant to discuss with respect to the trade role's in development?