



Regional Dialogue On
“ENHANCING THE CONTRIBUTION OF PREFERENTIAL TRADE AGREEMENTS
TO INCLUSIVE AND EQUITABLE TRADE”
 21-22 June 2017
 at United Nations Conference Centre, Meeting room F

Day 1: 21 June	
08.30 – 09.00	Registration
09.00 – 09.15	Welcome remarks and recap of the project objectives and modalities Mia Mikic, TIID, ESCAP
09.15 – 09.30	Tour de Table Group Photo
09.30 - 10.00	Public perception about effects of PTAs and their contribution to inclusive and equitable trade Chen-Wen Cheng, DA9 Consultant Moderator: Mia Mikic, TIID, ESCAP
10.00 - 10.15	--Networking Coffee--
10.15 – 11.15	Identifying the linkages between PTAs and inclusive trade: revisiting the literature Mia Mikic, TIID, ESCAP Moderator: Saman Kelegama, IPS, Sri Lanka
11.15 – 12.15	Elements of PTAs with the inclusive trade outcomes: from rules of origin to e-commerce Biswajit Dhar, Jawaharlal Nehru University, India and DA9 advisor Moderator: Inkyo Cheong, Inha University, Republic of Korea
12.15 – 13.15	--Lunch--
13.15 – 14.15	Investment provisions in PTAs and how they contribute to inclusive trade Susan Stone, TIID, ESCAP Sufian Jusoh, IKMAS, UKM, Malaysia Moderator: Simon Mevel, ECA
15.15 – 15.30	--Networking Coffee--
15.30 – 16.30	ECA-CII report on India-Africa trade and investment relationship Simon Mevel, African Trade Policy Centre, ECA Santosh Mehrotra, JNU and JustJobsNetwork Moderator: Paul Baker, International Economics Ltd

Day 2: 22 June	
09.00 – 10.15	<p>Summary of main findings in the pilot country studies (Viet Nam, Bangladesh, Mongolia)</p> <p>Witada Anukoonwattaka, TIID, ESCAP Nguyen Thi Lan Huong, Institute of Labour Science and Social Affairs Ali Ahmed, Bangladesh Foreign Trade Institute Batnasan Namsrai, National University of Mongolia</p> <p>Moderator: Biswajit Dhar, JNU, India, DA9 Advisor</p>
10.15 – 11.00	<p>Making PTAs fit for SMEs</p> <p>Masato Abe, TIID, ESCAP Moderator: Rashila Ramli, IKMAS, UKM, Malaysia</p>
11.00 – 11.15	--Networking Coffee--
11.15 – 12.15	<p>Labour provisions in PTAs and labour market outcomes: Preliminary findings</p> <p>Alberto Posso, Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology, Australia Moderator: Matthias Helble, ADBI</p>
12.15 – 13.30	--Lunch--
13.30 – 14.30	<p>Enhancing e-commerce through PTAs</p> <p>Duangthip Chomprang, ITD, Thailand Moderator: Bipul Chattopadhyay, CUTS</p>
14.30 – 15.15	<p>Fit for inclusive trade: Skills for trade, employability and inclusive growth</p> <p>Santosh Mehrotra, JNU, India and Just Jobs Network Tanja Matheis, Just Jobs network Moderator: Paras Kharel, South Asia Watch on Trade, Economics and Environment</p>
15.15 – 15.30	--Networking Coffee--
15.30 – 17.00	<p>Roundtable on Steering PTAs in the current globalization turmoil</p> <p>Alberto Posso, Associate Professor, RMIT and ARTNeT advisor* Bipul Chattopadhyay, Chief Executive, CUTS International Enkhbold Vorshilov, Director General, Department of Foreign Trade and Economic Cooperation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Government of Mongolia John Gilbert, Professor, Utah State University and ARTNeT Advisor Matthias Helble, Senior Economist, Asian Development Bank Institute Paul Baker, CEO, International Economics Ltd</p> <p>Moderator: Mustafizur Rahman, CPD, Bangladesh</p>
17.00 – 17.30	<p>Policy recommendation and ensuring sustainability of the project</p> <p>Moderator: Mia Mikic, TIID, ESCAP</p>

***This Regional Dialogue will be preceded by the Expert group meeting on 20 June (afternoon) to discuss Developing Datasets and indicators to monitor performance of PTAs and their impact on inclusive trade and other aspects of sustainable development.**