

ESCAP-ARTNET-ITD Online Course on Trade Facilitation for Sustainable Development

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List of speakers

1. Dr. Somnuk Keretho



Dr. Somnuk Keretho is now working as director at Institute for Information Technology Innovation (INOVA) and assistant professor at Kasetsart University.

He has assisted many ministries in Thailand on digital strategies, National Single Window for trade facilitation, business process reengineering, interoperability and standardization.

He has been actively contributing to UNNExT since 2007 and contributed to many UNNExT publications. Meanwhile, he provides strategic advising, training and technical supports to more than 20 countries in the Asia, Pacific and Africa regions. He was also a project lead for the work that became the UN/CEFACT Recommendation No.42 - Establishment of a Trade and Transport Facilitation Monitoring Mechanism (2017).

Dr. Keretho received his Ph.D. in computer science from University of Louisiana at Lafayette, USA.

2. Mr. Yann Duval



Mr. Yann Duval, Chief, Trade Policy and Facilitation Section, Trade, Investment and Innovation Division, United Nations ESCAP. Over the past 15 years, Mr. Duval has conducted research and delivered technical assistance and advisory services on trade policy and facilitation throughout Asia and the Pacific, including on the WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement. He spearheaded the development of the Asia-Pacific Research and Training Network on Trade (ARTNet), as well as the creation of the ESCAP-World Bank Trade Cost Database and the UN Global Survey on Trade Facilitation and Paperless Trade Implementation. Mr. Duval was also instrumental in the development of the United Nations Network of Experts for Paperless Trade and Transport in Asia and the

Pacific (UNNExT) and the negotiation of a new intergovernmental Framework Agreement on Facilitation of Cross-Border Paperless Trade in Asia and the Pacific, adopted as a UN treaty in 2016. Prior to joining the UN, he held faculty positions at the Asian Institute of Technology and Washington State University, USA.

3. Dr. Mohammad Saeed



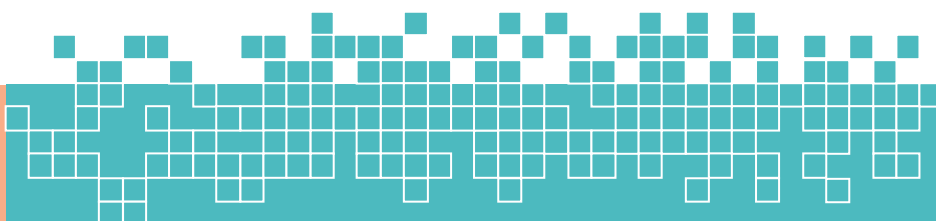
Dr. Mohammad Saeed is a Senior Adviser for Trade Facilitation and Policy for Business and leads the TF team at ITC.

Dr. Saeed is a trade and development policy professional, with almost 30 years of experience in international trade, customs administration, and trade and tariff policy formulation and reform. Having worked with customs administration of a developing country, he negotiated the Trade Facilitation Agreement and has assisted more than 50 least developed and developing countries for their trade facilitation reforms.

He also worked as Senior Technical Adviser on Trade and Transport Facilitation with the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD). Before joining the UN, he was a trade negotiator with the WTO Mission of Pakistan in Geneva and had worked at different policy planning and senior management positions in the Government of Pakistan.

Dr. Saeed has an in-depth understanding of the legal, economic, and political issues relating to the multilateral trading system, especially the challenges and opportunities for developing countries. He has wide experience in the areas of technical assistance and capacity building for the developing countries and fostering consensus on development issues. Dr. Saeed has extensive experience in serving on WTO dispute settlement panels for the issues on sanitary and phytosanitary (SPS) measures, trade remedy measures, and various GATT issues. He chaired four WTO dispute settlement panels, and his leadership and consensus-building abilities have been acknowledged, as he was the elected chairman of the Committee on Customs Valuation of the WTO (2009) and as Vice Chair General Assembly of Advisory Centre on WTO Law (ACWL), Geneva (2006-10). He also served as Chair of the WTO Committee on Market Access for three consecutive years (2006-2008). He is also member of UNNExT Advisory Group on Paperless Trade for SMEs and of the Board of Directors of International Network of Custom Universities (INCUI).

He is a faculty at various academic institutes of professional development.



4. Ms. Yumiko Yamamoto

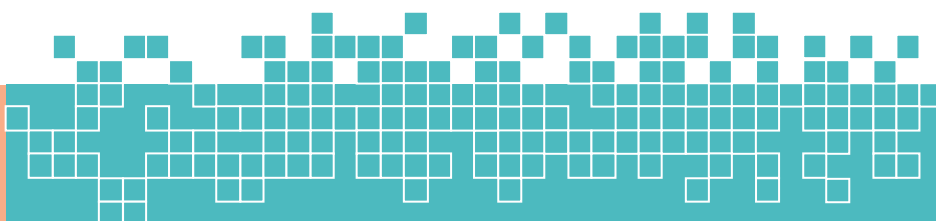


Ms. Yumiko Yamamoto is Associate Professor at Okayama University's Liberal Arts program "Discovery Program for Global Learners. Prior to the present post, she was Policy Specialist and Gender and Trade Advisor at the UNDP Asia-Pacific Regional Center for 2005-2016. Her publications include Trade Winds of Change: Women Entrepreneurs on the Rise in South Asia (2016, UNDP) and "Recognizing, Reducing and Redistributing Unpaid Care and Domestic Work for Inclusive Growth and Sustainable Development," in ADB and UN Women (eds.) Gender Equality and the Sustainable Development Goals in Asia and the Pacific: Baseline and pathways for transformative change by 2030 (Chapter 4, 2018).

5. Dr. Pamela Ugaz



Dr. Pamela Ugaz is an international trade lawyer with over 13 years of experience in trade policy, trade facilitation, regional integration, and project management. She collaborates with the Trade Facilitation Section, UNCTAD since 2013, conducting research and technical assistance projects towards the implementation of Trade Facilitation reforms in Africa, Asia, and Latin America. Prior to joining UNCTAD, she worked as Associate Economic Affairs Officer at the UN Economic Commission for Europe and as Legal Affairs Officer at the WTO. As legal Adviser to the Vice-Minister of Foreign Trade of Peru, she negotiated transparency and dispute settlement provisions in several Regional Trade Agreements with trade partners, including the EU, China, the US, Singapore, Japan, Korea, Canada, and EFTA. Ms. Ugaz holds a Ph.D. in International Trade Law from the University of Geneva and a Master in International Law from the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies.



6. Mr. Sangwon Lim



Mr. Sangwon Lim is Economic Affairs Officer, Trade Policy and Facilitation Section, Trade, Investment and Innovation Division of the United Nations ESCAP. In ESCAP, he specializes in trade facilitation and integration. For trade facilitation, his area of expertise includes implementing paperless trade and Single Window; he has led development of several technical guides and implemented several field projects, based on those guides and his expertise. He has provided numerous advisory services and technical assistance in this area to several developing countries in the region, including Single Window implementation. For trade integration, he has performed the duty of main secretariat for the Asia-Pacific Trade Agreement (APTA). Before joining ESCAP in 2009, he had served the National IT Industry Promotion Agency (NIPA) of the Republic of Korea for more than 9 years, specializing in application of ICT in various public and private sector business domains, including international trade, Customs, value-added tax, logistics, public procurement, tourism, etc. He had supported international development of trade facilitation and e-business by actively participating in multiple regional and international platforms, such as Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC), Asia-Pacific Council for Trade Facilitation and Electronic Business (AFACT), ebXML initiative, and United Nations Centre for Trade Facilitation and Electronic Business (UN/CEFACT). He was the Rapporteur for the Asia and the Pacific in the UN/CEFACT from 2003 to 2009. He holds a Ph.D in logistics management from Chulalongkorn University, Thailand.

7. Dr. Shantanu Godbole



Dr. Shantanu Godbole leads the Future of Climate and Supply Chain department at IBM Research in India, focusing on building innovative technology solutions for helping enterprises and their supply chains with climate resiliency and carbon accountability. He has led applied AI and Blockchain research in the Agriculture, Retail, Financial Services, and Education industries. He combines the best of AI and Blockchain technologies, researching and experimenting in-market with clients to develop first of a kind solutions, that then make their way to IBM product and service offerings. He led the founding and growth of the IBM Center for Blockchain Innovation in Singapore, building solutions in the domains of trade and finance. He has been with IBM Research since 2006 and is a Senior Technical Staff Member at IBM and a member of the IBM Academy of Technology. He has a Ph.D. in machine learning from IIT Bombay and is active in professional service and mentoring.

