

REGIONAL WORKSHOP ON

**OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES IN USING EVIDENCE BASED TRADE POLICY FOR THE
ACHIEVEMENT OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS**

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TENTATIVE PROGRAMME

Day 1 Wednesday, 15 June 2016		
0845-0900 hrs	<i>Registration</i>	
0900-0930 hrs	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Inaugural Session</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Welcome Remarks</p>	<p>Hon'ble Tengye Lyonpo Lekey Dorji, Minister, Ministry of Economic Affairs, Bhutan</p> <p>Mia Mikic, Chief, Trade Policy and Analysis Section, Trade, investment and innovation Division, ESCAP</p>
0930-1000 hrs	<i>Group photo/High Tea</i>	
1000-1045 hrs	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Session 1</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Introduction of participants</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Trade and Sustainable Development</p>	Mia Mikic, TIID, ESCAP

1045-1200 hrs	<i>Session 2</i> Overview of SDGs and IPOA goals with focus on trade as means of implementation (and demonstration of data test for Asian LDCs)	Mia Mikic, TIID, ESCAP
1200-1315 hrs	<i>Lunch</i>	
13.15-15.00 hrs	<i>Session 3</i> Using available statistics for monitoring SDG target: issues with merchandise trade data	Sri Avishek Guha, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, India
1500-1515 hrs	<i>Tea/ Coffee</i>	
1515-1715 hrs	<i>Session 4</i> Country specific issues: presentations by participants (one country 15 min)	Chaired by Mahinthan Joseph Mariasingham, ADB
Day 2 Thursday, 16 June 2016		
0900-1015 hrs	<i>Session 5</i> Achieving SDGS: Trade policy, GVCs and economic diversification	Witada Anukoonwattaka, TIID, ESCAP
1015-1030 hrs	<i>Tea/ Coffee</i>	
1030-1215hrs	<i>Session 6</i> Evidence on trade protection for monitoring SDG targets and policy formulation	Witada Anukoonwattaka, TIID, ESCAP
1215-1330 hrs	<i>Lunch</i>	
1330-1515 hrs	<i>Session 7</i> Use of input-output data in building evidence for trade policymaking- Introduction	Mahinthan Joseph Mariasingham, ADB
1515-1530 hrs	<i>Tea/ Coffee</i>	
1530-1645 hrs	<i>Session 8</i> Use of input-output data in building evidence for trade policymaking- from IO tables to valued added trade	Mahinthan Joseph Mariasingham, ADB (and Witada Anukoonwattaka, TIID, ESCAP)
Day 3 Friday, 17 June 2016		
0900-1015 hrs	<i>Session 9</i> Services trade and services trade statistics	Mia Mikic, TIID, ESCAP

1015-1030 hrs	<i>Tea/ Coffee</i>	
1030-1230 hrs	<i>Session 10</i> Use of surveys in collecting services trade data – example from India	Sri Avishek Guha, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, India
1230-1330 hrs	<i>Lunch</i>	
1330 - 1500 hrs	<i>Session 11</i> Understanding restrictions in services trade- Services trade restrictiveness index	Massimo Geloso-Grosso, OECD (delivered by Mia Mikic, ESCAP)
1500-1515 hrs	<i>Tea/ Coffee</i>	
1515-1600 hrs	<i>Session 12</i> <i>ARTNeT group of experts on Trade and SDGs</i>	Mia Mikic, TIID, ESCAP
1600 – 1700 hrs	<i>Closing Session</i> Wrap-up discussion: Participants may bring up for discussion any of the points raised during the workshop Certificate ceremony Closing Remarks	Ministry of Economic Affairs TIID, ESCAP
1900 hrs	<i>Dinner Hosted by Dasho Yeshe Wangdi, Hon'ble Secretary, Ministry of Economic Affairs</i>	Ministry of Economic Affairs