

National Consultation on Facilitating Cross-border Paperless Trade

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In moving forward in the area of trade facilitation and paperless trade in Nepal, legal and technical readiness assessments for cross-border paperless trade have been conducted, under a United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) project entitled “Facilitating Cross-Border Paperless Trade in Least Developed Countries for Regional Integration and Sustainable Development (Phase I)”, supported by Enhanced Integrated Framework (EIF). The purpose of the national consultation is to review the preliminary findings from this work, consolidate and validate the results and develop recommendations and an action plan.

Materials can be found: <https://www.unescap.org/events/national-consultation-facilitating-cross-border-paperless-trade-nepal>

The meeting will be chaired by Mr Madhu Kumar Marasini, Joint Secretary, MoICS; and facilitated by Mr. Buddhi Prasad Upadhyaya, Under Secretary, MoICS.

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| 09.30-10.00 | <i>Registration and Tea/Coffee</i> |
| 10.00-10.30 | <p>Welcoming and opening Statement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Yann Duval, Chief, Trade Policy and Facilitation Section (TPFS), Trade, Investment and Innovation Division, United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP)</i> • <i>Mr Madhu Kumar Marasini, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Supplies (MOICS), Nepal</i> |
| 10.30-11.30 | <p>Session 1. Technical readiness assessments on cross-border paperless trade in Nepal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Presentation by Mah Choong Kean (Alvin), ESCAP consultant</i> |
| 11.30-11.45 | <i>Tea/Coffee Break</i> |
| 11.45-12.45 | <p>Session 1. Technical readiness assessments on cross-border paperless trade in Nepal (continued)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Plenary discussion for consolidation and validation</i> |
| 12.45 – 13.45 | <i>Lunch</i> |



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| 13.45 – 14.45 | <p>Session 2. Legal readiness assessments on cross-border paperless trade in Nepal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Presentation by Don Lewis, ESCAP consultant</i> • <i>Plenary discussion for consolidation and validation</i> |
| 14.45 – 15.00 | <i>Tea/Coffee Break</i> |
| 15.00-16.30 | <p>Session 3. Towards an Action Plan on Paperless Trade</p> <p><i>Moderated by Representative, MOICS</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Presentation of Action Plan by the International Experts</i> • <i>Plenary discussion on draft action plan</i> • <i>Summary of the overall discussion and the way forwards by Mr Purushottam Ojha, Former Secretary, GoN; ESCAP consultant</i> |
| 16.30-17.00 | <p>Concluding remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Yann Duval, ESCAP</i> • <i>Senior Official, MOICS (tbc)</i> |

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