

Meeting on Trade Procedures Database

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BITEC, Bangkok, Thailand

Background:

UNNExT Business Process Analysis (BPA) has been recommended as the first step to be taken before undertaking other trade facilitation measures related to the simplification, harmonization, and automation of trade procedures and documents. For the past several years, BPA has been widely applied in many countries in Asia and the Pacific to identify barriers for trade facilitation and provide recommendations for improvement.

(http://unnex.unescap.org/tools/business_process.asp)

The database developed by ESCAP secretariat effectively summarizes these studies. Also, the database makes it easier to compare trade procedures across the countries.

The meeting aims to critically review the database and identify the room for further improvement.

Programme

17:00 – 17:20	Introduction to the Trade Procedures Database developed by ESCAP
17:20 – 17:40	Review and discuss the Database
17:40 – 18:00	Way forward to further improve the Database