

Regional Organizations Cooperation Mechanism for Trade Facilitation (ROC-TF) Meeting

Hyatt Regency Hotel
New Delhi, India
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The Regional Organizations Cooperation Mechanism for Trade Facilitation, or ROC-TF, is a cooperation mechanism between the subregional, regional, United Nations and other international organizations involved in trade facilitation activities in the Asia and Pacific region. The overall goal of the mechanism is to facilitate the exchange of information, identify synergies and promote collaboration for effective implementation of trade facilitation initiatives. Further information is available at <http://www.unescap.org/our-work/trade-investment-innovation/trade-facilitation/roc-tf>.

Tentative Programme (as of 29 August 2019)

08:45 - 09:00 **Registration**

09:00 – 09:30 **Opening Session**

- Opening remarks by Mr. Yann Duval, Chief, Trade Policy and Facilitation Section, United Nations ESCAP
- Self-introduction of participants
- Update on ROC-TF by ESCAP

09:30 – 10:30 **Update on each organization's trade facilitation initiatives and related action plans (1)**

- Mr. Kijin Kim, Economist, Asian Development Bank (ADB)
- Mr. Akhmad Bayhaqi, Senior Analyst, Policy Support Unit, Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) secretariat
- Ms. Jill Atieno Juma, Trade Advisor, Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat
- Ms. Beatriz Stevens, Trade Advisor, Commonwealth Secretariat

10:30 – 10:45 **Coffee Break**

10:45 – 12:00 **Update on each organization's trade facilitation initiatives and related action plans (2)**

- Ms. Soo Hyun Kim, Economic Affairs Officer, Trade Policy and Facilitation Section, United Nations ESCAP
- Ms. Maria Cecarelli, Chief, Trade Facilitation, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (ECE)
- Ms. Alina Fetisova, Associate Programme Officer, Trade Facilitation and Policy for Business, Division of Market Development, International Trade Centre (ITC)

12:00 – 13:00 **Lunch Break**

13:00 – 14:30	Update on each organization's trade facilitation initiatives and related action plans (3) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr. Armen Manukyan, Technical Attache, World Customs Organization (WCO)• Mr. Xiaobing Tang, Counsellor, World Trade Organization (WTO)• Melvin Spreij, Head, Standards and Trade Development Facility (STDF) Secretariat• Mr. S.P. Sahu, Senior Trade Facilitation Specialist, World Bank• Mr. Paul Donohoe, Manager, Digital Economy and Trade Programme, UPU
14:30 – 14:45	Coffee Break
14:45- 16:00	Opportunities and modalities for improving inter-regional/sub regional cooperation on trade facilitation <p><i>Roundtable discussion</i></p>
16:00 - 16:30	Summary of discussion