



# Session 5 – Group work for preparation of national reports and Group presentations

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# Introduction

- This workshops aim to build capacity on
  - Implementing trade facilitation and paperless trade initiatives
  - Create a pool of experts who can effectively support or participate in the work of National Committees on Trade Facilitation or related inter-agency bodies.
- In addition to the technical sessions by related experts, hands on exercises in the form of country reports and group presentations have also been included in this course.

# Workshop outputs

## • **Country reports on trade facilitation**

- Focus on country performance in facilitating trade and implementing trade facilitation measures
- Report should be no longer than 5 pages
  - Participants of the same country can work together to prepare the report
  - Submit report by email to [sk@ku-inova.org](mailto:sk@ku-inova.org) by end of third day session (25th Sept 2019)
  - Reports will be shared among all participants

## • **Group Presentations**

- Presentation will include highlights from country reports and identify the common challenges they face
- Presentation will identify lessons learned and priorities for further advancing trade facilitation for sustainable development
- Participants will be divided in groups (mixed countries)
  - They will chose a group leader who will make the presentation

# Suggested country report outline

1. Introduction  
*[suggest you specify trade facilitation definition]*
2. Trade facilitation performance
  - Trade costs
  - Logistics Performance
  - Others (*see ESCAP-OECD Guide on Indicators for Trade Facilitation*)
3. Trade Facilitation and Paperless Trade Implementation
  - WTO TFA: Official implementation status (category A, B, C)
  - Implementation based on UN Global Survey on Digital & Sustainable TF 2019 (*include least implemented measures*)
  - Status of National Committee for Trade Facilitation
4. Trade facilitation commitments outside WTO TFA
  - Framework Agreement on Facilitation of Cross Border Paperless Trade in Asia and the Pacific
  - WCO Revised Kyoto Convention
  - Bilateral/Regional (trade / transit) agreements
  - Others
5. Recent improvements/update on trade facilitation implementation and key challenges (*from national news/information/consultations*)
6. Conclusions / Recommendations / Way Forward  
*[mention in particular how to further enhance trade facilitation towards sustainable development; possible priority measures/actions; and what support may be required by country]*

# Group presentation structure

- Each group will get 15 minutes to present.
- Presentation should include:
  - Comparative tables of country performance and commitments (5 minutes)
  - Common challenges faced by the group (5 minutes)
  - Way forward, capacity building needs, etc. (5 minutes)
- After the group presentations a general discussion among all participants will be held to prioritize actions for way forward

Thank you