

REGIONAL WORKSHOP ON

**LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES AND LEVERAGING TRADE AS A MEANS OF
IMPLEMENTATION FOR THE 2030 AGENDA**

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and

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TENTATIVE PROGRAMME

(Note: Participants are expected to actively participate and will be asked to do brief presentations as per tentative programme)

Day 1 Wednesday, 2 August 2017		
0845-0900 hrs	Registration	
0900-0930 hrs	<p><i>Inaugural Session</i></p> <p>Welcome Remarks</p>	<p>Hon'ble Tengye Lyonpo Lekey Dorji, Minister, Ministry of Economic Affairs, Royal Government of Bhutan (TBD)</p> <p>Dr. Mia Mikic, Director, Trade, Investment and Innovation Division, ESCAP</p>
0930-1015 hrs	<p><i>Introduction of participants</i></p> <p><i>Group photo</i></p>	
1015-1030 hrs	Tea/ Coffee	
1030-1130 hrs	<p><i>Session 1</i></p> <p>Trade and investment as a means of implementation of the Agenda 2030</p>	Mia Mikic, TIID, ESCAP

1130-1230 hrs	<i>Session 2</i> Trends and developments on trade, investment and integration in Asia and the Pacific: preview of APTIR 2017 findings	Mia Mikic, TIID, ESCAP
1230-1330 hrs	<i>Lunch</i>	
1330-1430 hrs	<i>Session 3</i> Linking SDGs and Istanbul programme of Action for the LDCs: Value of graduation and implication on achieving SDGs	Mia Mikic, TIID, ESCAP
1430-1530 hrs	<i>Session 4</i> Tour de table: LDCs perspectives on the current state of global and regional trade and investment	All Participants
1530-1545 hrs	<i>Tea/ Coffee</i>	
1545-1645 hrs	<i>Session 5</i> In search of the meaningful market access: what are the policy options for LDCs	Rajan Sudesh Ratna, TIID, ESCAP
1645-1700 hrs	Summary of day 1 and overview of day 2	
Day 2 Thursday, 3 August 2017		
0900-1030 hrs	<i>Session 6</i> Regionalism: reaping the opportunities and dealing with challenges	Rajan Sudesh Ratna, TIID, ESCAP
1030-1045 hrs	<i>Tea/ Coffee</i>	
1045-1215 hrs	<i>Session 7</i> Trade in the digital era: technology, innovation, e-commerce	Rajan Sudesh Ratna, TIID, ESCAP
1215-1330 hrs	<i>Lunch</i>	

1330-1500 hrs	<i>Session 8</i> Economic transformation, services and GVCs	Witada Anukoonwattaka, SD, ESCAP
1500-1515 hrs	<i>Tea/ Coffee</i>	
1515-16.30 hrs	<i>Session 9</i> <i>Country specific issues in meeting trade related SDGs - Participants' presentations</i>	All Participants
1630-1645 hrs	Summary Day 2/ Overview of day 3	
Day 3 Friday, 4 August 2017		
0900-1030 hrs	<i>Session 10</i> Evidence-based policy for achieving SDGs: Trade-related targets and indicators	Witada Anukoonwattaka, SD, ESCAP
1030-1045 hrs	<i>Tea/ Coffee</i>	
1045-1230 hrs	<i>Session 11</i> Achieving the trade-related Sustainable Development Goals in LDCs: Data issues (trade flows) Value added trade	Witada Anukoonwattaka, SD, ESCAP
1230-1330 hrs	<i>Lunch</i>	
1330 - 1500 hrs	<i>Session 12</i> Achieving the trade-related Sustainable Development Goals in LDCs: Data issues (tariff and other trade measures)	Witada Anukoonwattaka, SD, ESCAP
1500-1515 hrs	<i>Tea/ Coffee</i>	

1515-1615 hrs	<p><i>Session 13</i></p> <p>Capacity building needs and ARTNeT group of experts on Trade and SDGs</p>	Rajan Sudesh Ratna, TIID, ESCAP
1615 – 1700	<p><i>Session 14 - Closing Session</i></p> <p>Wrap-up discussion: Participants may bring up for discussion any of the points raised during the workshop</p> <p>Certificate ceremony</p> <p>Closing Remarks</p>	<p>Ministry of Economic Affairs</p> <p>ESCAP</p>
1900 Hrs	<p><i>Dinner Hosted by Dasho Yeshey Wangdi, Hon'ble Secretary, Ministry of Economic Affairs, Royal Government of Bhutan (TBC)</i></p>	Ministry of Economic Affairs