

PROGRAMME

Sri Lanka: Capacity Building on Trade Policy Analysis

24-25 OCTOBER 2016, COLOMBO

| Day 1: 24 October 2016 | |
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| 09:00 – 09:30 | Opening session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Welcome remarks by Saman Kelegama, IPS ○ Welcome remarks by Ms. Mia Mikic, ESCAP |
| 09:30 – 11:00 | Session 1 – Economics of trade liberalization: why do countries liberalize trade? Potential costs and benefits of different approaches to liberalization. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Gains from free trade – Approaches to trade liberalization – Concepts of trade diversion and trade creation – Dynamic impacts – Q&A Ms. Mia Mikic, Trade, Investment and Innovation Division, ESCAP |
| 11:00 – 11:15 | Coffee break |
| 11:15 – 12:30 | Session 2 – Multilateral and regional (preferential) liberalization compared <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Reality issues: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Multilateralism vs. regionalism ○ Replacement of tariff protection ○ Rules of origin and the cost of compliance ○ Effects of overlapping FTAs ○ Effects to business sector ○ The loss of tariff revenue and adjustment costs Mr. Rajan Sudesh Ratna, Trade, Investment and Innovation Division, ESCAP |
| 12:30 – 13:30 | Lunch |
| 13:30 – 15:00 | Session 3 – Sri Lanka: Country Experiences <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Progress of economic liberalisation – Experiences of RTAs – Future prospects Ms. Dushni Weerakoon, IPS, Colombo |
| 15:00 – 15:15 | Coffee break |
| 15:15 – 16.45 | Session 4 – Evidence-based trade policy formulation: impact as- |

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| | <p>Assessment of trade liberalization and FTA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Tools for impact assessment: an overview of their uses, strength and weakness, and required technical knowledge and datasets <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Descriptive statistics ○ Trade indicators ○ Partial equilibrium model ○ Gravity model ○ CGE ○ Impact evaluation using micro level data. <p>Mr. Arun Jacob, Trade, Investment and Innovation Division, ESCAP</p> |
| Day 2: 25 October 2016 | |
| 09:00 – 10:30 | <p>Session 5 – Where to find data for assessment?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Finding data on trade flows – Finding data on trade policy measures (including NTMs) – Finding ready-to-use trade indicators – What if secondary data is not available? <p>Mr. Arun Jacob, Trade, Investment and Innovation Division, ESCAP</p> |
| 10:30-10:45 | Coffee break |
| 10:45 – 12:15 | <p>Session 6 – Conducting negotiations and post-negotiation issues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Implementation – Enforcement – Monitoring and Reality check – Role of private sector <p>Mr. Rajan Sudesh Ratna, Trade, Investment and Innovation Division, ESCAP</p> |
| 12:15 – 13:15 | Lunch |
| 13:15 – 14:45 | <p>Session 7 – Private sector perspective on trade policymaking</p> <p>Mr. Anushka Wijesinha, The Ceylon Chamber of Commerce</p> |
| 14:45 -15:00 | Coffee break |
| 15:00 – 16.30 | <p>Session 8 – Roundtable on perspectives of stakeholders on Sri Lanka's trade agreements, present and future</p> <p>Panelists to be confirmed Facilitator: TBC</p> |
| 16.30-16.45 | Closing |