

Regional Workshop on Trade and Environment for Asia and Pacific Economies

Tentative Programme

18-19 September 2017, Colombo, Sri Lanka

Monday 18 September	
08:45 – 09:15	Registration
09:15 – 09:45	Opening session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Dr. Rajan Ratna, ESCAP ○ Mr. Aik Hoe Lim, WTO ○ Minister, Commerce, Government of Sri Lanka (TBC)
<u>MODULE 1: DEMISTIFYING THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN TRADE AND THE ENVIRONMENT</u>	
09:40 – 11:00	Session 1: Hoe Lim and Karsten Steinfatt, WTO <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Is trade liberalization good or bad for the environment? ○ How can environmental policies support trade and competitiveness?
11:00 – 11:15	Coffee break
11:15 – 12:30	Session 2: Hoe Lim and Karsten Steinfatt, WTO <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Trade in the broader context of sustainable development ○ WTO tools to promote supportiveness between trade and the environment <p><i>Group exercise: Participants are invited to consider how trade interacts with specific SDGs and to exchange views on how trade policy can support the implementation of the 2030 Agenda</i></p>
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch
<u>MODULE 2: TRADE AS A TOOL TO SUPPORT CLIMATE CHANGE ACTION AND ECONOMIC DIVERSIFICATION</u>	
13:30 – 15:00	Session 3: Hoe Lim and Karsten Steinfatt, WTO <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A brief introduction to climate change and the Paris Agreement ○ What is the role of trade in helping to implement the Paris Agreement?
15:00 – 15:15	Coffee break
	Session 4: Dr. Krishnan Srinivasaraghavan, Asian and Pacific Centre for Transfer of Technology (APCTT), Delhi <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Cross-border Technology Transfer for Promoting Climate Resilience and Economic Diversification

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MODULE 3: LIBERALIZING TRADE IN ENVIRONMENTAL GOODS AND SERVICES

09:15 – 10:45

Session 5: Hoe Lim and Karsten Steinfatt, WTO

- Multilateral and other initiatives to liberalize trade in environmental goods and services

Group exercise: What are environmental goods?

10:45 – 11:00

Coffee break

11:00 – 12:30

Session 6: Dr. Rajan Sudesh Ratna, ESCAP

- FTAs: Promoting Global Value Chains in Environmental Goods

12:30 – 13:30

Lunch

MODULE 4: TAPPING INTO GREEN MARKET OPPORTUNITIES

13:30 – 15:00

Session 7: To be determined

Case study: The Sri Lankan experience with exports of sustainable products

15:00 – 15:15

Coffee break

15:15 – 16:45

Session 8: Participants and instructors

Group discussion: Participants and instructors will collectively reflect on the lessons learned during the workshop and discuss possible action needed at national and international levels to ensure that trade and environment policies work better together

16:45 – 17:15

Concluding session and distribution of certificates