

Training Workshop On
“ENHANCING THE CONTRIBUTION OF PREFERENTIAL TRADE AGREEMENTS TO INCLUSIVE AND
EQUITABLE TRADE: ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN”

13 - 15 August 2017

Simorgh Hotel, Tehran, Islamic Republic of Iran

TENTATIVE PROGRAMME

Day 1: 13 August

08.30 - 09.00 hours Registration

09.00 - 09.30 hours **Welcome remarks**

- *Mr. Mirhadi Seyedi, Deputy for Export Market Development, Trade Promotion Organization, Ministry of Industry, Mine and Trade, Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran*
- *Mr. Rajan Ratna, Economic Affairs Officer, Trade, Investment and Innovation Division (TIID), Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP)*

Group photograph

09.30 - 09.45 hours **Introduction to the Development Account project and the objective of this workshop**

- *Mr. Panit Buranawijarn, TIID, ESCAP*

09.45 – 10.00 hours *--Coffee break--*

10.00 – 10.30 hours **Group Activity: The role of trade in development**

10.30 – 12.30 hours **Session 1: Trade as an engine of growth and moving from efficiency to meeting social objectives through trade liberalization**

- *Ms. Witada Anukoonwattaka, TIID, ESCAP*

12.30 – 13.45 hours *--Lunch--*

13.15 – 14.45 hours **Session 2: The rise of regionalism in the multilateral system**

- *Mr. Rajan Ratna, TIID, ESCAP*

14.45 – 15.00 hours *--Coffee break--*

15.00 – 16.30 hours **Group Discussion**

Day 2: 14 August

- 09.00 – 10.30 hours **Session 3: Status of trade liberalization with a focus on preferential trade agreements in the Islamic Republic of Iran**
➤ *Mr. Seyed Komail Taybei, Director, Centre of Excellence for International Economics, University of Isfahan*
- 10.30 – 10.45 hours --Coffee break--
- 10.45 – 12.15 hours **Session 4: Identifying modalities and coverage of preferential trade agreements to strengthen inclusive and equitable trade 1**
➤ *Mr. Rajan Ratna, TIID, ESCAP*
- 12.15 – 13.30 hours --Lunch--
- 13.30 – 15.00 hours **Session 5: Identifying modalities and coverage of preferential trade agreements to strengthen inclusive and equitable trade 2**
➤ *Ms. Witada Anukoonwattaka, TIID, ESCAP*
- 15.00 – 15.15 hours --Coffee break--
- 15.15 – 16.45 hours **Session 6: Designing and securing a mandate and stakeholder consultations**
➤ *Mr. Rajan Ratna, TIID, ESCAP*

Day 3: 15 August

- 9.00 – 10.15 hours **Session 7: Implementation and evaluation of preferential trade agreements**
➤ *Ms. Witada Anukoonwattaka, TIID, ESCAP*
- 10.15 – 10.30 hours --Coffee break--
- 10.30 – 11.45 hours **Session 8: Managing the impacts of trade liberalization: Trade adjustments and trade remedies**
➤ *Mr. Rajan Ratna, TIID, ESCAP*
- 11.45 – 12.15 hours **Concluding session and presentation of certificates**
- 12.15 hours --Networking lunch--