

## National Seminar on the Business Implications of the Asia-Pacific Trade Agreement (APTA) for Bangladesh

Wednesday, 13 June 2012  
Dhaka, Bangladesh

### PROGRAMME

09:30-10:00	<b>Registration</b>
10:00-10:30	<b>Opening Session</b>
	<p>Recitation from the Holy Q'uran</p> <p>Welcome Address by <i>Mr. Mahbubur Rahman</i>, President, ICC Bangladesh</p> <p>Address by <i>Dr. Ravi Ratnayake</i>, Director, Trade and Investment Division, ESCAP</p> <p>Address by <i>A.T.M. Murtozza Reza Chowdhury</i>, Assistant Secretary, Ministry of Commerce, Bangladesh</p> <p>Address by <i>Hon'ble Mr. Ghulam Muhammed Quader, M.P.</i>, Minister of Commerce, Bangladesh</p>
10:30-10:45	<i>Refreshment</i>
10:45-13:00	<b>Recent Progress in APTA and Business Implications</b>
	<p><b><i>Presentation on Recent Progress in APTA</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Dr. Ravi Ratnayake</i>, Director, Trade and Investment Division, ESCAP</li> </ul> <p><b><i>Presentation on Business Implication of the Asia Pacific Trade Agreement for Bangladesh</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Dr. Khairuzzaman</i>, Deputy Secretary, Bangladesh Tariff Commission</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Panelists:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Dr. Fahmida Akter Khatun</i>, Additional Director, Centre for Policy Dialogue (CPD)</li> <li><i>Dr. Monzur Hossain</i>, Research Fellow, Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies (BIDS)</li> <li><i>Mr. Ashikur Rahman</i>, Economist, Policy Research Institute (PRI)</li> </ul> <p><b><i>Discussion / Q&amp;A</i></b></p>
13:00-14:00	<i>Lunch</i>

14:00-16:00	<b>Business Perspectives and Trading Opportunities for Bangladesh in the selected APTA Member States</b>
	<p><b><i>Presentation on Trading Opportunities in the selected APTA Member States through APTA</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Mr. Hu Wei</i>, Third Secretary, Embassy of the People's Republic of China, Dhaka, Bangladesh</li> <li>• <i>Mr. Jae Ho Jung</i>, Deputy Director, Multilateral Customs Cooperation Division, Ministry of Strategy and Finance, Republic of Korea</li> </ul> <p><b><i>Business Perspective on APTA and Trading Opportunities in Bangladesh</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Mr. Asif Ibrahim</i>, President, Dhaka Chamber of Commerce &amp; Industry (DCCI)</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Panelists:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Mr. R. Maksud Khan</i>, Chairman, Bengal Fine Ceramics Ltd. &amp; Member, Executive Board, ICC Bangladesh</li> <li>• <i>Mr. M.A. Momen</i>, President, Bangladesh-Thai Chamber of Commerce and Industry &amp; Director, Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FBCCI)</li> </ul> <p><b><i>Discussion / Q&amp;A</i></b></p>
16:00-16:30	<b>Closing Session</b>
	Wrap-up discussion and closing remarks

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