

EXPERT GROUP MEETING ON REGIONAL INTEGRATION AND THE ASIA-PACIFIC TRADE AGREEMENT (APTA)

19 November 2013
Meeting Room E, UNCC, Bangkok, Thailand

Objectives:

To discuss the interim results of two research on APTA membership expansion for Pacific Island Countries and Central Asia and to create awareness on the upcoming outcome of the 4th round of APTA negotiations based on capturing preferential trade data of APTA Participating States

TENTATIVE PROGRAMME

08:30-09:00	<i>Registration</i>
Session 1 09:00~10:15	<p>Moderator: Joong-Wan CHO</p> <p>Benefits to Pacific Island Countries for acceding to APTA by Hong CHEN, University of the South Pacific, Fiji</p> <p>Discussant: Jayant MENON, ADB Jun Ho SHIN, TID/UNESCAP</p>
10:15-10:30	<i>Coffee Break</i>
Session 2 10:30~11:20	<p>Moderator: Joong-Wan CHO</p> <p>Benefits to Central Asia countries for acceding to APTA by Ram Upendra DAS, Research and Information System for Developing Countries, India</p> <p>Discussant: Sudip Ranjan BASU, MPDD/UNESCAP Jun Ho SHIN, TID/UNESCAP</p>
Session 3 11:20~11:50	<p>Presentation on “Likely outcome of the 4th Round and the importance of preferential trade data” by Joong-Wan CHO, Chief, APTA Secretariat, TID/UNESCAP and Jing HUANG, Consultant, APTA Secretariat, TID/UNESCAP</p>
11:50~12:00	<p><i>Wrap-up and Concluding Remarks:</i> Joong-Wan CHO, Chief, APTA Secretariat, TID/UNESCAP</p>
