

ARTNet Conference on Empirical and Policy Issues of Integration in Asia and the Pacific

1-2 November 2012, Hotel Galadari, Colombo, Sri Lanka

PROGRAMME

Day 1: Thursday, 1 November 2012

08:00 – 08:30	Registration
08:30 – 09:00	Welcome remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ravi Ratnayake, Director, TID, ESCAP • Evan Due, IDRC • Saman Kelegama, Executive Director, IPS
09:00 – 09:15	Welcome address Chief Guest HE Dr. Sarath Amunugama , Senior Minister of International Monetary Cooperation, Government of Sri Lanka
09:15 – 09:45	Keynote address Simon Evenett (University of St Gallen, ARTNet Advisor) "The Motives for Discrimination: Industrial Policy after the Global Economic Crisis"
09:45 – 10:15	Networking break
10:15 - 12:15	Session 1: Trade facilitation for poverty reduction <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Abu Hena Reza Hasan (University of Dhaka) "Barriers to international entrepreneurship in agricultural sector of Bangladesh: Focus on vegetable production" • Chandana Karunaratne (IPS) "Export Processing Zones (EPZs) and their impact on trade facilitation and poverty reduction in Sri Lanka" • Ir. Masyhuri (Universitas Gadjh Mada) "The impact of agricultural trade facilitation for agricultural food exports in Indonesia and Southeast Asia" • Prabir De (RIS) "Economic corridors and their impact on trade facilitation and poverty reduction: An empirical analysis of selected corridors of South Asia", <p>Discussant 1 Wu Laping, China Discussant 2 Kornkarun Cheewatrakoolpong (Chulalongkorn University) Discussant 3 Tulus T.H. Tambunan (Trisakti University) Moderator Evan Due (IDRC)</p>
12:15 – 13:15	Lunch break
13:15 – 14:45	Session 2: Measuring non-tariff and behind-the-border barriers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evdokia Mouse (OECD) "Assessing the relative impact of trade facilitation measures: the OECD trade facilitation indicators" • Shintaro Hamanaka (ADB) "Measuring commodity-level trade costs in Asia: The basis for effective trade facilitation" • Yann Duval (ESCAP) "Capturing non-tariff related trade costs for Asia-Pacific countries" • Cosimo Beverelli (WTO) "A fresh look at NTM: WTO Report 2012" <p>Discussant 1 Florian Alburo (UP) Discussant 2 Shunli Yao (UIBE) Moderator Pushpa Raj Rajkarnikar (IPRAD)</p>
14:45 – 15:15	Networking break

15:15 – 17:00

Session 3: Special session: Celebration of 50 years of use of gravity modelling in trade research

- Prabir De (RIS) “Why is gravity model so popular in trade research?”
- Utsav Kumar (ADB) “The role of trade facilitation in central Asia: A gravity model”
- Khaleda Akhter (CPD) “An application of the stochastic gravity model: Export potential for Bangladesh”
- Martin Wermelinger “Did the crisis disrupt EU exports to China”

Discussant Cosimo Beverelli (WTO)

Moderator Ravi Ratnayake (ESCAP)

Launch of ARTNeT’s The Gravity Model of International Trade: A User Guide
prepared by Ben Shepherd (ARTNeT Advisor)

17:00 – 19:00

ARTNeT Multistakeholders Steering Committee session

Day 2: Friday, 2 November 2012

08:15 – 09:15

Session 4: Production network facilitation role of services

- Witada Anukoonwattaka (ESCAP) “Roles of services in the global value chain”
- Debdeep De (IIFT) “Role of services in integrating production networks”

Discussant 1 Watcharas Leelawath (ITD)

Discussant 2 Haryo Aswicahyono (CSIS)

Moderator Mia Mikic (ESCAP)

09:15 – 10:00

Special session: Presentation of “WTO’s Practical Guide to Trade Policy Analysis” by Cosimo Beverelli (WTO)

10:00 – 10:15

Networking break

10:15 – 12:00

Session 5: Competitiveness and economic diversification

- Paras Kharel (SAWTEE) “Nature of structural change and role of trade policy in structural transformation in Nepal”
- Vathana Roth (CDRI) “Industrial clusters, business associations and SMEs’ productivity”
- Jeevika Weerahewa (University of Peradeniya) “Determinants and paths of export diversification”
- Dilli Raj Khanal (IPRAD) “Sources of growth, factor returns and sustained growth”

Discussant 1 Indrajit Coomaraswamy (Sri Lanka)

Discussant 2 Anushka Wijesinha (IPS)

Moderator Sisira Jayasuriya (Monash University and ARTNeT advisor)

12:00 – 13:00

Lunch break

13:00 – 14:45

Session 6: Intraregional investment

- Rafaelita Aldaba (PIDS) “FDI spillover effects in Philippines”
- Ahmed Faisal (FORE) “The prospects of intraregional investments in LDCs: A case of Asia and the Pacific”
- Misu Kim (KIEP) “The relationship between trade and FDI: A case study of India”
- Deshal de Mel (Hayleys PLC) “Vertical integration of industries in South Asia”

Discussant 1 Selim Raihan (SANEM)

Discussant 2 Anura Ekanayake (Wealth Trust Securities Ltd)

Moderator Saman Kelegama (IPS)

14:45 – 15:15

Networking break

15:15 – 17:00

Session 7: Panel on future of regional integration and industrial policy in Asia and the Pacific

Moderator Ravi Ratnayake (ESCAP)

'Growing together: Economic integration for an inclusive and sustainable Asia-Pacific century' Keynote statement by Nagesh Kumar (ESCAP)

Panellists Sarath Rajapatirana (Sri Lanka), Denis Hew Wei Yen (APEC Secretariat), Jason T. Lao (Philippines)

17:00 – 17:15

Closing
