

**ARTNet / WTO Research Workshop on Emerging Trade Issues in Asia and the Pacific:  
*Meeting contemporary policy challenges***

**PROGRAMME**

**Wednesday, 4 April 2012**

**Morning**

9.00 – 9.30

**Opening welcome**

9.30 – 12.30

**SESSION 1: Dealing with the non-tariff barriers**

Coffee and  
refreshments  
served around  
10:30

- “Preliminary findings of the World Trade Report 2012”,  
*Cosimo Beverelli, WTO*
- “Non-Tariff measures: currently available evidence and future research  
agenda”, *Sudip Basu, ESCAP*
- “Non-tariff barriers in South Asia: addressing the challenges”  
*Ashiq Iqbal, Centre for Policy Dialogue, Bangladesh*
- “Trade costs: new initiatives on measurement and policy implications”,  
*Mia Mikic, ESCAP*

12.30 – 13.30

**Lunch**

**Afternoon**

13.30 – 17.00

**SESSION 2: Intellectual property rights issues**

Coffee and  
refreshments  
served around  
15.00

- “Approaches to Transfer of Technology to SMEs in Low Income  
Developing Asia-Pacific Economies”, *Peter Fowler, Regional  
Intellectual Property Attaché for Southeast Asia, USPTO*
- “The role of IP in economic development – The case of Thailand”  
*Deunden Nikomborirak, Thailand Development Research Institute*
- “The role of IP in economic development – The case of China”  
*Albert Hu, National University of Singapore*

**Morning**

9.00 – 10.00

**SESSION 3: Learning from the firms**

- “Does trade protection improve firm productivity? Evidence from Philippine micro data”  
*Rafaelita M Aldaba, Philippine Institute for Development Studies*
- *Discussion on the major obstacles in using firm-level data for trade research in the region*

10.00-12.00

**SESSION 4: Trade and inclusive growth**

Coffee and  
refreshments  
served around  
11.00

- “International trade, spillovers and regional income disparity”  
*Jiansuo Pei, University of International Business and Economics*
- “The impact of trade policy reform on social welfare, inequality and poverty: the case of Lao PDR”  
*Bounthone Soukavong, National University of Laos*

12.00 – 13.00

**Lunch**

13.00 – 14.00

**SESSION 5: Other challenges (1)**

- “RMB revaluation and China’s foreign trade”,  
*D. Izotov and Denis Suslov, Economic Research Institute (Russia)*
- “The location substitution effect: Does it apply to China?”  
*Nilanjan Banik, Institute for Financial Management Research*

14.00-16.00

**SESSION 6: Other challenges (2)**

Coffee and  
refreshments  
served around  
15.00

- “How vulnerable is India’s trade to possible border carbon adjustment in the EU?”  
*Kasturi Das, Research and Information System for Developing Countries*
- “Anatomy of intraregional services trade in Asia”,  
*Shintaro Hamanaka, ADB*
- “Trade concentration and crisis spillover: Case study of Thailand”,  
*Kornkarun Cheewatrakoolpong, Chulalongkorn University*

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