

# **Regional Organizations Cooperation Mechanism for Trade Facilitation Annual Meeting (ROC-TF)**

## **Update on ROC-TF Activities**

**Trade Facilitation Unit, ESCAP**

**9 September, CIECC, Beijing, China**



# Outline

- What is ROC-TF?
- Recommendations from 2012
- ROC-TF Activities
- Performance Monitoring Framework (later)
- Challenges and Way Forward (later)



# What is ROC-TF?

- **Regional Organizations Cooperation Mechanism or ROC-TF** is a cooperation mechanism for the sub-regional, regional, UN and other international organizations involved in Trade Facilitation activities in the Asia Pacific region.
- **Objective:** To facilitate exchange of information, identify synergies and collaborate for effective implementation of Trade Facilitation initiatives.
- It was established following up on the explicit recommendation of the ESCAP Member States to the Secretariat in July 2011 to support the creation of a region-wide coordination mechanism, bringing together representatives of key regional organizations active in trade facilitation.
- First meeting took place in Seoul titled **Dialogue on Regional Cooperation for Trade Facilitation**, back to back with APTFF2011, co-organized by ESCAP and ADB.



# ROC-TF Activities since last annual meeting (Oct. 2012)


- Bi-annual Newly Designed Electronic Newsletters



- Joint Calendar of Events (internal)
- [ROCTF calendar Latest.xls](#)



# Recommendations from Annual Meeting, Colombo, October 2012

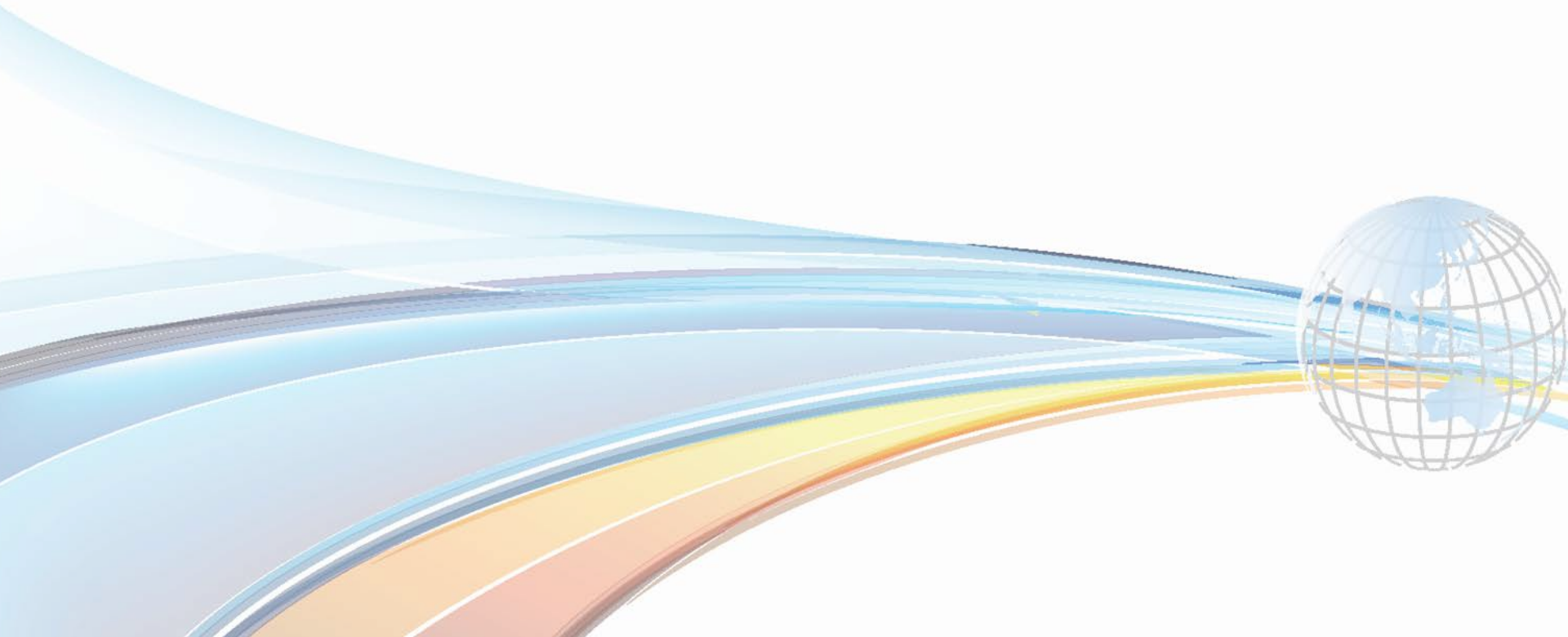
- Develop a joint ROC-TF calendar of trade facilitation events - **Completed**
  - Publication frequency of newsletters from quarterly to bi-annual - **Changed**
  - Focus future ROC-TF newsletters more on new knowledge products (e.g. publications) - **Changed**
  - Continue to hold the annual ROC-TF meeting and to open it to more organizations involved in trade facilitation activities in the Asia-Pacific region - **Pursued**
  - Encourage all ROC-TF organization to join the GFP initiative – **Need more effort**
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## Recommendations from Annual Meeting, Colombo, October 2012 (2)

- Systematically invite each other to relevant trade facilitation events, even if as observers *ESCAP received 3-year Guest status for APEC SCCP meetings, need further cooperation among organizations*
- Share information on trade facilitation monitoring and assessment tools developed by ROC-TF organizations with a view to developing a region-wide harmonized monitoring and assessment framework- *need more effort*



# Challenges and Way Forward for ROC-TF



# Thank you

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