

## Workshop: Emerging developments and opportunities in Green Trade Facilitation

3-4 October 2023, 14:00 – 16:45 hours (GMT +7), Bangkok and online

### *Draft Programme*

In today's global landscape, with the climate crisis continuing to worsen, the need to balance economic growth with environmental stewardship is more crucial than ever. Green – or climate-smart – trade facilitation is playing an increasingly important role as countries strive to transition towards low-carbon and sustainable economies. This workshop will introduce the concept of green trade facilitation, and examine related developments and opportunities, including strategies, initiatives and good practices that enable trade to be more efficient and environmentally friendly, and contribute to climate goals. Following the opening remarks, each thematic session features a moderator and 3-4 speakers with a question & answer segment at the end.

Together with the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) as part of the [41<sup>st</sup> UN/CEFACT Forum](#) week, this workshop is organized by the Asian Development Bank (ADB) and the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) in collaboration with the International Trade Centre (ITC) and Regional Organizations Cooperation Mechanism for Trade Facilitation ([ROC-TF](#)) partners.

**Venue:** MR-H2, Level 1, United Nations Conference Centre, Bangkok

| Day 1: Tuesday, 3 October 2023 |   |
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| 14:00 – 14:10                  | <b>Opening remarks</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mr. Jong Woo Kang, Director of Regional Cooperation and Integration Division, ADB</li><li>• Mr. Yann Duval, Chief of Trade Policy and Facilitation Section, ESCAP</li></ul>  |
| 14:10 – 15:10                  | <b>Session 1: Fostering Green Trade Facilitation – Overview</b><br><br><i>Moderator: Mr. Jong Woo Kang, Director of Regional Cooperation and Integration Division, ADB</i><br><br><u>Presentations:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Climate-smart trade facilitation<br/><i>Mr. Alexey Kravchenko, Economic Affairs Officer, ESCAP &amp; Ms. Celine Bacrot, Economic Affairs Officer, UNCTAD*</i></li><li>• ESG, digitalization, and trade finance<br/><i>Mr. Kijin Kim, Senior Economist, ADB</i></li><li>• The Green Customs Initiative<br/><i>Ms. Valentina Ferraro, Technical Attaché, WCO*</i></li></ul> |

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| 15:10 – 15:25 | <i>Break</i>  |
| 15:25 – 16:25 | <p><b>Session 2: Digitalization for Sustainable and Green Trade</b></p> <p><u>Moderator:</u> <i>Mr. Yann Duval, Chief of Trade Policy and Facilitation Section, ESCAP</i></p> <p><u>Presentations:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• From paper to bytes: digital innovations for sustainable trade<br/><i>Mr. Pierre Bonthonneau, Senior Trade Facilitation Adviser, ITC</i></li> <li>• Digital traceability in supply chain management<br/><i>Ms. Hanane Becha, Vice Chair, UN/CEFACT</i></li> <li>• TradeTrust<br/><i>Mr. Sin Yong Loh, Director, Infocomm Media Development Authority Singapore</i></li> </ul> <p><u>Discussant(s)</u></p> |

| <b>Day 2: Wednesday, 4 October 2023</b> |  |
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| 14:00 – 15:00                           | <p><b>Session 3: Safeguarding Biodiversity and the Environment through Trade Facilitation</b></p> <p><u>Moderator:</u> <i>Mr. Pierre Bonthonneau, Senior Trade Facilitation Adviser, ITC</i></p> <p><u>Presentations:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Integrated approach to trade and transport facilitation<br/><i>Mr. Shubham Gupta, Partner, Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu India</i></li> <li>• Management of Ozone Depleting Substances (ODS) trade through iPIC mechanism<br/><i>Ms. Vika Rogers, Programme Management Officer, United Nations Environment Programme</i></li> <li>• ePhyto – enhancing safe trade in plants and plant products<br/><i>Mr. Simon Padilla, Economic Affairs Officer, Standards and Trade Development Facility*</i></li> <li>• Electronic CITES permitting systems<br/><i>Mr. Salehin Khan, Programme Management Officer, CITES Secretariat*</i></li> </ul> <p><u>Discussant(s)</u></p> |
| 15:00 – 15:15                           | <i>Break</i>   |

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| 15:15 – 16:15 | <p><b>Session 4: Advancing the Circular Economy and Trade in Waste</b></p> <p><u>Moderator:</u> <i>Mr. Yern Fai Lee, Associate Economic Affairs Officer, ESCAP</i></p> <p><u>Presentations:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tackling waste trafficking to support a circular economy<br/><i>Ms. Ioana Cotutiu, Programme Officer, UNODC Unwaste</i></li> <li>• [Title TBC]<br/><i>Ms. Latifahaida Abdul Latif, Assistant Director, ASEAN Secretariat</i></li> <li>• Facilitating cross-border reverse supply chains<br/><i>Mr. Shunta Yamaguchi, Policy Analyst, OECD Environment Directorate*</i></li> <li>• e-Basel – supporting efficient transboundary movement of hazardous and plastic waste<br/><i>Mr. Norbert Pfaffinger, UN/CEFACT Environmental Management Domain Coordinator*</i></li> </ul> <p><u>Discussant(s)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Mr. Jack Barrie, Research Fellow, Chatham House*</i></li> </ul> |
| 16:15 – 16:45 | <p><b>Closing and Way Forward</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Maria Teresa Pisani, OiC of Trade Facilitation Section, UNECE</li> <li>• Mr. Yann Duval, Chief of Trade Policy and Facilitation Section, ESCAP</li> <li>• Mr. Kijin Kim, Senior Economist, ADB</li> <li>• Mr. Pierre Bonthonneau, Senior Trade Facilitation Adviser, ITC</li> </ul> <p><u>Discussant(s)</u></p>   |

\* *speaker connecting virtually*