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## **National Workshop on Trade Facilitation and the Implementation of the WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement**

**4-5 June 2015  
Ministry of Commerce  
Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar**

### **Background**

The purpose of the workshop is to introduce relevant agencies and stakeholders in Myanmar to trade facilitation in general, and the WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement in particular. The importance of trade facilitation in the context of regional and global production networks and the National Export Strategy of Myanmar will be discussed. Tools needed to understand existing trade processes and procedures, and to rationalize and improve them, will be introduced, including relevant international standards. The WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement will then be introduced, explaining how its implementation can support overall trade and customs reform in the country. Following a review of on-going trade facilitation projects and initiatives in Myanmar by the relevant government agencies and other organizations active in this area, good practices and issues surrounding the establishment of a national trade facilitation committee (NTFC) will be introduced in support of the establishment and operation of an NTFC in Myanmar. The Workshop is organized by ESCAP at the request of and in collaboration with the Ministry of Commerce of Myanmar.

The workshop will be conducted by Dr. Yann Duval and Dr. Tengfei Wang, Chief and Economic Affairs Officer, respectively, of the Trade Facilitation Unit, Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific. The ESCAP/ADB publication on *Designing and Implementing Trade Facilitation in Asia and the Pacific*, which they have co-authored, will be used as one of the reference guide for this workshop [ available at <http://www.unescap.org/resources/designing-and-implementing-trade-facilitation-asia-and-pacific-2013-update> ], along with the UNNExT Business Process Analysis Guide for Simplification of Trade Procedures [ available at: <http://unnext.unescap.org/tools/> ].

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Time	Programme
<i>Thursday, 4 June (Day 1) Introduction to Trade Facilitation</i>	
9:00 – 9:30	Registration
9:30 – 9:50	<b>Opening</b>
9:50-10:00	Photo session
10:00-10:20	<b>Coffee and tea break</b>
10:20 – 11:10	<b>Trade Facilitation in Economic Development and Policy Making (by ESCAP)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Buy-Ship-Pay Model</li> <li>• Step-by-step Approach to Trade Facilitation</li> <li>• Introduction to Single Window and Paperless Trade</li> </ul>
11:10– 12:00	<b>The WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement as a tool to reducing trade costs (by ESCAP)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduction to substantive provisions in the TFA</li> <li>• Special and differential treatment for LDCs in the TFA</li> </ul>
12:00 – 13:00	<b>Lunch break</b>
13:00 – 14:45	<b>Business Process Analysis for Trade Facilitation (Part I)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduction to Business Process Analysis for Trade Facilitation (by ESCAP)</li> <li>• Trade Process Analysis (TPA) Case study of Myanmar<sup>1</sup> (by Aung King Myint)</li> </ul>
14:45 – 15:00	<b>Coffee and tea break</b>
15:00 – 16:30	<b>Business Process Analysis for Trade Facilitation (Part II)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Small Group Discussion on the TPA of Myanmar<sup>2</sup></li> </ul>

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<sup>1</sup><http://unnex.unescap.org/pub/bpa-myanmar.pdf>

<sup>2</sup> Participants will be divided into small groups to review specific import or export procedures in Myanmar – as described in the TPA case study - and report their findings to the plenary.

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Time	Programme
<b>Friday, 5 June (Day 2) Implementing Trade Facilitation and the WTO TFA</b>	
09:30 – 10:00	<b>Trade facilitation implementation and challenges in Asia and the Pacific</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ESCAP</li> </ul>
10:00 – 10:45	<b>Trade facilitation-related initiatives and Challenges in Myanmar</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Key findings of UNCTAD-funded study (by Ms. Thinn Htut Thida)</li> <li>• Trade Facilitation and the National Export Strategy of Myanmar (Ministry of Commerce)</li> <li>• Customs automation and progress on integrated border management (Myanmar Customs)</li> <li>• International Payment System Development and Trade Finance Facilitation (Central Bank)</li> </ul>
10:45 – 11:00	<b>Coffee and tea break</b>
11:00 -11 :30	<b>Trade facilitation-related initiatives and Challenges in Myanmar (Cont'd)</b>
11:30 – 12:00	<b>Developing national trade and transport facilitation monitoring mechanisms in Myanmar</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ESCAP</li> </ul>
12.00 - 13.00	<b>Lunch break</b>
13:00 – 14:40	<b>Establishing National Trade Facilitation Committee (NTFC)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ESCAP</li> <li>• Small Group Discussion on establishing NTFC in Myanmar<sup>3</sup></li> </ul>
14:40 – 15:00	

预览已结束，完整报告链接和二维码如下：

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