

ASIA-PACIFIC TRADE FACILITATION FORUM 2014

24-27 SEPTEMBER 2014, BANGKOK, THAILAND

Tentative Programme

Background

The Asia-Pacific Trade Facilitation Forum (APTFF) aims to promote trade facilitation as an important component of a comprehensive strategy for national and regional development. It also intends to strengthen regional cooperation and coordination of Aid for Trade and related technical assistance and capacity building in trade facilitation, including paperless trade. Held in Malaysia, the Republic of Korea, Sri Lanka and China in the past 5 years, the APTFF will be organized this year in Thailand, in conjunction with the annual Thailand International Logistics Fair (TILOG).

Under the theme of “Trade Facilitation for Inclusive Development”, APTFF 2014 will feature a session on the WTO trade facilitation agreement and implications for the region, as well as sessions on agricultural trade facilitation, SME trade facilitation, and inter-agency coordination for trade facilitation. As in previous years, paperless trade and the application of information and communication technologies to trade facilitation will be discussed throughout the event. In addition to regular panel sessions, the APTFF features an Exhibition on Trade Facilitation, to maximize information sharing on the works, practices, case studies and findings of trade facilitation service providers, researchers, as well as development/donor agencies, international organizations and government agencies.

24 September 2014

0840-0920: Registration

0920-1000: Opening Session

Opening Remarks

Mr. Ravi Ratnayake, Director, Trade and Investment Division, United Nations ESCAP

Mr. Arjun Goswami, Director, Office of Regional Economic Integration, Asian Development Bank

Inaugural Address

Ms. Chutima Bunyapraphasara, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Commerce, Thailand

1000-1030: Opening of TILOG 2014

1030-1100: Coffee / tea break

1100-1220: High-level Panel Discussion: facilitating trade for inclusive development

Asia-Pacific is characterized by large differences in the level of development among countries of the region, as well as increasing inequality within countries. As international trade remains an essential engine of growth for the region, making it easier and cheaper for all to participate in cross-border trade transactions is one of the keys to achieving more inclusive and sustainable growth.

Senior policy makers from public sector, senior officials of international organizations, senior managers of trade and logistics providers and other experts will discuss how trade facilitation reform may be designed towards more inclusive development, including in light of the recently agreed WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement (TFA). This session will set tone for more detailed deliberations and recommendations during subsequent sessions of the Forum.

Moderator:

Mr. Ravi Ratnayake, Director, Trade and Investment Division, United Nations ESCAP

Panelists:

- Mr. Md. Ghulam Hussain, Chairman, National Board of Revenue, Bangladesh
- Ms. Trudy Witbreuk, Head of Division, Trade and Agriculture Directorate, OECD
- Mr. Somkiat Triratpan, Deputy Director General, Department of Trade Negotiations, Ministry of Commerce, Thailand
- Mr. Oudet Souvannavong, Secretary General, GMS Business Forum
- Mr. Florian Alburo, President, Center for the Advancement of Trade Integration and Facilitation (CATIF), Philippines

1220-1350: Lunch

1350-1510: Session 1: WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement and Implications for Asia and the Pacific

The WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement (TFA) concluded last December in Bali has significant implications for developing countries in Asia and the Pacific. Following a presentation on the WTO TFA provisions and its implication to developing countries, a panel discussion will be held during which selected LDCs and LLDCs will give their views on implementation challenges they face related to the WTO TFA. Also invited would be representatives from different development agencies to share their approaches in

providing capacity building and technical assistance, and discuss how to build synergy in their support through cooperation.

Moderator:

Mr. Sok Sopheak, Director General of Trade Support Services, Ministry of Commerce, Cambodia

Speaker:

- Implication of WTO TFA to developing countries in Asia and the Pacific, Mr. Mohammad Saeed, Senior Advisor, Trade Facilitation, International Trade Centre

Panelists:

- Perspective from Land-Locked Developing Countries, Mr. Erdenetsogt Odbayar, Interim Director, International Think Tank for LLDC, Mongolia
- Perspective from Least developed countries, Mr. Toya Narayan Gyawali, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Commerce and Supplies, Nepal
- ADB perspective on supporting the implementation of WTO TFA, Mr. Ronald Butiong, Principal Regional Cooperation Specialist, South Asia Department, ADB
- WB perspective on supporting the implementation of WTO TFA, Mr. Gerard McLinden, Lead Specialist, Trade & Competitiveness Department, World Bank
- Subregional Institution's role in facilitating the implementation of WTO TFA, Mr. Allwyn Netto, Head of the Secretariat, Oceania Customs Organization

1510-1540: Coffee/tea break

1540-1700: Session 2: Prioritizing trade facilitation reforms and monitoring performance

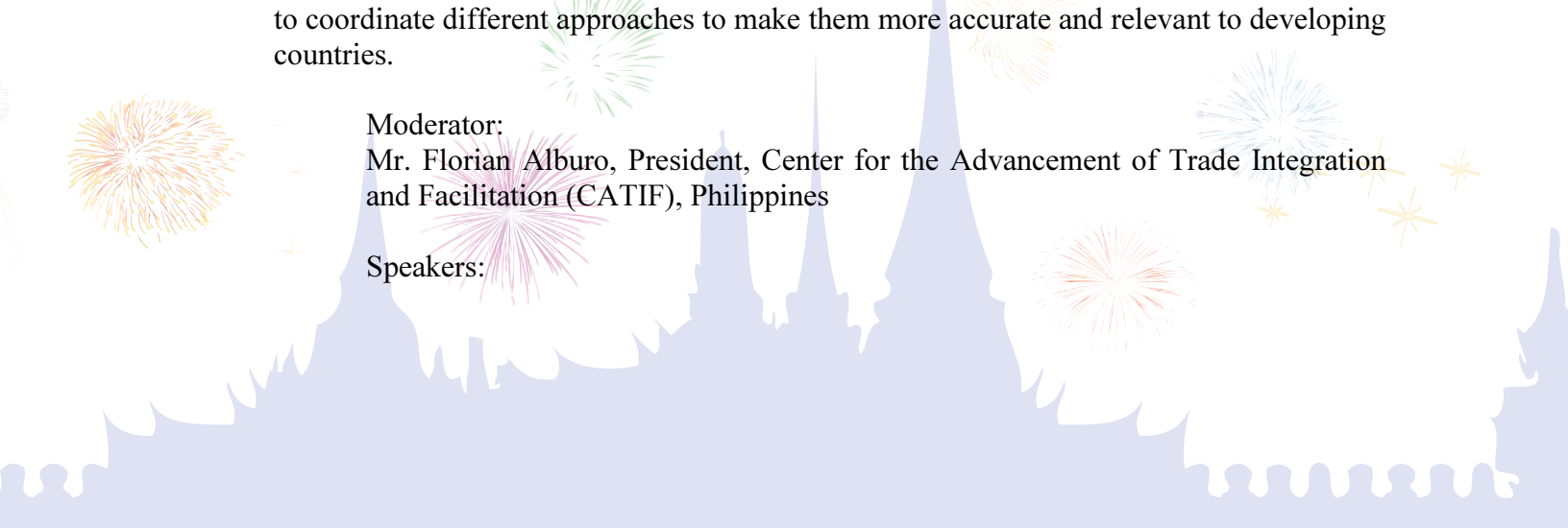
As countries throughout the region continue or accelerate trade facilitation reforms, monitoring trade facilitation and logistics performance will be important in ensuring that objectives are being met and that resources are allocated effectively.

Following a review of the costs and benefits of trade facilitation implementation, the session will review current approaches on measuring trade facilitation performance by various organizations, identify gaps and shortfalls of existing approaches and discuss how to coordinate different approaches to make them more accurate and relevant to developing countries.

Moderator:

Mr. Florian Alburo, President, Center for the Advancement of Trade Integration and Facilitation (CATIF), Philippines

Speakers:



- Trade Facilitation Benefit Demonstration, Mr. Haruya Koide, Principal Regional Cooperation Specialist, Office of Regional Economic Integration, ADB
- Integrated approach for monitoring trade facilitation performance, Mr. Tengfei Wang, Trade Facilitation Unit, ESCAP
- Measuring and monitoring trade facilitation and logistics performance: Experience in ASEAN countries, Mr. Ruth Banomyong, Associate Professor, Thammasat University
- Paperless trade to facilitate performance monitoring, Ms. Young-eun Koo, Assistant Director, Clearance Facilitation Bureau, Korea Customs Service

25 September 2014

0900-1020: Session 3: Enhancing agri-food supply chain efficiency and logistics

The nature of agricultural and food products typically makes moving such goods across border particularly challenging. These products are often subject to a large number of trade procedures as Governments and other stakeholders along the supply chain aim at alleviating food safety and security concerns, resulting in delays and possible damage to the goods. Indeed, the perishable nature of many such products often demands faster movement as well as special logistical arrangements, such as development of temperature-controlled supply chains. This session will discuss procedural and logistics requirements for efficient agri-food trade and introduce good practices from the region in developing logistics services for agricultural trade facilitation.

Moderator: Mr. Arjun Goswami, Director, Office of Regional Economic Integration, Asian Development Bank

Speakers:

- Facilitating logistics services and infrastructure for trade in perishable goods: Agri-Export showcase for mangosteen and trade facilitation with Phytosanitary certificate, Ms. Preeyanooch Tippayawat, Director, Food Safety of Plants and Plant Product Group, Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives, Thailand
- Lessons learned from methods of integrating small farmers in agricultural trade supply chain, Mr. Tomy Perdana, Center for Agricultural Supply Chain and Logistics System Studies, Padjadjaran University
- Electronic Traceability in the Asia-Pacific: Challenges and way forward, Mr. Heiner Lehr, Director, SYNTESA Partners & Associates

1020-1050: Coffee/tea break

1050-1210: Session 4: Facilitating trade for small and medium sized enterprises

Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (SMEs) have limited resources, financial and human, making it difficult for them to participate in international trade. To cater

inclusiveness in trade development, it is essential for policy-makers to formulate and implement trade facilitation programmes tailored to SMEs so that they can be better integrated into an international supply chain. This session will look closely at the major challenges that prevent SMEs from connecting to international supply chains and markets and current attempts to integrate them, including through innovative financing schemes, paperless trade services, etc.

Moderator:

Mr. Sharma Rajan, President, Nepal Freight Forwarders Association

Speakers:

- Innovative trade financing initiatives for SMEs, Mr. Mohammad Saeed, Senior Advisor, Trade Facilitation, International Trade Centre
- Facilitating SMEs in trade, Mr. Toshihiko Osawa, Technical Officer, Compliance and Facilitation, World Customs Organization,
- E-Commerce for SME, Mr. Wanawit Ahkuputra, Deputy Director, Electronic Transaction Development Agency, Ministry of Information and Communication Technology, Thailand
- Facilitating SMEs' participation in international trade: Perspectives from the Conference of Asia Pacific Express Carriers, Ms. Åsa Larsson, Senior Director, Corporate Public Policy, South East Asia, Deutsche Post DHL

1210-1340: Lunch

1340-1500: Session 5: Inter-agency coordination in trade facilitation – lessons from practices and way forward

Facilitating trade requires engagement of stakeholders from both public and private sectors. Designing and implementing national trade facilitation and paperless trade measures may only be successfully achieved through effective interagency coordination. Given impact of technical and regulatory requirements imposed by partner countries on trade facilitation, development of effective trade facilitation measures also demands coordination and cooperation at intergovernmental level (whether it be at bi-lateral, subregional or regional level). The session will share lessons learnt from existing national and regional institutional arrangement related to trade facilitation.

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