



Fast-tracking implementation of eTrade Readiness Assessments



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ABBREVIATIONS

2G/3G/4G/ LTE/5G	Mobile Internet spectrums
ASEAN	Association of Southeast Asian Nations
ATM	Automated teller machine
BFM	Central Bank of Madagascar
BITC	Bhutan Innovation and Technology Centre
BMZ	Germany's Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development
CERP	Myanmar's COVID-19 Economic Relief Plan
COVID-19	Coronavirus disease
CTIS	Cambodia Trade Integration Strategy
DER	Rapid Entrepreneurship Delegation for Youth and Women
EAC	East Africa Community
ECOWAS	Economic Community of West African States
EIF	Enhanced Integrated Framework
eT Ready(ies)	eTrade Readiness Assessment(s)
EU	European Union
GSMA	Global System for Mobile Communications Association
ICT	Information and communication technology
ITC	International Trade Centre
ITU	International Telecommunication Union
JICA	Japan International Cooperation Agency
LDC	Least Developed Country
MFI	Micro-finance institution
MSDP	Myanmar Sustainable Development Plan
MSMEs	Micro-, small-, and medium-size enterprises
M-STEP	Myanmar - Services Trade Enhancement Project
NITA-U	National Information Technology Authority-Uganda
NTDC	Vanuatu's National Trade Development Committee
PIFS	Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat
PPD	Public-private dialogue
PPP	Public-private partnership
QR	Quick response
RCO	Resident Coordinator Office
SME	Small and medium enterprise
SNDCEs	Stratégie nationale de développement du Commerce électronique au Sénégal
SPT	Société des Postes du Togo
TFA	Trade facilitation agreement
TPFU	Vanuatu's Trade Policy Framework Update
UNCDF	United Nations Capital Development Fund
UNCITRAL	United Nations Commission on International Trade Law
UNCTAD	United Nations Conference on Trade and Development
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme



UNESCAP	United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific
UN-OHRLS	United Nations Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries
UPU	Universal Postal Union
USAID	United States Agency for International Development
USF	Universal Service Fund
USSD	Unstructured supplementary service data
WAEMU	West African Economic and Monetary Union
WTO	World Trade Organization
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