



Asia-Pacific Research and Training Network on Trade (ARTNeT)

Call for ARTNeT Post-workshop Research Study Proposals

(limited to participants in the WTO/ESCAP 12th ARTNeT Capacity Building Workshop on "Empirical methods in trade: Analyzing non-tariff measures")

Deadline 20 January 2017

1. Background

ARTNeT invites researchers who participated in the WTO/ESCAP 12th ARTNeT Capacity Building Workshop on "Empirical methods in trade: Analyzing non-tariff measures (NTMs)" to submit proposals for short-term research studies. Proposals should relate to the analytical tools covered in the workshop and their use to explore any research question of relevance towards estimating the impacts of non-tariff measures on trade and trade costs, and if possible, their impact on sustainable development. The researchers are encouraged to focus their research on specific products or product categories of policy interest in their national or regional context. The proposal should clearly demonstrate application of knowledge or methods studied during the workshop.

2. Proposal Submission (deadline: 20 January 2017)

- Researchers and/or research teams are invited to submit short research proposals to the ARTNeT Secretariat no later than 20 January 2017 (to be sent to artnetontrade@un.org).
- Research proposals should be less than 4 pages. The proposed outline is as follows:
 1. Title
 2. Background [1/2 page]
 3. Literature Review [1/2 to 1 page]
 4. Research Question(s) and Scope of Study [1/2 page]
 5. Methodology and Data [1 page]
 6. Expected research outcome and policy relevance [1/2 page]
 7. Proposed research team (include CVs) and timeline (4 months maximum) (with final date of completion to be no later than 31 May 2017)

3. Budget support

The selected research teams will be rewarded by a fully paid (return flight tickets and DSA) opportunity to attend the ARTNeT- Agence Française de Développement (AFD) research dissemination event with a focus on NTMs tentatively scheduled for mid-April in Bangkok, and discuss the key findings of the research. The event will provide opportunity for researchers to network and interact with other researchers in the field of NTMs in the region and some of the global experts on NTM related work.

4. Proposal Selection (announced 31 January 2017)

The proposals will be reviewed by the Secretariat with help from external advisors and collaborating institutions and selected research teams will be notified by 31 January 2017. The following criteria will be used for the evaluation:

- Relevance and feasibility of the proposal
- Relevance of the expected results to policy makers in the Asia-Pacific region
- Technical quality and clarity of the proposal
- Potential contribution to trade research capacity building in the region.

5. Implementation (1 Feb to 31 May 2017 or earlier)

- **Research phase** (1 Feb-31 March 2017): The research teams will be expected to complete the bulk of the analysis work and compilation of their key research findings during this phase.
- **Feedback phase** (1- 15 April, 2017): The researchers will be given the opportunity to discuss the findings of their research in an ARTNeT research dissemination event specifically on NTMs in Bangkok and receive feedback on their work from experts and fellow-researchers.
- **Finalization phase** (15 April-May 2017): Incorporate comments and feedback received and finalizes their research work latest by 31 May 2017.

6. Guideline on the final research output

The final study should ideally range from 6,000-10,000 words, include a table of content with titles and subtitles, as well as an executive summary of 400 words focusing on policy implications. Studies must be written in English, properly formatted and edited, so that they may be distributed to stakeholders without major revisions or corrections. Authors may be requested to prepare a shorter version of the study to be published as a policy brief or similar publication. Final publications, once approved by reviewers, will be issued under the authors' names through appropriate ARTNeT publication channels.

7. Contact information

Please email the ARTNeT Secretariat at artnetontrade@un.org if you have any questions.

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