

# PROGRAMME

## Sri Lanka: Capacity Building on Trade Policy Analysis

**24-25 OCTOBER 2016, COLOMBO**

Day 1: 24 October 2016	
09:00 – 09:30	<b>Opening session</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Welcome remarks by Saman Kelegama, IPS</li> <li>○ Welcome remarks by Ms. Mia Mikic, ESCAP</li> </ul>
09:30 – 11:00	<b>Session 1 – Economics of trade liberalization: why do countries liberalize trade? Potential costs and benefits of different approaches to liberalization.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Gains from free trade</li> <li>– Approaches to trade liberalization</li> <li>– Concepts of trade diversion and trade creation</li> <li>– Dynamic impacts</li> <li>– Q&amp;A</li> </ul> <b>Ms. Mia Mikic, Trade, Investment and Innovation Division, ESCAP</b>
11:00 – 11:15	Coffee break
11:15 – 12:30	<b>Session 2 – Multilateral and regional (preferential) liberalization compared</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Reality issues: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Multilateralism vs. regionalism</li> <li>○ Replacement of tariff protection</li> <li>○ Rules of origin and the cost of compliance</li> <li>○ Effects of overlapping FTAs</li> <li>○ Effects to business sector</li> <li>○ The loss of tariff revenue and adjustment costs</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <b>Mr. Rajan Sudesh Ratna, Trade, Investment and Innovation Division, ESCAP</b>
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch
13:30 – 15:00	<b>Session 3 – Sri Lanka: Country Experiences</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Progress of economic liberalisation</li> <li>– Experiences of RTAs</li> <li>– Future prospects</li> </ul> <b>Ms. Dushni Weerakoon, IPS, Colombo</b>
15:00 – 15:15	Coffee break
15:15 – 16.45	<b>Session 4 – Evidence-based trade policy formulation: impact as-</b>

	<b>Assessment of trade liberalization and FTA</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Tools for impact assessment: an overview of their uses, strength and weakness, and required technical knowledge and datasets <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Descriptive statistics</li> <li>○ Trade indicators</li> <li>○ Partial equilibrium model</li> <li>○ Gravity model</li> <li>○ CGE</li> <li>○ Impact evaluation using micro level data.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <b>Mr. Arun Jacob, Trade, Investment and Innovation Division, ESCAP</b>
<b>Day 2: 25 October 2016</b>	
09:00 – 10:30	<b>Session 5 – Where to find data for assessment?</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Finding data on trade flows</li> <li>– Finding data on trade policy measures (including NTMs)</li> <li>– Finding ready-to-use trade indicators</li> <li>– What if secondary data is not available?</li> </ul> <b>Mr. Arun Jacob, Trade, Investment and Innovation Division, ESCAP</b>
10:30-10:45	Coffee break
10:45 – 12:15	<b>Session 6 – Conducting negotiations and post-negotiation issues</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Implementation</li> <li>– Enforcement</li> <li>– Monitoring and Reality check</li> <li>– Role of private sector</li> </ul> <b>Mr. Rajan Sudesh Ratna, Trade, Investment and Innovation Division, ESCAP</b>
12:15 – 13:15	Lunch
13:15 – 14:45	<b>Session 7 – Private sector perspective on trade policymaking</b>  <b>Mr. Anushka Wijesinha, The Ceylon Chamber of Commerce</b>
14:45 -15:00	Coffee break
15:00 – 16.30	<b>Session 8 – Roundtable on perspectives of stakeholders on Sri Lanka's trade agreements, present and future</b>  <b>Panelists to be confirmed</b> <b>Facilitator: TBC</b>
16.30-16.45	<b>Closing</b>

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