



UNNExT workshop on paperless trade facilitation for Small and Medium-sized Enterprises 2-4 February 2015

United Nations Conference Center (UNCC), Room G Bangkok, Thailand

Background

This workshop on paperless trade facilitation for SMEs aims at building the capacity of Governments in the region to better understand, identify and address trade facilitation and paperless trade measures that have a proportionally larger impact for SMEs. The focus is on ensuring that national governments in targeted countries have the tools and understanding of how to best integrate SMEs specific measures into their trade facilitation reform plans and paperless trade system designs.

This workshop is organized by the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP), in cooperation with several other organizations, including ITC and the World Bank. The mandate of ESCAP is to promote regional cooperation for inclusive economic and social development in the Asian and Pacific region. ESCAP's role as a regional development arm of the United Nations Secretariat is to support its membership, through its analytical, normative and technical cooperation, to respond to the development priorities and changing needs of the Asian and Pacific region. For more information on ESCAP, please visit <u>www.unescap.org</u>.

This workshop is part of a larger United Nations Network for Paperless Trade in Asia and the Pacific (UNNExT) related project aiming to build national governments' capacity to implement paperless systems for cross-border trade and transport facilitation and support the implementation of national and regional single windows in developing countries of the region. Given the importance of Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) in the Asia region, SMEs and Trade Facilitation is one of the key areas of focus of UNNExT for 2014/2015. For more information on UNNExT, please see http://unnext.unescap.org/.

Objectives:

1. Share experience and case studies on ICT applications and programmes that facilitate SMEs participation in international trade and global value chains.

2. Disseminate draft Guide on paperless trade facilitation for SMEs

3. Discuss and collect inputs for second training and consolidation of the Guide.

Target countries: Bangladesh, Bhutan, Cambodia, Lao PDR, Myanmar, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Viet Nam.

Target trainees: 25-30 officers and experts from relevant Ministries and research institutions working in the area of trade facilitation and/or SME development, in particular with a focus on Information and Communications Technology (ICT) applications.

Facilitators: Mr. Mark Goh, Associate Professor and Director (Industry Research), The Logistics Institute-Asia Pacific, National University of Singapore (NUS) - Dr. Mohammad Saeed, Senior Trade Facilitation Adviser, International Trade Center (ITC) – Ms. Elaine MacEachern, Specialist, Secured Transactions & Collateral Registries, International Finance Corporation (IFC/WB) - UNNExT Advisory Group Members and ESCAP experts.

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Time	Bangkok, Thailand
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	bruary (Day 1)
8.30 - 9.00	Arrival at UNCC and registration
9.00 - 9.15	Opening remarks Mr. Marc Proksch, Chief, Business and Development Section, Trade and Investment Division, ESCAP
	Introduction: setting the context of Paperless Trade Facilitation for SMEs
	 Brief background on purpose, structure of the training Overview of the program and necessary administrative information Tour de table of Facilitators.
	Facilitator:Ms. Elisa Sabbion, Economic Affairs Officer, ESCAP
9.15 – 10.00	Paperless trade facilitation for SMEs across 9 Asian countries (part I)
	• Brief background on the 'state of play' of (paperless) trade facilitation for SMEs in 9 countries of South and South-East Asia
	Facilitator:Ms. Elisa Sabbion, Economic Affairs Officer, ESCAP
10.00 - 10.15	Coffee and tea break
	Paperless trade facilitation for SMEs across 9 Asian countries (part II)
10.15 - 11.00	• Brief background on the 'state of play' of (paperless) trade facilitation for SMEs in 9 countries of South and South-East Asia
	Facilitator:Ms. Elisa Sabbion, Economic Affairs Officer, ESCAP
11.00 – 12.00	A framework for analysis: paperless trade facilitation for SMEs – part I
	 Overview of key issues for trade facilitation for SMEs across different countries in Asia Priority bottlenecks ICT as an instrument to respond to bottlenecks Pros and cons of ICT applications for Trade Facilitation for SMEs
	Facilitator: Prof. Mark Goh, NUS
12.00 - 13.00	Lunch break
13.00 - 14.00	The Business Process Analysis at the core of trade facilitation Facilitator: Tengfei Wang, Economic Affairs Officer, ESCAP
14.00 - 15.00	 Group discussion: key issues and possible measures to overcome bottlenecks Group work, participants will be invited to identify key issues in their countries and specific needs for measures, programmes and capacity building. Participants will be invited to present their findings in ppt format
	Facilitator: Prof. Mark Goh, NUS
	Paperless TF for SMEs in Singapore Facilitator: Prof. Mark Goh, NUS
15.00 - 15.15	Coffee and tea break
15.15 – 16.15	A framework for analysis: paperless trade facilitation for SMEs – part II
	Policy frameworks and ICT applications to facilitate trade for SMEs
	Facilitator: Prof. Mark Goh, NUS
16.15 - 16.45	Conclusions: review of expectations and take away messages Facilitator: Prof. Mark Goh, NUS & ESCAP expert

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Tuesday, 3 February (Day 2)		
	Buy-ship-pay model	
8.30 - 9.00	 Overview of buy-ship-pay model Procedural constraints faced specifically by SMEs in Asia, within the model Focus on the 'BUY' component Identification and negotiation of contracts with buyers: e-commerce and e-business <i>Facilitator: Prof. Mark Goh, NUS</i> 	
9.00 - 10.00	Group discussion: key issues and possible measures to overcome constraints in BUY model	
	Group work, participants will be invited to identify key issues in the BUY part of the BSP model in their countries and specific challenges related to e-Commerce/ business for the SMEs, including highlighting any measures, programmes and capacity building for the BSP model. <i>Facilitator: Prof. Mark Goh, NUS</i>	
10.00 - 10.30	Group presentation: learnings from BUY model	
10.30 - 10.45	Coffee and tea break	
10.45 – 11.15	 Focus on 'SHIP' component Overview of 'ship' procedures Aspects critical for SMEs Facilitator: Prof. Mark Goh, NUS Buthan: trade facilitation initiatives launched by the Customs Administration 	
	Presenter: Mr. Tenzin Norbu, Commissioner, Department of Revenue and Customs, Bhutan	
11.15 - 12.00	Group Discussion on the Ship Model Groups will focus on Buthan case study and present learnings from SHIP model Facilitator: Prof. Mark Goh, NUS	
12.00 - 13.00	Lunch	
13.00 – 14.00	 Focus on 'PAY' component Overview of 'pay' component Facilitator: Prof. Mark Goh, NUS Innovative financing and e-financing: inventory financing, value chain financing, crowd funding ITC support programmes: legal framework, measures and capacity building Presenter: Dr. Mohammad Saeed, Senior Trade Facilitation Adviser, ITC	
14.00 - 15.00	Secured transactions and movable collateral registries for SMEs	
	 Secured transactions and movable condition registries for SMEs Secured transaction systems and collateral registries: access to finance for SMEs, legal framework and capacity building Case studies on collateral registries in Lao PDR and Vietnam Presenter: Ms. Elaine MacEachern, Specialist, Secured Transactions, IFC/WB 	
15.00 - 15.15	Coffee and tea break and group photo	
15.15 – 16.30	 E-financing: Discussion on Policies and support measures for trade facilitation targeting SMEs Participants and experts to discuss around policies to support e-financing for SMEs. IFC and ITC to contribute to the discussion focusing on policy framework for secured transaction systems and collateral registries and for ITC A2F technical assistance. Facilitator: Prof. Mark Goh, NUS 	
17.00 - 18.00	Closed session for UNNExT Advisory Group members	

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Wednesday, 4 Fe	bruary (Day 3)
9.00 - 9.20	UNNExT work and progress Facilitator: Tengfei Wang, Economic Affairs Officer, ESCAP
	Case studies: models of platforms for trade facilitation targeting SMEs
	• Applications for SME trade facilitation beyond single window and the role of public-private sector partnerships: perspectives from KTNET
	Presenter: Mr. Sung Heun Ha, Director, Global Business and Cooperation Team, Korea Trade Network (KTNET)
9.20 - 10.30	• Facilitating the "Buy" Process for SMEs: Development of E-commerce and E- business Platforms to Facilitate Market Access and the Role of Governments
	Presenter: Prof. Wang Jian, Professor, University of International Business and Economics (UIBE) of Beijing
	Platforms for Paperless Trade Facilitation for SMEs in Myanmar
	Presenter: Mr. Htein Lynn, Director ASEAN and Regional organizations division, Directorate of Trade, Ministry of Commerce, Myanmar
	• Group discussion on priorities and policy frameworks to support different models.
10.30 - 10.45	Coffee and tea break
	Paperless Trade facilitation for SMEs in the agriculture sector Facilitator: Ms. Maame Agyeben, Associate Economic Affairs Officer, ESCAP
	Innovative and Successful Deployment of ICT to facilitate traceability for SMEs in the agriculture sector
10.45 - 11.45	GrapeNet: electronic traceability for fruit and vegetables in India
	• TRACEverified: e-traceable fishery and aquaculture products in Vietnam
	Presenters: Ms. Dhanashree Shukla, Director, Vikramshila Export Import Pvt Ltd, India Mr. Ly Hoang Hai, MD, Electronic Traceability Project, Vietnam
11.45 – 12.15	Discussion on Guide for paperless trade facilitation Facilitator:Ms. Elisa Sabbion, Economic Affairs Officer, ESCAP
12.15 - 13.00	Lunch
	Case study: policy framework for SME trade facilitation through ICT in Thailand

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