



**Asian Development Bank Inter-Subregional Forum  
on Enhanced Implementation of the World Trade Organization  
Trade Facilitation Agreement**

**Bangkok, Thailand: 30-31 October 2018**

**AGENDA (as of 25 October)**

<b>Day 1 – 30 October 2018</b>	
<b>08:30–09:00</b>	<b>Registration</b>
<b>09:00-09:15</b>	<b>Opening Session: Welcome Remarks</b>
	<p><b>Wencai Zhang</b> Vice President, Operations 1 Asian Development Bank</p> <p><b>Sheri Rosenow</b> Counsellor, Trade Facilitation Agreement Facility World Trade Organization</p> <p><b>Milena Budimirovic</b> Senior Technical Officer World Customs Organization</p>
<b>09:15-09:45</b>	<b>Session One: Trade Facilitation in Asia Pacific and Inclusive Growth</b> <i>Overview on the importance and the future of trade facilitation for inclusive growth in Asia Pacific</i>
	<p><b>Jong Woo Kang</b> Principal Economist Economic Research Department, ADB</p> <p><b>Mia Mikic</b> Director, Trade, Investment and Innovation Division United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific</p>
<b>09:45-10:15</b>	<b>Session Two: Status of WTO TFA in Asia-Pacific Region</b> <i>WTO Secretariat/WTO TFA Facility will present the latest progress on TFA notification and implementation; explain all the notification requirements; and provide an update on the WTO TF Committee and specific opportunities for support to the WTO member countries.</i>
	<b>Sheri Rosenow</b> , Counsellor, Trade Facilitation Agreement Facility, WTO

10:15-10:30	<b>Coffee/Tea Break and Official Photograph</b>
10:30-12:30	<b>Session Three: Regional Cooperation and Trade Facilitation</b>  <b>Moderator:</b> <b>Ronald Antonio Butiong</b> , Director, Regional Cooperation and Operations Coordination Division, South Asia Department, ADB
	Presentations on WTO TFA implementation in:  (i) CAREC: <b>Ying Qian</b> Director, Public Management, Financial Sector and Regional Cooperation Division, East Asia Department, ADB  (ii) SASEC: <b>Aileen Pangilinan</b> Senior Regional Cooperation Officer, South Asia Department, ADB  (iii) Pacific: <b>Paolo Spantigati</b> Country Director, Timor-Leste Resident Mission, ADB  (iv) GMS, IMT-GT, and BIMP-EAGA: <b>Kanya Sasradipeora</b> Senior Trade Specialist, Southeast Asia Department, ADB  (v) ASEAN: <b>Brasukra G. Sudjana</b> Trade and Facilitation Division, The ASEAN Secretariat  (vi) ITC study on Trade Facilitation and Regional Cooperation: <b>Mohammad Saeed</b> , Senior Trade Facilitation Advisor, ITC
12:30-13:30	<b>Lunch Break</b>
13:30-15:00	<b>Session Four: Article 7—Release and Clearance of Goods</b>  <b>Moderator:</b> <b>Arjun Goswami</b> , Chief of Regional Cooperation and Integration Thematic Group, Economic Research and Regional Cooperation Department, ADB
	(i) WTO and WCO Presentation • <b>Sheri Rosenow</b> and <b>Milena Budimirovic</b>  (ii) Authorized Economic Operators Programme in India • <b>Manish Kumar</b> , Joint Commissioner, Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs, Government of India  (iii) Authorized Economic Operator Scheme in the Republic of Kazakhstan • <b>Zhandos Sekenov</b> , Department of Customs Methodology, State Revenue Committee, Kazakhstan

	<p>(iv) Experience of Myanmar in Establishing the Accreditation System for Customs Brokers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Khin Maung Linn</b>, Assistant Director, Customs Department, Ministry of Planning and Finance of Myanmar</li> </ul> <p>(v) Panel discussion (e.g. questions from a moderator plus questions from the floor)</p>
<b>15:00-15:30</b>	<b><i>Coffee/Tea Break</i></b>
<b>15:30-17:30</b>	<p><b>Session Five: Article 11—Freedom of Transit</b></p> <p><b>Moderator: Ronald Antonio Butiong</b></p>
	<p>(i) WTO and WCO Presentation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Sheri Rosenow</b> and <b>Kazunari Igarashi</b>, Head of WCO Asia-Pacific Regional Office for Capacity Building</li> </ul> <p>(ii) Technology-driven Transit Facilitation in India</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Satish Reddy</b>, Trade Facilitation Expert (ADB Consultant)</li> </ul> <p>(iii) Accession of Georgia to the Conventions on Transit Area and Launching of the New Computerized Transit System (NCTS)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mikhail Peikrishvili</b>, Chief Specialist, Department for International Relations, Georgia Revenue Service</li> </ul> <p>(iv) ASEAN Customs Transit System (ACTS) Pilot Malaysia Experience</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Ramlah Haji Muhktar</b>, Senior Assistant Director of Customs I, Customs Division of Import-Export and Border Control Branch, Royal Malaysian Customs Headquarters</li> </ul> <p>(v) Panel discussion (e.g. questions from a moderator plus questions from the floor)</p>
<b>18:00-21:00</b>	<p><b><i>Evening Reception</i></b></p> <p><b><i>All participants are invited to join welcome drinks</i></b></p> <p><b><i>Pinnacle Room, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Intercontinental.</i></b></p>

<b>Day 2 – 31 October 2018</b>	
<b>08:30–09:00</b>	<b>Registration</b>
<b>09:00-10:15</b>	<p><b>Session Six: Article 7.6—Establishment and Publication of Average Release Times</b></p> <p><b>Moderator: Hideaki Iwasaki</b> Country Director, Thailand Resident Mission ADB</p>
	<p>(i) WTO and WCO Presentation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Sheri Rosenow</b> and <b>Milena Budimirovic</b></li> </ul>

	<p>(ii) Time Release Study (TRS) of the Goods in the Republic of Tajikistan  • <b>Lochin Faizullozoda</b>, Director, Single Window Center, Customs Services of Tajikistan</p> <p>(iii) Time Release Studies (Samoa)  • <b>Nanai Sua</b>, Customs Authority, Government of Samoa</p> <p>(iv) Establishment and Publication of Average Release Times (TRS in India)  • <b>Vivek Johri</b>, Chief Commissioner, JNCH, Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs, Government of India</p> <p>(v) Comment on use of release times for policy making  • <b>Kijin Kim</b>, Economist, Economic Research and Cooperation Department, ADB</p> <p>(vi) Panel discussion (e.g. questions from a moderator plus questions from the floor)</p>
<b>10:15-10:30</b>	<b>Coffee/Tea Break</b>
<b>10:30-11:30</b>	<b>Session Seven: Article 12—Customs Cooperation</b>
	<b>Moderator: Ying Qian</b>
	<p>(i) WTO and WCO Presentation  • <b>Sheri Rosenow</b> and <b>Kazunari Igarashi</b></p> <p>(ii) PRC Joint Customs Control Pilot Project  • <b>Jiange Shi</b>, Director, Department of International Cooperation, General Administration of People’s Republic of China Customs</p> <p>(iii) Instruments of Customs Cooperation (Case Study in India)  • <b>Temsunaro Jamir</b>, Joint Commissioner, Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs, Government of India</p> <p>(iv) Panel discussion (e.g. questions from a moderator plus questions from the floor)</p>
<b>11:30-12.30</b>	<b>Session Eight: Article 8—Border Agency Cooperation</b>
	<b>Moderator: Ying Qian</b>
	<p>(i) WTO and WCO Presentation  • <b>Sheri Rosenow</b> and <b>Kazunari Igarashi</b></p> <p>(ii) Kyrgyz Republic - Regional Improvement of Border Services (RIBS)  • <b>Nurat Mamatov</b>, Head of Customs Policy Department, Ministry of Economy, Kyrgyz Republic</p> <p>(iii) Viet Nam – Experience in Implementing the Single Stop Inspection  • <b>Hien Nguyen Thi</b>, Customs Official, International Cooperation Department,</p>

	<p>General Department of Viet Nam Customs</p> <p>(iv) Panel discussion (e.g. questions from a moderator plus questions from the floor)</p>
<b>12:30-13:30</b>	<b>Lunch</b>
<b>13:30-14:30</b>	<p><b>Session Nine: Article 10.4—Single Window</b></p> <p><b>Moderator: Hideaki Iwasaki</b></p>
	<p>(i) WTO and WCO Presentation • <b>Sheri Rosenow</b> and <b>Kazunari Igarashi</b></p> <p>(ii) Initiatives Aimed at Harmonization and Simplification of Customs Procedures • <b>Samad Garalov</b>, Head of Customs Control and Trade Facilitation Head Department, State Customs Committee, Azerbaijan</p> <p>(iii) Electronic Data Exchange Implementation under the Framework of Indonesia National Single Window • <b>Sri Dewi Merdekawati</b>, Division Head of Cooperation, Deputy of Inter-Agency Relation, Indonesia National Single Window Operating Agency</p> <p>(iv) Panel discussion (e.g. questions from a moderator plus questions from the floor)</p>
<b>14:30-15:45</b>	<p><b>Session Ten: Article 23.2—National Committee on Trade Facilitation</b></p> <p><b>Moderator: Paolo Spantigati</b></p>
	<p>(i) WTO and WCO Presentation • <b>Sheri Rosenow</b> and <b>Milena Budimirovic</b></p> <p>(ii) Mongolian National Committee on Trade Facilitation • <b>Munkhbaatar Davaasambu</b>, Senior Officer, Department of Foreign Trade and Economic Cooperation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Mongolia</p> <p>(iii) Experience of Timor-Leste • <b>Fernanda Borges</b>, Coordinator, Fiscal Reform Commission, Ministry of Planning and Finance</p> <p>(iv) Discussant on National Committees on Trade Facilitation • <b>Poul Hansen</b>, Officer in Charge, Trade Facilitation Section, United Nations Conference on Trade and Development</p> <p>(v) Panel discussion (e.g. questions from a moderator plus questions from the floor)</p>
<b>15:45-16:15</b>	<b>Coffee/Tea Break</b>
<b>16:15-17:25</b>	<b>Session Eleven: Private Sector and the WTO-TFA</b>

	<p><i>This session is designed to present the private sector/user perspective on the WTO TFA, and to discuss the role of the private sector for implementation.</i></p> <p><b>Moderator: Mohammad Saeed</b></p>
	<p>(i) International Chamber of Commerce  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Ju Song Lee</b>, Head of Asia Pacific International Chambers of Commerce</li> </ul> </p> <p>(ii) Inter-Subregional Challenges and Opportunities of the WTO TFA  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Shanti Shamdasani</b>, President ASEAN International Advocacy</li> </ul> </p> <p>(iii) Country Report on WTO Accession - Pakistan  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Shakeel Ahmed</b>, Pakistan International Freight Forwarder Association (PIFFA)</li> </ul> </p> <p>(iv) Panel discussion (e.g. questions from a moderator plus questions from the floor)</p>
<b>17:25-18:10</b>	<p><b>Session Twelve: Summary</b></p> <p><b>Moderator: Arjun Goswami</b></p>
	<p>(i) WCO will provide a final presentation on TFA Implementation Steps: How to go from needs assessment to notification to implementation.  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Milena Budimirovic</b></li> </ul> </p> <p>(ii) ADB will sum up the main findings from each of the working sessions (4-11) and discuss opportunities for continued inter-subregional knowledge-sharing on trade facilitation.  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Ronald Antonio Butiong</b></li> <li>• <b>Ying Qian</b></li> <li>• <b>Hideaki Iwasaki</b></li> <li>• <b>Paolo Spantigati</b></li> </ul> </p>
<b>18:10-18:15</b>	<p><b>Closing Remarks: Arjun Goswami</b>  <i>ADB will offer thanks and closing remarks.</i></p>