**Trade and Investment week 2019**

**Side-event:  
ESCAP/ISO/UNCTAD Workshop on Non-Tariff Measures (NTMs) and International Standards for Sustainable Development**

13-14 March 2019, Bangkok, Thailand

##### DRAFT PROGRAMME

The purpose of the workshop is to build capacity of trade policymakers and standards organizations on reducing the impact of non-tariff measures (NTMs) on trade by using international standards and aligning them with the Sustainable Development Goals. The workshop is a joint event, co-organized by ESCAP, ISO and UNCTAD. Participants will attend the first three sessions (agenda items) of the sixth session of the Committee on Trade and Investment, followed by separate sessions focused on NTMs and international standards for sustainable development. These sessions will provide an overview of NTMs in the region, examine their impacts on trade and sustainable development, and the role of international standards.

***Wednesday, 13 March 2019 - Official segment –Committee on Trade and Investment***

*Venue: UNCC, CR-2*

08:30 – 09:00 Registration

09:00 – 10:00 **Agenda item 1: Opening of the session**   
(a) Opening addresses;

(b) Election of the bureau;

(c) Adoption of the agenda.

10:00 – 10:15 Group Photo

10:15 – 12:00 **Agenda item 2: Asia-Pacific Trade and Investment Report 2018**

1. Review of recent trends and developments
2. Implications of rising protectionism, including trade wars, for regional trade and investment Panel discussion

Panel: “Implications of rising protectionism, including trade wars, for regional trade and investment”

Discussions and country statements

12:00 – 14:00 Lunch

14:00 – 15:30 **Agenda item 3: Navigating non-tariff measures for sustainable development**

1. Introduction to CTI paper on Navigating NTMs for SD

Panel: “Impact of NTMs on trade and Sustainable Development”

Panellists (to be confirmed):

[Ms Pamela Coke Hamilton (UNCTAD); Antoine Sautenet (Michelin); Ms Sauw Kook Choy (ISO); Mr Albert Babayan (Ministry of Economic Development and Investment of Armenia) ]

15:30 – 15:45 Break

***Venue: UNCC, MR-A***

15:45 – 17:00 Setting the agenda on NTMs, International standards and sustainable development – remarks by Ms Belinda Cleeland (ISO), Ralf Peters (UNCTAD), Mr Yann Duval (ESCAP)

***Thursday, 14 March 2019***

*Venue: UNCC, MR-A*

09:00 – 10:00 Session 1 – The rise of NTMs, implications for trade and the use of international standards in promoting NTM regulatory coherence

**Mr Ralf Peters (UNCTAD)**

10:00 – 10:15 Coffee break

10:00 – 12:00 Session 2 – Understanding and evaluating the effect of NTMs on trade and Sustainable Development in Asia-Pacific

**Mr Alexey Kravchenko (ESCAP)**

NTMs and Sustainable Development: Case studies:

“*Impact of non-tariff measures on sea food industry and its potential implication for sustainable development goals: Case of the EU export ban on Sri Lankan seafood industry*” - Mr Sincerely Sandaruwan

“*An Assessment of Fishing Vessel Capacity on Subsidies, Non-Tariff Measures, and attaining Sustainable Development Goals*” - Mr Jadhav Chakradhar

12:00 – 13:30 Lunch break

13:30 – 15:15 Session 3 – Public and Private sector perspective on NTMs

Result of private sector surveys on NTMs (Ms Julia Spies - ITC)

Building global standards for trade (Ms Lisa McAuley - GTPA)

Topic to be confirmed (Mr Kolin Low - UL)

15:15 – 15:30 Coffee break

15:30 – 17:00 Session 4 – International Standards for sustainable trade

**Welcome from Ms Belinda Cleeland, (ISO)**

Panellists (to be confirmed):

* The WTO/TBT Agreement and international standards (WTO) - TBC
* Ms Fadilah Baharin, DSM - Good practices for the development of International Standards and the role of the national standards body in trade facilitation (ISO member)
* Mr Le Xuan Trong, STAMEQ - Reducing the impact of NTMs on trade by using international standards
* Mr Narit, TISI -Cooperation between national standards bodies and trade regulators (ISO member)