**Draft Programme**

**National Workshop on the Economics of Trade Policy Instruments**

**18 February- 20 February 2020**

**Nay Pyi Daw and Yangon**

The activity will cover the general framework of trade policy; the two main categories of trade policy instruments (i.e. tariff-related measures, and non-tariff measures); and will conclude with some remarks on the current challenges to trade policy.

**Working Program**

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| **Tuesday, 18 February 2020** | |
| 9:30 – 10:00 | Meeting with Minister of Commerce |
| 10:00 – 12:30 | **Tariffs and related measures**  Trade policies are the policies adopted by governments to impact international trade. These policies may involve a variety of different actions and make use of a number of different instruments. Among those are taxes on imports or exports, quantitative restrictions of international transactions, subsidies and many other measure that for convenience are often divided into two broad categories: tariffs and non-tariff measure (NTMs). This session will provide the definitions; frameworks; objectives of trade policy; and steps for analysis.  Open discussion |
| 12:00 – 13:30 | Lunch Break |
| 13:30 – 15:00 | **Tariffs and related measures**  The following trade policy instruments will be analyzed and their impact assessed: Tariffs; other duties and charges on imports and exports; trade facilitation measures, including customs valuation, pre-shipment inspection, and fees and charges; duty and tax exemptions; contingency trade remedies; and rules of origin.  Open discussion |
| 15:00 – 15:15 | Coffee Break |
| 15:15 – 16:00 | **Session II: Tariffs and related measures (continued)**  Open discussion |
| **Wednesday, 19 February 2020** | |
| 09:00 – 10:30 | **Non-tariff measures:**  The following trade policy instruments will be analyzed and their impact assessed: prohibitions, quantitative restrictions and licensing; SPS and TBT; TRIMs; subsidies and other promotion measures, including export processing zones; competition policy and price controls; state trading and SOEs; government procurement; and IPRs.  Open discussion |
| 10:30 – 10:45 | Coffee Break |
| 10:45 – 12:00 | **Non-Tariff Measures: (continued)**  Open discussion |
| 12:00 – 13:30 | Lunch Break |
| 13:30 – 15:00 | **Non-Tariff Measures: (continued)**  Open discussion |
| 15:00 – 15:15 | Coffee Break |
| 15:15 – 16:00 | **Discussion of technical assistance needs in relation to trade policy instruments** |
| **Thursday, 20th February 2020**  **Yangon** | |
| 09:00 - 11:00 | **Meeting with Myanmar Customs and discussion with respect to tariffs and non-tariff measures and their application in Myanmar's trade policy regime** |
| 11:00 – 12:15 | Discussions with UMFCCI regarding their experience with various trade policy instruments and what issues in this regard does the privates sector face |
| 12:15 – 14:00 | Lunch Break |
| 14:00 – 15:00 | **Conclusion:**  The Trade Policy Review as a framework for analyzing and assessing trade policy instruments.  Questions and Answers |