

## Regional Seminar on Investment Facilitation for Sustainable Development

Bangkok, 12 March 2019

### Tentative Programme

09:00 – 09:15	Welcome statement by <i>Mia Mikic</i> , Director, Trade, Investment and Innovation Division
09:15 – 09:30	<p><b>Special presentation</b> on the role of investment facilitation in achieving sustainable development by <i>Karl Sauvant</i>, Resident Senior Fellow, Columbia Center on Sustainable Investment (by video link)</p> <p><i>Q &amp; A</i></p>
09:30 – 10:15	<p><b>Session 1: Investment facilitation through the investment cycle: the role of IPAs and the importance of aftercare</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>Marc Proksch</i>, Chief Investment and Enterprise Development; Trade, Investment and Innovation Division, ESCAP</li> <li>- <i>Professor N. Jansen Calamita</i>, Head, Investment Law &amp; Policy, Centre for International Law, Research Associate Professor (CIL), Faculty of Law, National University of Singapore on Investment Treaty Handbook</li> </ul> <p><i>Discussions</i></p>
10:15 – 10:30	Coffee break
10:30 – 11:15	<p><b>Session 2: Addressing Investment facilitation needs – a business perspective</b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> <i>Kalina B. Miller</i>, Financial Institutions Group, International Finance Corporation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>Matthew Stephenson</i>, Policy and Community Lead, International Trade and Investment, World Economic Forum on Business Insights for Investment Facilitation Frameworks</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>Michael Lim Jr</i>, Managing Director, Crowe Growth Consulting Sdn Bhd, tbc</li> <li>- <i>Kalin Sarasin</i>, Chairman, Thai Chamber of Commerce, tbc</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Discussions</i></p>
11:15 – 12:30	<p><b>Session 3: Selected model subregional and national initiatives on investment facilitation</b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> <i>Julien Chaisse</i>, Professor at The Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK), Faculty of Law)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- APEC’s Investment Facilitation Action Plan <i>Tania Pierotic</i>, Chair of the APEC investment committee (by video link)</li> <li>- Investment facilitation in ASEAN, <i>Mr. Tan Tai Hiong</i>, Head of Investment and Services Division, ASEAN secretariat</li> <li>- Brazil’s model cooperation and facilitation investment agreement, <i>Felipe Hees</i>, Minister, Embassy of Brazil to China</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Discussions</i></p>
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch
13:30 – 14:00	<p><b>Special presentation:</b> UNCTAD’s Global Action Menu for Investment Facilitation, by <i>Elisabeth Tuerk</i>, Chief International Investment Agreements Section, Division on Investment and Enterprise, UNCTAD (by Skype)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Discussions</i></p>
14:00 – 15:30	<p><b>Session 4: Engaging in multilateral cooperation to facilitate investment: towards a WTO framework on investment facilitation for development</b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> <i>Mr. Juan Marchetti</i>, Counsellor, Trade in Services and Investment Division, World Trade Organization (WTO)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- How a multilateral framework can address the investment facilitation needs of developing and least-developed countries</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>H.E. Mr. Zhang Xiangchen</i>, Permanent Representative of China to the WTO</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ongoing Structured Discussions on Investment Facilitation in the WTO: state-of-play and possible next steps <i>H.E. Juan Carlos González</i>, Permanent Representative of Colombia to the WTO, Coordinator of the Structured Discussions on Investment Facilitation for Development (by video link)</li> <li>- Benefits that multilateral cooperation can bring to countries' investment facilitation efforts – A perspective from Brazil <i>Felipe Hees</i>, Minister, Embassy of Brazil to China</li> </ul> <p>Developing an investment facilitation index – <i>Axel Berger</i>, Head, G20 Policy Research Group, German Development Institute (via Skype)</p> <p><i>Discussions</i></p>
15:30 – 15:45	Coffee break
15:45 – 17:00	<p><b>Session 5: Linking investment facilitation with sustainable development: round table discussion</b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> <i>Marc Proksch</i>, UNESCAP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>Julien Chaisse</i>, Professor at The Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK), Faculty of Law</li> <li>- <i>Pradeep Mehta</i>, Secretary General of CUTS</li> <li>- <i>Bussarakum Sriratana</i>, Executive Director, International Affairs Division, Office of the Board of Investment Thailand on the BOI's BUILD Programme</li> </ul> <p><i>Discussions</i></p>
17:00	<b>Closing</b>