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**Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific**  
Committee on Trade and Investment

**Second session**  
Bangkok, 27-29 July 2011

**Tentative programme**

**Wednesday, 27 July 2011**

0830-0900 hrs.		Registration
0900-0945 hrs.	Item 1	<p><b>Opening of the session and official launch of the <i>Asia-Pacific Trade and Investment Report 2011</i></b></p> <p>Welcoming address by Ms. Noeleen Heyzer, Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations and Executive Secretary of ESCAP</p> <p>Opening address by H.E. Mr. Sarath Amunugama, Senior Minister for International Monetary Cooperation of Sri Lanka and Chairman of the sixty-seventh session of the Commission</p> <p>Opening address by H.E. Mr. Muhammad Faruk Khan, Minister of Commerce of Bangladesh</p> <p>Inaugural address by Mr. Yanyong Phuangrath, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Commerce of Thailand</p>
	Item 2	<b>Election of the Bureau</b>
	Item 3	<b>Adoption of the agenda</b>
0945-1000 hrs.		Break
1000-1200 hrs.	Item 4	<p><b>Capturing trade and investment opportunities in the new decade</b></p> <p>Presentation on the <i>Asia-Pacific Trade and Investment Report 2011</i> by Mr. Ravi Ratnayake, Director, Trade and Investment Division, ESCAP</p> <p><i>Panel discussion</i></p> <p><i>Moderator:</i> Mr. Ravi Ratnayake, Director, Trade and Investment Division, ESCAP</p>

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*Keynote speakers*

H.E. Mr. Muhammad Faruk Khan, Minister of Commerce, Bangladesh

H.E. Mr. Dalrai Davaasambuu, Ambassador and Economic Policy Advisor to the Chairman of the State Ikh Khural, Mongolia

Ms. Vasana Mututanont, Executive Director, International Affairs Bureau, Board of Investment, Thailand

Mr. Chote Sophonpanich, Executive Chairman, Greenspot (Thailand); Vice-Chairman, Business Advisory Council; and Chair, Asia-Pacific Business Forum 2011

Mr. Simon Evenett, Professor of International Trade and Economic Development, University of St. Gallen

Mr. Wing Thye Woo, Professor of Economics, University of California, Davis

1200-1330 hrs.

Lunch hosted by the Department of Trade Negotiations, Ministry of Commerce of Thailand (by invitation only)

1330-1500 hrs. Item 5

**Facilitating intraregional trade**

Introduction of the agenda item by Ms. Shamika Sirimanne, Chief, Trade Facilitation Section, Trade and Investment Division, ESCAP

*Panel discussion*

Mr. Sok Siphana, Advisor to the Government of Cambodia

Mr. Mozibur Rahman, Chairman, Bangladesh Tariff Commission

Country statements

1500-1530 hrs.

Break

1530-1700 hrs. Item 6

**Promoting trade and investment in low-carbon goods and services**

Introduction of the agenda item by Mr. Ravi Ratnayake, Director, Trade and Investment Division, ESCAP

*Panel discussion*

Ms. Srirat Rastapana, Director-General, Department of Trade Negotiations, Ministry of Commerce, Thailand

Mr. Chaoyod Bunyagidi, Vice President, Thailand Environment Institute

Mr. Manuel Montes, Chief, Development Strategy and Policy Analysis Unit, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, United Nations

Country statements

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0900-1030 hrs. Item 7 **Transferring technology for inclusive and sustainable trade and investment (APCTT/APCAEM)**

Introduction of the agenda item by Mr. Krishnamurthy Ramanathan, Head, Asian and Pacific Centre for Transfer of Technology (APCTT) and Mr. LeRoy Hollenbeck, Head, Asian and Pacific Centre for Agricultural Engineering and Machinery (APCAEM)

*Keynote address*

Emeritus Professor Mario T. Tabucanon, Visiting Professor, United Nations University - Institute of Advanced Studies (UNU - IAS)

Country statements

1030-1100 hrs. Break

1100-1230 hrs. Item 8 **Integrating small and medium-sized enterprises into the regional economy**

Introduction of the agenda item by Mr. Marc Proksch, Chief, Private Sector and Development Section, Trade and Investment Division, ESCAP

*Panel discussion*

Mr. Janaka Bandula Sugathadasa, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Industry and Commerce, Sri Lanka

Ms. Wimonkan Kosumas, Deputy Director-General, Office of Small and Medium Enterprises Promotion, Government of Thailand

*Special briefing on the outcome of the Global Compact Local Networks/Multinational Corporations Regional Meeting: "Partnerships for Corporate Sustainability"*

Ms. Habiba Tasneem Chowdhury, Chief Coordinator, Institute of Hazrat Mohammad (SAW)

Country statements

1230-1400 hrs. Lunch break

1400-1530 hrs. Item 9 **Moving multilateral and regional trade and investment cooperation forward**

Introduction of the agenda item by Mr. Ravi Ratnayake, Director, Trade and Investment Division, ESCAP

*Panel discussion*

Ms. Indira Murthy Bhattiprolu, Director, Department of Commerce, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, India

Mr. Robert R. Teh, Counsellor, Economic Research and Statistics Division, World Trade Organization

Mr. Simon Evenett, Professor of International Trade and Economic Development, University of St. Gallen

Country statements

1530-1600 hrs.		Break
1600-1630 hrs.	Item 10	<b>Consideration of the future focus of the subprogramme</b> Introduction of the agenda item by Mr. Ravi Ratnayake, Director, Trade and Investment Division, ESCAP
1630-1700 hrs.	Item 11	<b>Consideration of draft resolutions for submission to the Commission at its sixty-eighth session</b>
1700-1715 hrs.	Item 12	<b>Dates, venue and provisional agenda for the third session of the Committee</b>
1715-1730 hrs.	Item 13	<b>Other matters</b>

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1400-1530 hrs.	Item 14	<b>Adoption of the report</b>
1530-1600 hrs.		Closing

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