



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

Bangkok, 27–29 January 2021

Annotated provisional agenda

The present document contains the provisional agenda for the seventh session of the Committee on Trade and Investment (section I) and the annotations thereto (section II).

I. Provisional agenda

1. Opening of the session:
 - (a) Opening statements;
 - (b) Election of officers;
 - (c) Adoption of the agenda.
2. Recent trends and developments in trade and investment in Asia and the Pacific, including the impact of rising protectionism and the coronavirus disease pandemic.
3. Promoting inward and outward foreign direct investment in the post-coronavirus-disease era.
4. Work of the secretariat and associated results and future focus pertaining to trade and investment under the subprogramme on trade, investment and innovation:
 - (a) Work of the secretariat and associated results and priorities pertaining to trade and investment under the subprogramme;
 - (b) Consideration of the future focus of the subprogramme, including its contribution in areas that should be mainstreamed into the work of all the committees in accordance with the conference structure of the Commission.
5. Other matters.
6. Adoption of the report of the Committee on its seventh session.

II. Annotations

1. Opening of the session

(a) Opening statements

The programme for the session will be available online at www.unescap.org/intergovernmental-meetings/committee-trade-and-investment-seventh-session.

(b) Election of officers

The Committee will elect a chair and a vice-chair.

The list of participants will be available online at www.unescap.org/intergovernmental-meetings/committee-trade-and-investment-seventh-session.

(c) Adoption of the agenda

Documentation

Annotated provisional agenda (ESCAP/CTI/2021/L.1)

Annotation

The provisional agenda will be considered and adopted by the Committee, subject to such changes as may be necessary.

2. Recent trends and developments in trade and investment in Asia and the Pacific, including the impact of rising protectionism and the coronavirus disease pandemic

Documentation

Recent trends and developments in trade and investment in Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP/CTI/2021/1)

Annotation

The Committee will have before it document ESCAP/CTI/2021/1 containing a review of trade and investment in Asia and the Pacific including the implications of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic. The review will be focused on trade in goods and commercial services; foreign direct investment; and trade and investment policy and facilitation measures and agreements.

3. Promoting inward and outward foreign direct investment in the post-coronavirus-disease era

Documentation

Promoting inward and outward foreign direct investment in the post-coronavirus-disease era (ESCAP/CTI/2021/2)

Annotation

Foreign direct investment (FDI) has long been recognized as an engine of growth and development, in particular as it constitutes an important source of financing for development. It has become increasingly apparent that not only the inward but also outward FDI flows of a given country can make a contribution to its national development. However, the COVID-19 pandemic has severely disrupted global and regional FDI flows. Document ESCAP/CTI/2021/2 contains a discussion of how Governments can adapt their efforts to promote both inward and outward FDI with a view to achieving sustainable development in an era characterized by a new normal.

- 4. Work of the secretariat and associated results and future focus pertaining to trade and investment under the subprogramme on trade, investment and innovation**
- (a) Work of the secretariat and associated results and priorities pertaining to trade and investment under the subprogramme**

Documentation

Work of the secretariat and associated results and priorities pertaining to trade and investment under the subprogramme on trade, investment and innovation (ESCAP/CTI/2021/3)

Outcome of the Asia-Pacific Business Forum 2019 (ESCAP/CTI/2021/INF/1)

Outcome of the Asia-Pacific Business Forum 2020 (ESCAP/CTI/2021/INF/2)

Annotation

Document ESCAP/CTI/2021/3 contains an overview of the trade and investment work of the secretariat in the implementation of subprogramme 2 and the results achieved in that regard since the seventy-fifth session of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, held in May 2019. The focus of the discussion will be centred on three areas: research and analysis, capacity-building and regional cooperation. The Committee may wish to note that document ESCAP/CICTSTI/2020/6 containing the report on the innovation work of the secretariat in the implementation of the subprogramme was submitted to the Committee on Information and Communications Technology, Science, Technology and Innovation at its third session, held on 19 and 20 August 2020.

The Committee will also have before it information documents ESCAP/CTI/2021/INF/1 and ESCAP/CTI/2021/INF/2 containing the outcomes of the Asia-Pacific Business Forums 2019 and 2020.

- (b) Consideration of the future focus of the subprogramme, including its contribution in areas that should be mainstreamed into the work of all the committees in accordance with the conference structure of the Commission**

The secretariat will provide an overview of its work in the areas of trade and investment, including its contribution in areas that should be mainstreamed into the work of all the committees in accordance with the Commission's conference structure.

The Committee may wish to provide the secretariat with guidance on the preparations for the programme plan based on its deliberations.

5. Other matters

The Committee may wish to consider other matters not covered under the items mentioned above.

6. Adoption of the report of the Committee on its seventh session

Documentation

Draft report (ESCAP/CTI/2021/L.2)

Annotation

The Committee will consider and adopt the report on its seventh session for submission to the Commission at its seventy-seventh session.
