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

**Fourth session**

Bangkok, 4-6 November 2015

**Tentative programme**

**Wednesday, 4 November 2015**

0830-0900 hours		Registration
0900-0930 hours	Agenda item 1	<p><b>Opening of the session</b></p> <p>Welcoming address by the Executive Secretary of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP)</p> <p>Inaugural address by Ms. Apiradi Tantraporn, Minister of Commerce, Government of Thailand</p> <p>Official launch of the <i>Asia-Pacific Trade and Investment Report 2015</i></p>
0930-0950 hours		Break
0950-0955 hours	Agenda item 2	<b>Election of the Bureau</b>
0955-1000 hours	Agenda item 3	<b>Adoption of the agenda</b>
1000-1200 hours	Agenda item 4	<p><b>Asia-Pacific Trade and Investment Report 2015</b></p> <p>(a) <b>Review of recent trends and developments</b></p> <p>(b) <b>Asia-Pacific participation in value chains: the role of trade and investment policies</b></p> <p>Presentation on the <i>Asia-Pacific Trade and Investment Report 2015</i> by the Director of the Trade and Investment Division, ESCAP</p> <p>Panel discussion: “Asia-Pacific participation in value chains: the role of trade and investment policies”</p> <p><i>Moderator:</i> Executive Secretary of ESCAP</p>

*Panellists:*

Mr. Tofail Ahmed, Minister for Commerce, Government of Bangladesh

Mr. Sarath Amunugama, Minister of Special Assignments, Government of Sri Lanka

Mr. Raed Safadi, Executive Director, Dubai Department of Economic Development, United Arab Emirates

Mr. Patrick Low, Asia Global Institute, University of Hong Kong

Mr. Stanley Kang, Chairman, Joint Foreign Chambers of Commerce, Thailand

1200-1400 hours

Lunch hosted by the Ministry of Commerce, Government of Thailand

1400-1500 hours

Agenda item 5

**Implementation of Commission resolution 70/5: strengthening regional cooperation and capacity for enhanced trade and investment in support of sustainable development**

(a) **Strategic direction and functioning of the Committee on Trade and Investment**

(b) **Consideration of terms of reference of a permanent bureau of the Committee**

Introductory remarks by the Director of the Trade and Investment Division

Discussion

(c) **Consideration of the feasibility and desirability of convening a periodic Asia-Pacific ministerial-level conference in the area of trade and investment**

Introductory remarks by the Director of the Trade and Investment Division

Discussion

1500-1530 hours

Break

1530-1700 hours

Agenda item 5  
(continued)

**Implementation of Commission resolution 70/5: strengthening regional cooperation and capacity for enhanced trade and investment in support of sustainable development**

(d) **Regional cooperation, research and analysis, and capacity-building initiatives in response to requests contained in the resolution**

Introductory remarks by the Chief of the Trade Policy and Analysis Section, Trade and Investment Division

Introductory remarks by the Chief of the Trade Facilitation Unit, Trade and Investment Division

Introductory remarks by the Chief of the Business and Development Section, Trade and Investment Division

Introductory remarks by the Chief of the Asia-Pacific Trade Agreement (APTA) Unit, Trade and Investment Division

Discussion

**(e) Engaging the business sector**

Introductory remarks by the Chief of the Business and Development Section, Trade and Investment Division

Special presentation by the ESCAP Business Advisory Council

Discussion

**Thursday, 5 November 2015**

0900-1030 hours

Agenda item 6

**Reports on activities of the regional institutions****(a) Asian and Pacific Centre for Transfer of Technology**

Introductory remarks by the Coordinator, Science, Technology and Innovation, Asian and Pacific Centre for Transfer of Technology

Discussion

**(b) Centre for Sustainable Agricultural Mechanization**

Introductory remarks by the Head of the Centre for Sustainable Agricultural Mechanization (*via video link*)

Discussion

1030-1100 hours

Break

1100-1200 hours

Agenda item 7

**Implementation of Commission resolutions 68/3, 70/1, 70/4 and 70/6 and consideration of draft resolutions and decisions for submission to the Commission at its seventy-second session**

Introductory remarks by the Director of the Trade and Investment Division

Introductory remarks on implementation of resolutions 68/3 and 70/6 by the Chief of the Trade Facilitation Unit, Trade and Investment Division

Introductory remarks on implementation of relevant sections of resolution 70/1 by the Chief of the Trade Policy and Analysis Section, Trade and Investment Division

Introductory remarks on implementation of resolution 70/4 by the Head of the Centre for Sustainable Agricultural Mechanization (*via video link*)

Discussion

1200-1400 hours

Lunch

1400-1530 hours

Agenda item 8

**Consideration of the future focus of the trade and investment subprogramme**

Introductory remarks by the Director of the Trade and Investment Division

Presentation on the preparation of the strategic framework  
2018-2019 by the Director of the Strategy and Programme  
Management Division, ESCAP

Discussion

1530-1600 hours

**Break**

1600-1700 hours

Agenda item 9

**Other matters**

### **Friday, 6 November 2015**

1400-1530 hours

Agenda item 10

**Adoption of the report**

1530-1600 hours

Closing

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