



# **Workshop on Cross-border Paperless Trade Facilitation: Challenges and Issues for Enabling Environment**

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## Tentative annotated programme

Time	Programme
08:30 – 09:00	<p><b>Registration</b></p>
09:00 – 09:20	<p><b>Opening</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Mr. Yann Duval, Chief, Trade Facilitation Unit, Trade and Investment Division, United Nations ESCAP</i></li> <li>• <i>Mr. Luca Castellani, Secretary, Working Group IV (Electronic Commerce), United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL)</i></li> </ul>
09:20 – 10:50	<p><b>Plenary Session 1: Challenges and Initiatives for enabling cross-border paperless trade</b></p> <p>The session will invite selected experts in the area of paperless trade and discuss major legal and technical challenges in enabling cross-border paperless trade in the region, including existing gaps and lessons learnt from implementation of cross-border paperless trade data exchange.</p> <p><u>Moderator</u> <i>Mr. Yann Duval, Chief, Trade Facilitation Unit, Trade and Investment Division, United Nations ESCAP</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cross-border paperless trade: Putting policies, laws and technologies together in an interoperable manner <i>Mr. T. A. Khan, Controller of Certifying Authorities, Department of Electronics and Information Technology, Ministry of Communications &amp; Information Technology, India</i></li> <li>• Key principles for enabling cross-border paperless trade: Analysis from international legal instruments <i>Mr. Luca Castellani, Secretary, Working Group IV (Electronic Commerce), United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL)</i></li> <li>• Legal issues in cross-border paperless trade and e-commerce: Experience from China <i>Dr. Hong Xue, Director, Institute for Internet Policy &amp; Law (IIPL), Beijing Normal University</i></li> <li>• Technical and implementation issues in cross-border paperless trade data exchange: Lessons from the Pan Asia e-Commerce Alliance (PAA) <i>Mr. Francis Lopez, President, InterCommerce Network Service, and Chairman, PAA</i></li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bilateral cross-border data exchange between Afghanistan and Tajikistan <i>Mr. Eraj Jurabekov, Head of International Customs Cooperation Department, Customs Service under the Government of Republic of Tajikistan</i></li> </ul>
10:50 – 11:10	<i>Break</i>
11:10 – 12:00	<p><b>Breakout group session: Facilitating cross-border paperless trade</b> <i>The session will break into several parallel subgroups and explore possible solutions and ways to facilitate cross-border paperless trade.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Breakout Group 1: Legal issues in (cross-border) paperless trade</li> <li>○ Breakout Group 2: Documents and processes in cross-border paperless trade</li> <li>○ Breakout Group 3: Mutual recognition in cross-border paperless trade</li> </ul>
12:00 – 14:00	<i>Lunch Break</i>
14:00 – 15:20	<b>Breakout group session (cont'd)</b>
15:20 – 15:40	<i>Break</i>
15:40 – 16:50	<p><b>Plenary session 2: Panel discussion on actions for enabling cross-border paperless trade</b> <i>The results of breakout discussions, including proposed solutions, will be presented during the panel discussion. Selected experts would also join as panelists to share their perspectives. All the participants will have opportunity to interact in the session.</i></p> <p><u>Moderator</u> <i>Mr. Luca Castellani, Secretary, Working Group IV (Electronic Commerce), United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL)</i></p> <p><u>Panelists:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Leaders of breakout groups</i></li> <li>• <i>Mr. Mr. Kazunari Igarashi, Head, World Customs Organization (WCO) Asia-Pacific Regional Office for Capacity Building (ROCB)</i></li> <li>• <i>Ms. Jeeraboon Bumpennorakit, Director of Legal Affairs Office, Electronic Transactions Development Agency (ETDA), Thailand</i></li> </ul>
16:50 – 17:00	<b>Closing</b>