



WORKSHOP ON

**DESIGNING A NEW TRADE POLICY FOR CAMBODIA DURING AND AFTER
LDC GRADUATION:
A PATH OF CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES**

5 August 2025
Phnom Penh, Cambodia

Agenda

Tuesday, 5th August 2025 - Morning

08:45– 9:15 Registration

Opening Session

Emcee: (TBC)

09:15–09:30 Welcome remarks

- **Milan Thomas**, Senior Country Economist, Asian Development Bank (ADB)
- **Paul Akiwumi**, Director, ALDC, UN Trade and Development (virtual)

09:30–09:45 Opening remarks

- **H.E. Cham Nimul**, Minister of Commerce, Cambodia

09:45–09:50 *Photo session*

09:50–10:20 *Coffee Break*

Session 1: Overview of the study

10:20 – 10:45 Background, objectives, challenges and policy recommendations
Dr. Pramila Crivelli, Economist, Asian Development Bank

10:45 – 12:00 High-level panel discussion

Moderator:

Stefano Inama, Chief, UN Trade and Development (UNCTAD)

Panelists:

- **H.E Sok Sopheak**, Secretary of State, Ministry of Commerce
- **H.E. Prasith Suon**, Ambassador, Permanent Mission of the Kingdom of Cambodia to the World Trade Organization (WTO)
- **H.E. Sothie KEO (tbc)**, Secretary of State, Ministry of Post and Telecommunications
- **H.E. Houl Bonnarothe (tbc)**, Ministry of Economy and Finance

12:00 – 12:15 Open Discussion with Participants

12:15 – 13:15 *Lunch break*

Session 2: Cambodia and the Multilateral Trading System

- 13:15 – 13:30 Cambodia's Priorities and Strategies at the WTO
H.E. Prasith Suon, Ambassador, Permanent Mission of the Kingdom of Cambodia to the World Trade Organization (WTO)
Stefano Inama, UNCTAD
- 13:30 – 13:40 Interactive discussions

Session 3: Trade in Goods – Trade preferences and Market Access Expansion

- 13:41 – 14:00 Cambodia export performances and utilization rates
Pramila Crivelli, ADB, UNCTAD
- 14:00 – 14:40 Expanding Market Access: FTAs, Rules of Origin, and Regional Value Chains
Stefano Inama, UNCTAD
- 14:40 – 14:55 Addressing Non-Tariff Measures for Improved Market Access: SPS, TBT, and Regulatory Cooperation
Pramila Crivelli, ADB, UNCTAD
- 14:55 – 15:00 Discussant: **Ken Loo (TBC)**, TAFTAC
- 15:00 – 15:15 Interactive discussions
- 15:15 – 15:30 *Coffee break*

Session 4: Trade Facilitation, Trade Supporting Services and Digital Trade

- 15:30 – 15:45 Trade Facilitation and Services: Priorities and Challenges
Pramila Crivelli, ADB
- 15:45 – 16:15 Digital Trade and E-Commerce: Opportunities and Regulatory Gaps
Prof. Henry Gao, Professor Singapore Management University
- 16:15– 16:20 Discussant: **TBC**, EUROCHAM
- 16:20 – 16:30 Interactive discussions

Session 5: Interministerial Coordination

- 16:30 – 16:50 Improving Institutional Coordination: Structures and Recommendations
Stefano Inama, UNCTAD
- 16:50 – 17:00 Interactive discussions

Conclusion and Way Forward

- 17:00 – 17:15 Summary of the recommendations and next steps
- 17:15– 17:30 Closing Remarks
- **Stefano Inama**, UNCTAD
 - **Pramila Crivelli**, ADB
 - **H.E. Sim Sokheng**, Ministry of Commerce