

# **Towards a new trade policy on market access for Myanmar: Identifying a positive agenda among challenges and opportunities**

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Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar

**Validation Workshop**

**Draft Programme**



09:00 – 09:15 Opening Remarks

- *Welcome statement by the Deputy Minister for MoC (TBC)*
- *Introductory Notes on the benefits, findings and Recommendations of “Towards a new trade policy on Market Access for Myanmar: Identifying a positive agenda among challenges and opportunities by Mr. Stefano Inama (UNCTAD)*

09:15 – 09:45 *Photo Session and Coffee Break*

09:45 – 10:30 *A new trade policy and a positive agenda for Myanmar – Introduction and overview of main recommendations*

- Overview of Myanmar trade performance and export pattern
- Overview of exports of selected sectors
- The actual positioning of Myanmar in the international trade scene and potential leading role of an ASEAN LDC agenda
- Main recommendations

10:30 – 12:00 *Myanmar and the emerging trade challenges – The erosion and loss of preferential market access and rules of origin and the quest for alternatives*

- The erosion and/or loss of trade preferences
- The quest for alternatives: which partner for an FTA?
- Building new trade initiative with the EU in view of the EU-ASEAN FTAs
  - The EU reform of rules of origin: what did it mean for Myanmar?
  - The EU’s Free Trade Agreements with ASEAN Members: Implications for Myanmar

12:00 – 13:15 *Lunch Break*

13:15 – 14:45 *RCEP and CP-TPP– Challenges and Opportunities*

- Measuring cost and opportunities of RCEP
  - Getting increased market access for Myanmar exports to RCEP partners
  - Structuring the tariff offers of Myanmar under RCEP
  - Getting better market access to India – is RCEP a viable alternative?
- Joining the CP-TPP
- Myanmar trade relations with Japan: from GSP to ASEAN FTA and beyond.

14:45 – 15:15 *Addressing SPS issues with China and other partners*

- Bilateral and multilateral Non-tariff measures imposed on Myanmar’s exports

- SPS Specific Trade Concerns

15:15 – 16:00 *Recommendations - A positive negotiating agenda for Myanmar at multilateral and regional level*

- The actual positioning of Myanmar in the international trade scene and potential leading role of an ASEAN LDC agenda
- Building new trade initiative with the EU in view of the EU-ASEAN FTAs
- RCEP and CP-TPP – Challenges and Opportunities
  - RCEP
  - CP-TPP
  - Japan
  - India
- Addressing SPS issues with China and other partners
- Research and capacity building

16:00 *Closing*