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**Expert Group Meeting on Enhancing Regional Connectivity through
Trade and Investment: Towards Regional Arrangements for the
Facilitation of Cross-border Paperless Trade**

(Tentative Programme as of 31 January 2013)

- Date: 13-14 March 2013
- Venue: UNCC, Bangkok, Thailand
- Tentative Programme

Time	Programme
Day 1 (Wednesday, 13 March 2013)	
09:00 – 09:20	Registration
09:20 – 09:30	Opening <i>Mr. Ravi Ratnayake, Director, Trade and Investment Division, ESCAP</i>
09:30 – 09:50	Implementation of ESCAP Resolution 68/3 ESCAP Secretariat will introduce background and substance of ESCAP Resolution 68/3, together with explanation on implementation plan and activities made so far, including a study.
09:50 – 10:40	Discussion on Findings of the Study Findings, conclusion and recommendation, including a proposed draft text of regional arrangement, of the Study conducted by regional experts, will be presented for review and group discussion.
10:40 – 11:00	<i>Coffee Break</i>
11:00 – 12:30	Discussion on Findings of the Study (Cont'd) Findings, conclusion and recommendation, including a proposed draft text of regional arrangement, of the Study conducted by regional experts, will be presented for review and group discussion.
12:30 – 13:30	<i>Lunch Break</i>
13:30 – 14:50	Designing Regional Arrangements

	Each participating expert will prepare 5-10 minutes note and present her/his suggestions on improving regional arrangement. <i>All</i>
14:50 – 15:10	<i>Coffee Break</i>
15:10 – 16:30	Designing Regional Arrangements (Cont'd) Each participating expert will prepare 5-10 minutes note and present her/his suggestions on improving regional arrangement. <i>All</i>
Day 2 (Thursday, 14 March 2013)	
09:00 – 10:20	Discussion on Implementation Issues - Capacity building mechanism - Pilot Project mechanisms - Institutional Mechanism - ToR for proposed Sub-Committee on Trade Facilitation under CTI <i>All</i>
10:20 – 10:40	<i>Coffee Break</i>
10:40 – 12:00	Discussion on Implementation Issues (Cont'd) - Capacity building mechanism - Pilot Project mechanisms - Institutional Mechanism - ToR for proposed Sub-Committee on Trade Facilitation under CTI <i>All</i>
12:00 – 13:00	<i>Lunch Break</i>
13:00 – 14:30	Review on Revised Text of Regional Arrangement The Group will review the revised text of regional arrangement, prepared by the ESCAP Secretariat based on the suggestions and discussions made in the previous day of the meeting. <i>All</i>
14:30 – 14:50	<i>Coffee Break</i>
14:50 – 16:00	Review on Revised Text of Regional Arrangement (Cont'd) The Group will review the revised text of regional arrangement, prepared by the ESCAP Secretariat based on the suggestions and discussions made in the previous day of the meeting. <i>All</i>
16:00	Closing