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**Second 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 30 April 2013)

- Date: 2-3 May 2013
- Venue: Meeting Room F, UNCC, Bangkok, Thailand
- Tentative Programme

Time	Programme
Day 1 (Thursday, 2 May 2013)	
09:00 – 09:20	Registration
09:20 – 09:30	Opening <i>Mr. Ravi Ratnayake, Director, Trade and Investment Division, ESCAP</i>
09:30 – 10:00	Review of Draft Text The participating experts will briefly review the improved draft text of regional arrangement, revised version as of 1 May 2013. <i>All</i>
10:00 – 10:20	<i>Coffee Break</i>
10:20 – 12:20	Mini Workshop Session: Issues of Cross-border Data Exchange Selected experts will present their experiences in cross-border data exchange, including practical issues and challenges in exchanging trade data across borders electronically as well as recommended facilitation measures. <i>Mr. Jonathan Koh</i> <i>Ms. Marianne Wong</i> <i>Mr. Muwasiq Noor</i> <i>Mr. Sungheun Ha</i>
12:20 – 13:30	<i>Lunch Break</i>
13:30 – 14:50	Small Group Breakout

	<p>Participating experts will break into small groups, based on their relevant expertise, to discuss relevant matters in their expertise and improve the draft text of regional arrangements, including the Explanatory Note.</p> <p><i>All</i></p>
14:50 – 15:10	<i>Coffee Break</i>
15:10 – 16:30	<p>Small Group Breakout (Cont'd)</p> <p>Participating experts will break into small groups, based on their relevant expertise, to discuss relevant matters in their expertise and improve the draft text of regional arrangements, including the Explanatory Note.</p> <p><i>All</i></p>
Day 2 (Friday, 3 May 2013)	
09:00 – 10:20	<p>Discussion on Implementation Issues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Capacity building mechanism - Pilot Project mechanisms - Institutional Mechanism <p><i>All</i></p>
10:20 – 10:40	<i>Coffee Break</i>
10:40 – 12:00	<p>Discussion on Implementation Issues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Capacity building mechanism - Pilot Project mechanisms - Institutional Mechanism <p><i>All</i></p>
12:00 – 13:00	<i>Lunch Break</i>
13:00 – 14:30	<p>Revision of Text for Regional Arrangement</p> <p>Based on the inputs from the small group breakouts, the Meeting will revise the draft text of regional arrangements, including the Explanatory Note.</p> <p><i>All</i></p>
14:30 – 14:50	<i>Coffee Break</i>
14:50 – 16:00	<p>Revision of Text for Regional Arrangement (Cont'd)</p> <p>Based on the inputs from the small group breakouts, the Meeting will revise the draft text of regional arrangements, including the Explanatory Note.</p> <p><i>All</i></p>
16:00	Closing