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**Symposium on How Free Trade
Agreements and Regional Trade
Agreements Can Contribute Towards
Economic Growth
Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea
18 August 2018**

AGENDA

SOM Symposium on How FTAs and RTAs can Contribute Towards Economic Growth

18th August 2018, International Convention Centre, Port Moresby

Time	Program Content
0900 - 0915	<p>Session 1: Opening Session</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome and Keynote address – Andrew Liliura, Secretary, Department of Commerce and Industry • Introduction to the Symposium – Mr Richard Yakam, Acting Chief Trade Officer, National Trade Office • Business Arrangements
0915- 1015	<p>Session 2: Understanding the nexus between trade liberalization, growth and development</p> <p>Trade liberalization is supposed to have a positive impact on growth and welfare through the efficient allocation of resources and increased competition. This has been the motivation behind countries entering into FTAs/RTAs. In a number of cases, evidence has shown that some countries have actually experienced very little positive impacts or in some cases there are rising inequalities after entering into FTAs/RTAs. Some sectors of society tend to reap the more benefits from liberalization through RTAs/FTAs more than others. In this session, evidence and data will be presented to understand the linkages between trade liberalization, economic growth and development. Participants will also discuss some key factors that needed to ensure that countries are able to derive the maximum gains from liberalization through FTAs/RTAs. This session will also discuss measures to encourage the integration into the global economy.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speaker 1 – Mr Carlos Kuriyama, PSU, APEC • Speaker 2 – Mr Nikolai Malyshev, OECD • Speaker 3 – Professor, Ronald Duncan Australian National University Canberra • Speaker 4 – Dr Uwe Kaufmann, International Trade, University of Adelaide • Speaker 5 – Dr Julia Tijaja-ASEAN <p>Moderator – Eduardo Pedrosa- PECC</p>
	Panel Discussions and Question and Answer

1015-1030	Morning Break
1030 – 1150	Session 3: Benefits and challenges of RTAs/FTAs
	<p>In this session, practical experiences will be shared about some of the challenges and benefits of entering into FTAs/RTAs. In this session, participants will discuss measures or strategies that their countries have taken to ensure they are able to derive maximum benefits from RTAs/FTAs they enter into. Participants will also discuss the emerging issues or challenges that countries and their trade negotiators may need to address in future RTAs/FTAs, including the proliferation of global value chains, the onset of the internet and digital age amongst others issues.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speaker 1 – Mr. WANG Yuzhu, Senior Researcher, National Institute of International Strategy, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (NIIS, CASS) China • Speaker 2 – Mr Rory McLeod, New Zealand • Speaker 3 – Katie Francis, Regional Trade Agreements, Australia • Speaker 4- Director Ann Claire Credo-Cabochan of the Bureau of international trade Relations, Department of Trade and Industry, Philippines • Speaker 5 - Mrs. Marcela Otero, Chile <p>Moderator: Professor Ronald Duncan, Australia National University</p>
	Panel Discussions and Question and Answer
1150-1200	Wrap Up and Closing Remarks – Mr Richard Yakam, Acting Chief Trade Officer, National Trade Office
1200	LUNCH