Draft Agenda – Workshops on Utilizing Digital Technology in the Field of Trade Facilitation Under the Current COVID-19 Pandemic and Beyond

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Meeting
3-4 March 2021
CTI Project:

“Utilizing digital technology in the field of trade facilitation under the current COVID-19 pandemic and beyond”

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### Overall outline

- **Opening remarks / Objectives and aims / How to proceed and goals**

#### New Digital Technology Utilization
- Blockchain
- API integration
- Trade facilitation, including customs clearance, etc.
- Electronic payment (including WTOTFA, e.g. L/C)

#### Various applications and services
- Various applications (digital front doors, etc.)
- Examples of new services (face recognition gate systems, etc.)

#### Security and Interoperability
- Authentication, verification, and security
- Interoperability of Single Windows

#### Implementation and Capacity building
- Simplification of implementation and widespread deployment
- Capacity building for trade (literacy improvement, education, etc.)

### Overall summary

- **Reflection and summary / For the future / Closing remarks**

### Proposed Agenda

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- **Expected Date**
- **Reference** Theme proposals from each economy

- **Summary**
- **Discussion**

#### New Digital Technology Utilization
- Trade platforms and Blockchain
- API integration (L/C, C/O, customs system, Electronic payment, etc.)

#### Various applications and services
- Digital Front Doors (Single window/Online Lodgement, etc.)
- The Electronic Customs Declaration Gate System

#### Security and Interoperability
- Trade Trust (Document verification)
- Interoperability of Economy’s Single Windows

#### Implementation and Capacity building
- For MSME Cloud linkage
- Ability of businesses, including MSMEs, to innovate and participate