

AGENDA

Consultative Workshop: FTA Potential Study

VENUE: MS TEAMS ([HTTPS://RB.GY/EGT7IE](https://rb.gy/EGT7IE))

DATE: WED 10 NOVEMBER 2021 (2:00 PM – 5:30 PM)

Introduction to FTA Potential Study

Modern free trade agreements (FTAs) are helping propel developing countries into sophisticated global value chains, attract investment in critical sectors, and specialise in segments where competitive advantage can be driven. Cambodia must prioritise negotiating a set of FTAs that will enable its exporters to continue trading on a preferential basis. Toward this goal and under the leadership of Ministry of Commerce, ARISE Plus Cambodia commissions the FTA Potential Study, a research project aiming to improve the readiness and strengthen the analytical capacity for negotiations of FTA for Cambodia trade policy stakeholders. More specifically, this assignment aims to shape tools and analytical frameworks in view of assessing the potential benefits and barriers to access promising markets, as well as help prioritise and sequence its negotiation strategy over the next decade. The study is being carried out by the International Economics Consulting Ltd., (IEC).

Purpose of the workshop

- To explain the analytical steps of methodology of the FTA Potential Study.
- To seek comments from relevant stakeholders and understand their expectations.
- To fine-tune the proposed methodology by collecting feedback from relevant stakeholders in line with their interest and level of understanding.

Agenda

Time	Activity
13:45-14:00	MS Teams login (Click here to join the meeting)
14:00-14:20	Welcome remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ms. Heng Molyaneth, Senior Advisor, ARISE Plus Cambodia - Dr. Angelika Stauder, First Secretary, Deputy Head of Cooperation, German Embassy (TBC) - Ms. Camilla Lombard, Deputy Head of Cooperation – Counsellor, European Union Delegation to Cambodia
14:20-14:30	Opening remark <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - H.E. Sok Sopheak, Secretary of State, Ministry of Commerce

14:30-15:30	Presentation of methodology (IEC expert team) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr. Paul Baker, Lead Economist, Team Leader - Dr. David Vanzetti, International Trade Economist - Dr. Ngov Penghuy, Cambodia Trade Economist <p>Q&A session</p>
Internal Feedback Session (only for PSC members and Cambodia negotiating team)	
15:30-16:00	Plenary discussion
16:00-16:10	Closing remark H.E. Sok Sopheak, Secretary of State, Ministry of Commerce
Supplementary Optional Session (only for analysts)	
16:20-17:30	Additional technical/methodology discussion and tools

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