

Summary of 2017 AFACT StC meetings

11 September 2017

1. Monthly concall meetings

-Due to Bangladesh is first time to host AFACT, 2017 AFACT host secretariat will support them to arrange the concall meetings.

2. Core membership

-Conclusion: It's not the right timing for AFACT to consider differentiating members into these two categories. It will discourage the members who are not in the Core. So we will not discuss the subject for the time being. If we have any idea of how to attract more members to participate in AFACT more actively, then we can discuss this subject.

3. Digital Trade Data Exchange for digital products survey

-Mr. Sugamata suggested CSC consider make a survey of each member for digital trade data exchange for digital product, because digital trade procedure for normal merchandise (goods) and for digital products (services) may be different.

4. Combine UNESCAP Activities

-Dr. Urachada will contact with Dr. Yann Duval or Mr. Samgwon Lim to find out if there is any chance that UNESCAP can make training or capacity building program plan in advance (1~2 years) for AFACT can combine AFACT meetings with UNESCAP activities/meetings.

5. Plenary timeframe

-Mr. Ali will have a short report regarding to the tentative Timeframe 2018 AFACT Plenary during the plenary.

6. The table of contents for the yearbook

-Ms. Azadeh will make a proposal of how to amend the table of the contents. Collect the material before this year to see if there is any amendment needed.

7. How to reduce the cost of hosting AFACT meetings?

-Conclusion: No luxury venues in hotel, minimal meeting rooms arranged and simple food provided. No payment or registration fee is required. How to encourage AFACT members' participation is more important.

8. Update AFACT Secretariat report

-From next time for the efficient report, AFACT Secretariat only needs to update the latest monthly concall report from Steering Committees.

9. Bangladesh Focal Point

-Dr. Gary Gong, 2017 AFACT Chair will send to Ali Ashfak a formal letter to identify a focal point of Bangladesh and representative of that focal point. Ali will approach related authority concern to identify the focal point and the representative. Until then, Mr. Ali Ashfak will be the HoD of Bangladesh.