Policy Research, Capacity, and Influence (PRCI)

MSU, IFPRI, Kasetsart University and UNESCAP

Evidence-based trade policymaking and analysis: Trade and trade-policy indicators

September 14-28, 2020

Virtual

TRADE FLOW ANALYSIS TRAINNIG SESSIONS

Trade flow among the countries determines the economic benefits countries gain from trade. For many Asian developing countries, agricultural and food trade is an important engine for agricultural growth. The global COVID-19 Pandemic and responses from different countries to contain the outbreak of COVID-19 can have profound implications for trade among countries in Asia. The ability to use trade flow data for analyses is important for decision making related to trade policies. Under the USAID funded Food Security Policy Research, Capacity, and Influence (PRCI) Innovation Laboratory, MSU, IFPRI, Kasetsart University, and UNESCAP with other partners will offer the trade flow analysis training to selected partnering institutions in Asia.

AUDIENCE

Policy researchers and policy analysts in the policy research institutions and academic institutions in selected Asian developing countries are the main participants of this workshop. In the first round of the training that is going to be organized through a set of

virtual workshop sessions, participants are expected to come from Cambodia, East Timor, India, Laos, Myanmar, Nepal, Papua New Guinea, Sri Lanka and Thailand. In order to prepare for the training and maximize the benefits from the online training workshop, participants are expected to read the workshop materials and get familiar with the trade datasets shared in advance. The number of participants will be restricted to 3 representatives from each country in the PRCI consortium so that appropriate support in online training can be guaranteed.

PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

Two-hour virtual workshop sessions consist of short lectures followed by a small group discussion and exercise in breakout virtual groups. Training materials will be posted on through a dropbox and google drive to share with all participants before the workshop starts. The preliminary program of the workshop is as follows.

September 14: Introduction to the Trade Flow Analysis	

08:30–9:15	**Session 1** –Introduction to trade flows analysis (Kasetsart, ESCAP)
	  - Why does trade-flow analysis matters and what is basic trade flow analysis?
	  - What kinds of policy questions can be answered using trade flow data analysis?

9:15–10:00	**Session 2** –Basic trade flow analysis and data sources. (IFPRI).
	  - Data sources
	  - Understanding trade flow data prepared from Comtrade-BACI datasets for individual countries

10:00–10:30	**Session 3** Exercises and discussions (IFPRI)
	  - Exercises
	  - Discussions and Q&A

	- Giving a weekly assignment
September 21: Approaches and Tools for trade flow analysis	
08:30–9:15	**Session 1 –** Analyzing trade flows using BACI dataset (1) (IFPRI) - An example of using BACI dataset in trade flow analysis
9:15–10:00	**Session 2 –** Analyzing trade flows (2) - An Example of using BACI dataset for analysis
10:00–10:30	**Session 3 –** Exercises and discussions (IFPRI) - Exercises - Discussions and Q&A - Giving a weekly assignment
September 28: Country Presentation for country trade flow analysis	
08.30–9.30	**Session 1 –** Country presentations and discussions (Kasetsart, ESCAP and IFPRI)
9:30 - 10.00	**Session 2 –** Workshop recap, Q&A and closing

VENUE

Two-hour workshop in the three days will be conducted via Zoom program. Meeting ID and Password will be provided to the participants in advance.

REGISTRATION AND QUERIES

The workshop, as well as training and reference materials are offered at no cost. However, participants will need to complete the registration form before login to the training module.

Please register at https://bit.ly/31oRnWG by September 11, 2020

Request for any further information on this workshop can be sent to fecopot@ku.ac.th