

Asia Pacific Trade and Investment Initiative (Phase III)

**United Nations Development Programme
Region: Asia and the Pacific
Project Document**

Expected RP Outcome(s): Regional cooperation and integration fostered for enhanced trade flows leading to increased employment and poverty reduction

- Expected Output(s):**
1. Key stakeholders from eight (8) countries equipped with tools and information to enhance trade competitiveness and formulate employment- and gender responsive trade policies
 2. Key stakeholders have access to knowledge products and participate in policy dialogues to implement pro-poor regional integration strategies

Implementing Partner/Executing Entity: UNDP/RCC

Responsible Parties/Implementing Agencies: UNDP/RCC

This is a document of the UNDP Asia-Pacific Trade and Investment Initiative (APTII). This document launches the third phase of the regional trade initiative. The *first phase* of the initiative (2002-2004) was mandated with the task of providing the substantive linkages between trade and human development, through comprehensive national and regional studies across Asia. The *second phase* (2005-2007) was oriented towards supporting achievement of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). It focused on poverty reduction goals through programme support, policy advice, training and knowledge products to develop the capacity of governments and national partners to a) mainstream trade policies in national development strategies; b) overcome within-the-border constraints; and c) negotiate, interpret, and comply with trade agreements. The *third* and current phase of the APTII will seek to foster regional trade and investment regimes that are consistent with human development goals and supportive of achievement of the MDGs. A central challenge facing policymakers in the region is to facilitate patterns of inclusive regional integration that enable them to address specific development priorities and goals, particularly with reference to the development needs of least developed countries (LDCs), landlocked developing countries (LLDCs) and small island developing states (SIDS). The focus therefore, will be on 1) enhancing trade competitiveness and capacity development to formulate employment- and gender-responsive trade policies; and 2) capacity strengthening to implement pro-poor regional integration strategies, including through key regional processes and/or mechanisms.

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