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and  
Integration**

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## Programme

### Day 1: 9 May 2016

**09.00 – 09.30**

**Registration**

**09.30 – 10.00**

**Opening Session**

- Opening Address by Soe Win, Dy. Director General, Myanmar Ministry of Commerce
- Address by Zaw Oo, Executive Director, Myanmar Centre for Economic and Social Development (CESD), Yangon (Read by Thomas Bernhardt)
- Address by Mia Mikic, Chief, Trade Policy Section, Trade Policy and Analysis – Trade, Investment and Innovation Division (TIID), ESCAP, Bangkok
- Address by Sunil Mitra, Chairman, IPE-Global, New Delhi
- Address by Yu Yu Naing, Private Sector Development Adviser, Department for International Development (DFID), Myanmar
- Address by Prabir De, Coordinator, ASEAN-India Centre (AIC) & Professor, Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS), New Delhi

**10.00 – 10.15**

**Introducing the objectives of the workshop**

Mia Mikic and Prabir De

**10.15 – 10.30**

**Introduction of the participants and a group photo**

**10.30 -10.45**

**Tea / Coffee break**

**10.45 – 12.30**

**Session 1: Trade theory and regional integration**

Mia Mikic

**12.30 – 13.30**

**Lunch break**

- 13.30 – 15.00**      **Session 2: Regional integration in the world: Political and economic dimensions**  
Ajitava Raychaudhuri, Professor, Department of Economics, Jadavpur University, Kolkata
- 15.00 – 15.15**      **Tea / Coffee break**
- 15.15 – 15.45**      **Session 3: Regional trade agreements in the context of Myanmar's development strategy**  
Sjamsu Rahardja, Senior Economist, Trade and Competitiveness, The World Bank, Myanmar  
*Group discussion*
- 15.45 – 17.00**      **Session 4: Principles and modalities of regional integration: Contrasting stories of ASEAN and BIMSTEC**  
Ajitava Raychaudhuri

**Day 2: 10 May 2016**

- 09.30 – 11.00**      **Session 5: WTO and regional integration (including a demonstration of the WTO RTA database and ESCAP APTIAD)**  
Mia Mikic
- 11.00 – 11.30**      **Tea / Coffee break**
- 11.30 – 12.30**      **Session 6: Features of RTAs in Asia and the Pacific**  
Mia Mikic
- 12.30 – 13.30**      **Lunch break**
- 13.30 – 15.00**      **Session 7: Myanmar in regional and subregional initiatives [ASEAN, BBIN, BCIM, BIMSTEC, SAARC]**  
Prabir De
- 15.00 – 15.15**      **Tea / Coffee break**
- 15.15 – 16.30**      **Session 8: Mega-regionals in Asia [TPP, RCEP, EAEU]**  
Mia Mikic
- 16.30 – 17.00**      **Setting the assignment for the group exercises**

**Day 3: 11 May 2016**

- 09.30 – 10.45**      **Session 9: Global value chains and preferential trade agreements**  
Thomas Bernhardt, Researcher and Policy Analyst, Myanmar Centre for Economic and Social Development (CESD), Yangon
- 10.45 – 11.00**      **Tea / Coffee break**
- 11.00 – 12.30**      **Session 10: Databases and analysis**  
Mia Mikic, Prabir De and Ajitava Raychaudhuri
- 12.30 – 13.30**      **Lunch break**
- 13.30 – 15.30**      **Session 11: Group exercises**
- 15.30 – 16.00**      **Closing and issue of certificates**