

## Workshop on “Myanmar Research and Capacity Building Programme on Global and Regional Trade Policy” RIS, New Delhi

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Under the Knowledge partnership programme (KPP), Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS) conducted its fourth workshop on Global and Regional Trade Policy on 9-13 June 2015 in New Delhi. This was the fourth workshop on Trade Policy and Analysis. Twelve Participants from Myanmar and one participant from Manipur participated in the workshop. Among the participants, four were from Ministry of Commerce and two from Ministry of Finance, Government of Myanmar.



Welcoming the participants, Dr. Prabir De, pointed out that the training programme covers wide areas of trade and hoped that the training would enable Myanmar officials to analyze and discuss global and regional trade policies relevant to Myanmar. In his opening address, Prof S.K Mohanty, RIS, highlighted the main issues with regard to the emergence of Mega FTAs and hoped that this training programme will help Myanmar officials in understanding major developments in trade for formulating relevant trade policy in Myanmar.

Dr. Geethanjali Natraj, Policy Lead, Trade and Investment, KPP said, “Myanmar requires capacity building to meet the future demand in international trade and investment. As the issues are inter-linked to each other, more demand-driven training programmes on trade and investment are important for key stakeholders from different institutions.” Delivering the inaugural Address H.E. Mr. Aung Khin Soe, Ambassador, Embassy of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, stressed that previous training programmes had helped Myanmar immensely in the areas of trade and investment and hoped for continuing this programme in future also.

The training programme included areas such as global trading system and WTO, trade facilitation and customs agreement and procedures, regional economic cooperation and integration, foreign

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direct investment and role of multinational enterprises in establishing supply chains, technology transfers and new technology in development, regional connectivity, and development policy reforms among others. Besides theories, practical aspects of trade analysis were also included in the training programme. In the final day of training, Ambassador Shaym Saran, Chairman, RIS, delivered the valedictory speech and distributed certificates to participants. Dr Prabir De, Training programme coordinator, RIS summed up the training programme and presented the vote of thanks.

