



Launch of Tuvalu's Readiness Assessment for Cross-Border Paperless Trade Study
(07th June 2023 – Funafuti Lagoon Hotel- Conference Room)

This report provides an assessment of Tuvalu's readiness for cross-border paperless trade, that is, the conduct of domestic and international trade in the form of electronic data and documents through the use of electronic systems. Following a brief overview of trade facilitation implementation in Tuvalu, findings, and recommendations on technical and legal aspects of cross-border paperless trade will be presented, followed by a proposed action plan for the way forward for Tuvalu.

Facilitator : Ms. Olive Teatu Assistant Trade Officer

TIME	PROGRAMME	SPEAKERS
09:00 – 09:30	Arrival of Guests and Minister and Program Overview	Mr. Ryan Temate
09:30 – 09:40	Opening Prayer	Reverend - EKT
09:40 – 09:50	Welcome Remarks	Mr. Tupulaga Poulasi, Permanent Secretary of Fisheries & Trade
09:50 – 10:10	Introductory Remarks	Ms. Rupa Chanda, Director, Trade, Investment and Innovation Division (TIID), ESCAP
10:30 – 10:40	Scenario Building	Ms. Soo Kim, Economic Affairs Officer, TIID, ESCAP
10:40 – 10:55	Technical Component of Study	Mr. Tuitala Lasifo
10:55 – 11:15	Legal Component of Study	Ms. Susana Kausea
11:15 – 11:30	Question & Answer Sessions	
11:30 – 11:45	E Trade in the Pacific	Mr. Sudip Ranjan Basu
11:45 – 12:15	Findings of ETrade Review in Tuvalu	Ms. Lise Kalavi
12:15 – 12:30	Question & Answer Sessions	
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch	



13:30 – 13:45	Implementation of the Tuvalu National Trade Development Strategy	Mr. Falema Pita
13:45 – 14:15	Samoa Pathway & the Regional Progress	Mr. Sudip Ranjan Basu
14:15 – 14:45	Samoa Pathway – How is Tuvalu Doing?	Ms. Lise Kalavi
14:45 – 15:00	Afternoon Tea	
15:00 – 16:00	Youth Empowerment	Mr. Sudip Ranjan Basu
16:00 – 16:30	Closing Remarks	Mr. Falema Pita, EIF Project Officer, Tuvalu Department of Trade