

#### **APTIAD**

### Asia-Pacific Trade and Investment Agreements Database

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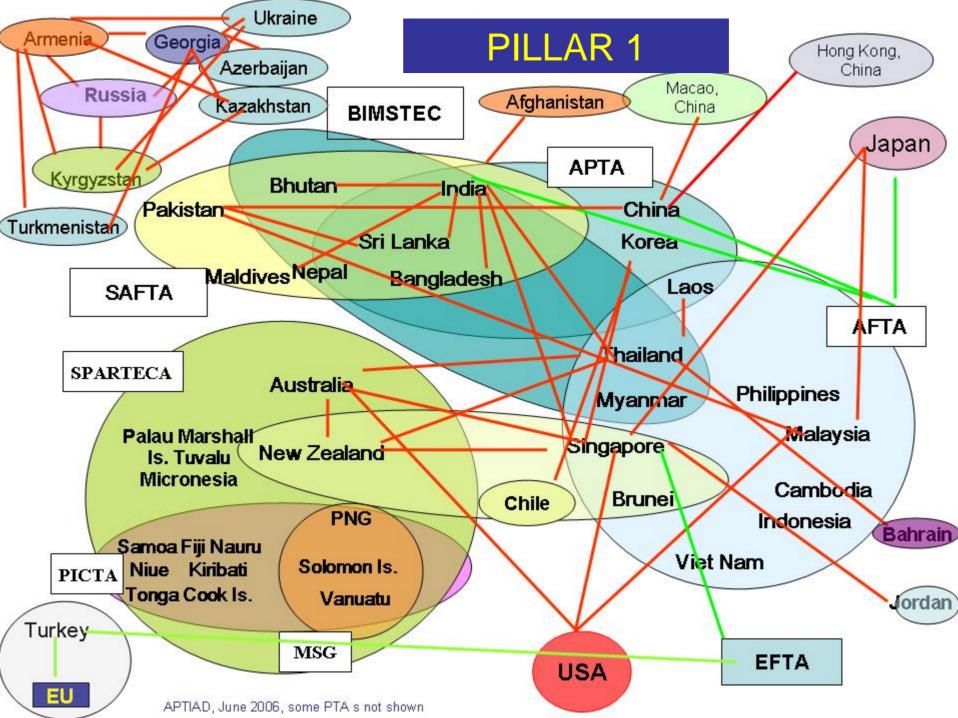


#### Purpose of APTIAD

#### 3 PILLARS:

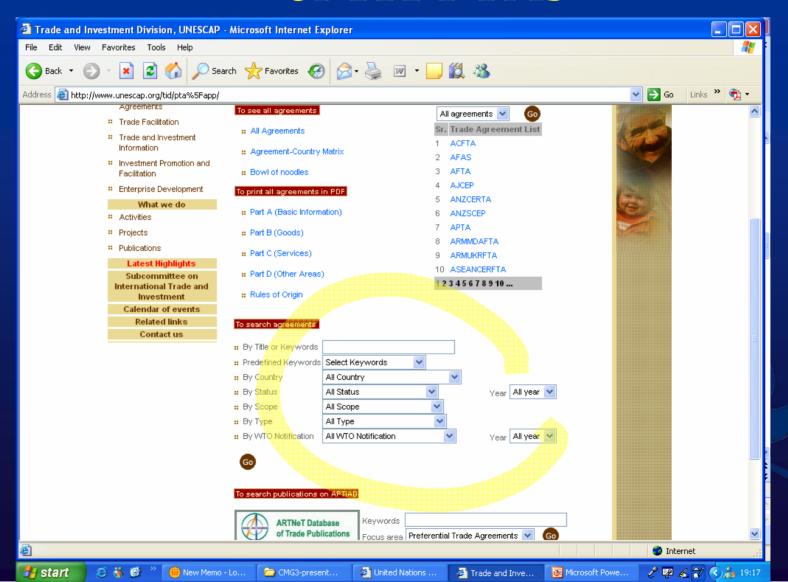
- 1. Mapping
- 2. Factual data and descriptive information
- 3. Analysis: a common set of indicators to assess PTA developments in the ESCAP region, both ex-ante (prior to trade agreement negotiation) evaluation and ex-post performance monitoring and tracking over time

**WAY FORWARD** 



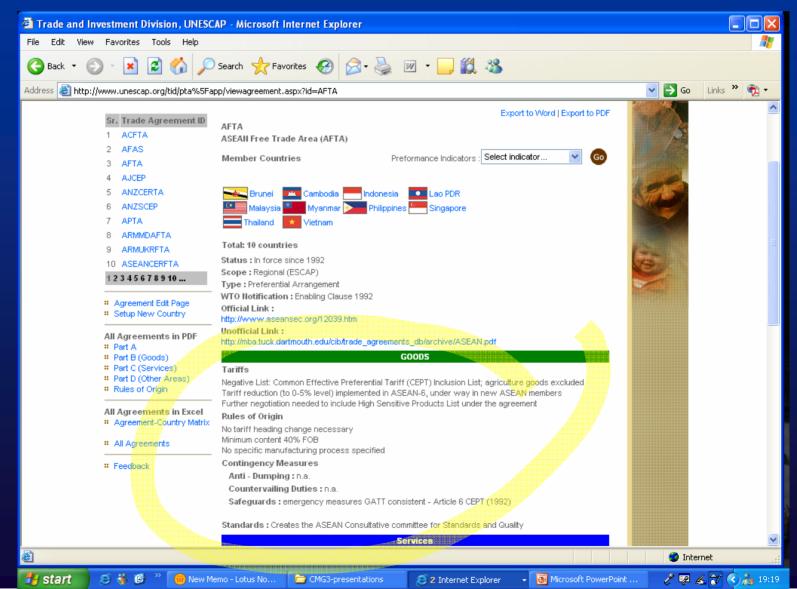


### PILLAR 2: Searchable database of 111 PTAs



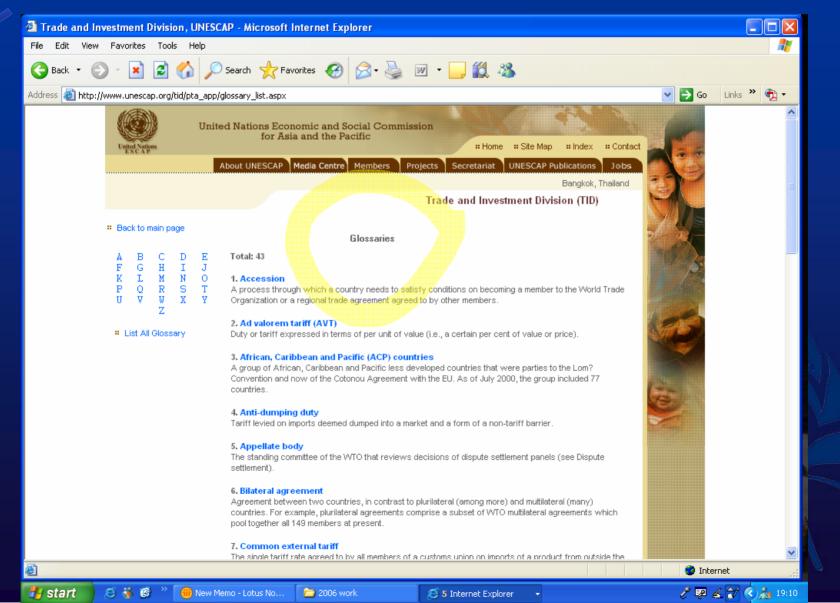


## PILLAR 2: Descriptive information



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## PILLAR 2: Definitions and technical notes





#### PILLAR 3: Analysis

- Currently simple approach:
   15 INDICATORS based on trade statistics:
  - Trade Dependence
  - Trade Intensity
  - Complementarity
  - Revealed Comparative Advantage
  - Regional Orientation
  - Regional Market Share,
  - etc.



### PILLAR 3: Type of questions APTIAD seeks to answer

- Has intra-regional trade intensified postformation of a preferential agreement?
- Can we identify those sectors in which members have comparative advantage?
- Can we identify those sectors that might be significant sources of trade diversion?

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#### PILLAR 3: Limitations

- Indices with trade statistics can help to understand what is happening to trade patterns within RTAs, but they cannot demonstrate causality
- Should be used as a tool in identifying potential areas of progress / concern for more in depth analysis using
  - Econometric and general equilibrium modelling approaches

# WAY FORWARD: secretariat proposal for consideration of its members and associate members

- Performance monitoring and tracking over time for trade agreements of the ESCAP region requires a commonly shared view on an appropriate set of indicators
- Set up under ESCAP auspices in collaboration with WTO and UNCTAD or ADB, as appropriate, a Working Group of experts and government representatives

## Your feedback would be appreciated

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