

ARISE Plus Thailand

INVITATION LETTER APPEALS MECHANISM WORKSHOP FOR THE PRIVATE SECTOR

Geneva, 27 May 2022

Dear Sir/Madam,

The International Trade Centre (ITC) is the joint development agency of the World Trade Organization (WTO) and the United Nations (UN). ITC is currently implementing the ARISE Plus Thailand Project, which runs for 3-years from November 2020 to October 2023. The project is funded by the European Union (EU). The main Government partner is the Ministry of Commerce (MOC) / Department of Trade Negotiations (DTN) and one of the main beneficiaries is the Comptroller General Department (CGD).

The project aims to support inclusive and sustainable trade growth in Thailand, while contributing to economic integration in the ASEAN region. One of the specific objectives of the project is to improve efficiency of public expenditure, by contributing to “Enhanced capacity of Comptroller General Department (CGD) for the application of the public procurement framework in accordance with international standards”.

This includes Activity 2.1. which aims to “Strengthen the institutional capacity of the CGD and other relevant Government stakeholders vis-à-vis the implementation of the Public Procurement Act of 2017”. As part of this activity, ITC has undertaken a study and developed a report on the Public Procurement Appeal Mechanism in Thailand, considering relevant international guidelines and experiences.

To complement this, a Workshop is being held on **24 June 2022 from 13:00 – 17:00** at **Centara Grand at Central Plaza Ladprao Hotel** to present the findings and key recommendations of the report to the private sector. This workshop aims to review the findings and recommendations set out in the Appeal Mechanism report with the private sector in order to obtain their feedback on what they consider to be the key challenges and priorities in the Thai context for effective policy reform.

As a relevant stakeholder of the private sector, we would like to invite you, or a representative of your organisation to participate in the upcoming workshop. We also kindly request you to disseminate this invitation to your members. We would appreciate to receive registrations **by 22 June 2022** through the link in [Annex A](#). For further information, please contact gchappell@intracen.org.

Yours sincerely,

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ANNEX A – WORKSHOP AGENDA

Workshop on reforms to the Thailand Public Procurement Appeals system for the Private Sector

REGISTRATION LINK:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1Lpz5xvWqVeMjNub6qX1IFAnP3TsHRZoYmQpzx5EFXAE/edit>

Target audience: Private sector

Date: Friday 24 June 2022

Time: 13:00 to 17:00 (Thailand time)

Venue: Centara Grand at Central Plaza Ladprao Bangkok, 1695 Phaholyothin Road, Chatuchak,

13:00	Welcome of participants with refreshments - Registration
14:00	Inauguration of the Workshop: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CGD Representative - Representative from Delegate of the European Union to Thailand - Giles Chappell, Programme Officer, ITC
14:20	Group photo
14:30	Session 1 Role of the Appeals system and international best practices: appeals mechanisms in international instruments and in selected developing and developed economies <i>Speakers: Presentation by Robert Anderson and Antonella Salgueiro</i> - Questions & Answers
15:15	Coffee break
15:30	Session 2 Situation in Thailand and recommendations to address the challenges: causes of the current surfeit of appeals and proposed remedial measures <i>Speakers: Presentation by Robert Anderson and Antonella Salgueiro</i> - Questions & Answers
16:30	Session 3 The way ahead: Roadmap for reforms and the next steps <i>Speakers: Presentation by Robert Anderson, followed by a panel discussion with Robert Anderson, Giles Chappell, and CGD Representatives</i> - Questions & Answers
17:00	End of workshop

ANNEX B – CONTACT DETAILS

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