



PUTTING TOGETHER AN SME ECOSYSTEM: INTERNATIONAL BEST PRACTICES

Friday, June 28, 2019 | 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. | United Nations | New York
CONFERENCE ROOM A

9.30 – 11.30 am

Presentations by countries:

Cambodia:

Mr Layhy Chhea, Director of Small Medium Enterprises, Ministry of Industry and Handicraft

Fiji:

Mr William Hamilton, Chief Economist, Ministry of Industry, Trade and Tourism

Mr. Wilisoni Jiuta, Principal Business Advisory officer Ministry of Industry, Trade and Tourism

The Gambia:

Ms. Anna Wadda, Assistant Director of Industry. Ministry of Trade, Industry, Regional Integration and Employment

Laos:

Mr. Chanhsana Sichanthongthip, General Research Department, Prime Minister's Office

Mr. Sa Siriphong, Deputy Director-General, Department of Small and Medium Enterprise Production, Ministry of Industry and Commerce

The Philippines:

Ms. Asteria Cabagnet Caberte, Regional Director, Department of Trade and Industry

Ms. Cynthia Catacutan Dela Cruz, Supervising Trade Industry Development Specialist

Program Development Division, Bureau of SME Development, Department of Trade and Industry

Sri Lanka:

Mr. Premasiri Gamage, Chief Financial Officer, Ministry of Industry & Commerce, Resettlement of Protracted Displaced Persons, Co-operative Development and Vocational Training & Skill Development

Ms. Indika Ranatunga, Director, Corporations and Statutory Boards Ministry of Industry & Commerce, Resettlement of Protracted Displaced Persons, Co-operative Development and Vocational Training & Skill Development

Participants may share their country experiences in some of the points listed below but are not limited by or restricted to this list:

- **Formal versus Informal:** What are the pros and cons of the formal and informal sectors in developing the economy? One size does not fit all and a balanced approach is needed
- **Finance:** What are the different ways to fund a business (credit, loans, fin-tech, grants)
- **Business Support :** How to develop and connect with support groups and what services do they offer (Chamber of Commerce, advisory services)
- **International Trade:** How can SMEs access the global markets
- **Human Talent development:** How to gain access to employees and train staff
- **United Nations SDGs** How MSMEs can be integrated one step at a time

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The meeting will exchange pathways and enabling factors to scale-up best practices and formulate recommendations in the development of MSMEs for achieving the SDGs. The meeting will discuss the policy changes that have been proposed and adopted in various countries, and discuss best practices that work in these countries.