

Project Title	Workshop on Electronic Commerce and WTO Agreements on Goods, Services and Trade Related IP Rights (TRIPS)
Project Area	Trade Facilitation
Beneficiary Countries	MV
Source of Funding	Singapore
Approved Budget	USD 38,126
Project Description	Presenting relevant aspects of the three WTO Agreements, together in a single workshop, will permit a more comprehensive assessment of the WTO trade regime as it applies to e-Commerce, as well as the interaction of the different disciplines and regimes in this rapidly expanding area. The workshop will also provide a forum for participants to exchange views and share national and regional experiences with respect to the opportunities and challenges in this field.
Objective	<p>The workshop is aimed at helping participants to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Identify key concepts and legal obligations in the General Agreement on Trade in Services (GATS) as they apply to e-Commerce. ii. Identify rules and regulations relevant to e-Commerce and trade in goods under the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT). iii. Better understand the role of Intellectual Property in digital trade and apply the TRIPS Agreement in e-Commerce. iv. Better understand the approaches adopted to further ASEAN's work on e-Commerce, towards the aim of developing an ASEAN Agreement on e-Commerce to facilitate cross-border e-commerce transactions. v. Better understand what role e-Commerce play in ASEAN economic integration. vi. Build their capacity in gaining expertise and awareness of their own economies and to identify areas where they could benefit from greater involvement in e-Commerce.
Implementation Status	The trainings were conducted between June and July 2018.
External Links	https://www.scp.gov.sg/content/scp/our_courses/initiative_for_asean_integration.html