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Re: Request for Services Trade Restrictiveness Index (STRI) Capacity Building

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SITI ZAHARA BINTI ABU BAKAR (MITI) <sitizahara@miti.gov.my>

10 September 2024 at 11:01

To: "MUHAMAD IRFAN LAL BIN LAL MUHAMAD (MYSTEP) (MITI)" <irfan.mystep@miti.gov.my>

Cc: "BHAVANEE A/P SUNDRA MOHAN (MITI)" <bhavanee@miti.gov.my>

Dear Irfan,

As discussed, please book Seminar 1 and 2 on 28 and 29 October 2024 for Services Trade Restrictiveness Index (STRI) Capacity Building Programme.

Thank you.

**ZAHARA
SSDD**

On Fri, 26 Jul 2024 at 18:09, <Janos.FERENCZ@oecd.org> wrote:

Dear Siti Zahara Abu Bakar,

Thank you for your message. The proposed program and list of questions to cover look excellent.

Regarding the date, we would propose 28 or 29 October 2024, if that would be suitable for you.

We will be able to cover the travel and accommodation costs on our side as we will have some adjacent meetings in the region just the week before.

I remain at your disposal for any additional information you may need at this stage.

Best regards,

Janos

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Sent: Monday, July 15, 2024 11:48 AM**To:** FERENCZ Janos, TAD/TPD <Janos.FERENCZ@oecd.org>**Cc:** SEE CHEE KONG (MITI) <cksee@miti.gov.my>; BHAVANEE A/P SUNDRA MOHAN (MITI) <bhavanee@miti.gov.my>; GONZALES Frederic, TAD/TPD <Frederic.GONZALES@oecd.org>; MURESAN Ana-Maria,

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Subject: Re: Request for Services Trade Restrictiveness Index (STRI) Capacity Building

Dear Janos Ferencz,

Thank you for your favourable reply. We are delighted you can stop in Kuala Lumpur at the end of October. We are looking forward to planning our program during that time.

To facilitate our internal procedures and preparations, could you kindly provide the specific date of your visit? For your information, we are planning a half day program from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., focussing on the following:

- What is the STRI and why is it important for understanding trade in services?
- How does the STRI relate to broader economic goals and trade policy?
- What are the key parameters used to assess services trade restrictiveness?
- How are these parameters measured and weighted within the STRI framework?
- What are the essential components of a comprehensive STRI country report and how to fill-in/ complete the database?
- What trends have emerged in Malaysia's STRI report since 2016? What are the key takeaways and potential areas for improvement?
- How do the OECD, APEC, and ASEAN approaches to STRI differ? What are the implications of these differences for interpretation and policymaking?
- How can the STRI inform research on services trade and related economic issues?
- How can policymakers utilise the STRI to identify barriers and prioritise reforms?
- Interactive exercise: Applying STRI concepts to a hypothetical scenario
- Group discussion: Identifying potential research questions and policy recommendations based on STRI data.

However, we are open to your suggestions on the time slots and will adjust the schedule to suit your convenience. Additionally, we would like to confirm any travel or accommodation costs we may need to cover for your visit.

Thank you once again for your cooperation.

Kind regards,

SITI ZAHARA ABU BAKAR

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On Thu, 4 Jul 2024 at 04:17, <Janos.FERENCZ@oecd.org> wrote:

Dear Siti Zahara Binti Abu Bakar,

Thank you for your email and kind invitation. It would be a pleasure to participate in this capacity building activity on the STRI and its application to Malaysia's services trade priorities.

I will be in Indonesia towards the end of October for other meetings, and that might be a good opportunity to make a stop-over in KL, if that would be suitable for you. If another time would work better, we can make sure that someone from the team would be available to join you at your convenience.

Best regards,

Janos



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Dear Janos Ferencz,

I hope this email finds you well.

We are planning a capacity-building session in September or October 2024 to enhance our officials' understanding of the Services Trade Restrictiveness Index (STRI). Many of our officers are new to the STRI database and have yet to become proficient in using it to support Malaysia's services sector. Given Malaysia's services trade deficits in recent years, we aim to leverage the STRI database to identify and address critical areas needing improvement.

In this regard, we would like to invite you to lead this capacity-building session and guide us in interpreting and effectively utilising the STRI database to enhance our services trade. We have a limited budget for this session, so we would greatly appreciate your advice on the most cost-effective way to conduct this training.

We look forward to your favourable response.

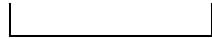
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