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Imperial Royale Hotel, Kampala City

Programme

This national workshop is organized at the request of Uganda.

The workshop will provide an overview of the relationship between trade and environment in the WTO context. An introduction to trade and environment at the WTO will be provided, followed by an overview of environment-related disputes in the WTO. The workshop will update participants on WTO negotiations on trade and environment, and on current discussions in the WTO Committee on Trade and Environment. Environmental requirements (standards and technical regulations) will be discussed, as will the relationship between trade and climate change. The workshop will provide a forum for participants to share information and experiences on trade and environment aspects.

Participants will be expected to contribute actively to the Workshop. In this regard, time will be made available in each session for discussion and information sharing.

Day 1

- 8:45 – 9:30 **Registration of Participants**
Opening
- 9:30 – 10:00 **Introduction to the WTO**
- Main objectives and basic principles
- 10:00 – 11:00 **Trade and Environment at the WTO**
- Overview of the linkages between trade and environment
 - Evolution of the trade and environment debate in WTO
 - WTO rules and environmental protection
 - Environment-related disputes
 - The Committee on Trade and Environment
- 11:00 – 11:30 **Discussion**
- Coffee Break (11:30 – 11:45)*
- 11:45 – 13:00 **WTO Negotiations on Trade and Environment**
- Doha Development Round mandate on trade and environment
 - Background and state of play of negotiations under Paragraph 31(i) and 31(ii): Multilateral Environmental Agreements (MEAs) and WTO rules
 - Background and state of play of negotiations under Paragraph 31(iii): Trade liberalization in environmental goods and services
- Lunch (13:00 – 14:30)*
- 14:30 – 15:00 **Discussion**
- 15:30 – 16:30 **Exercise on Environmental Goods**
- Discussion of survey results
 - Environmental goods of interest to Uganda
- 16:30 – 17:00 **Discussion**

Day 2

- 9:30 – 10:30 **The Effect of Environmental Requirements on Market Access**
- Introduction to the Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT) and main principles and disciplines
 - The mandate of the Committee on Trade and Environment
 - Eco-labelling
 - Carbon Foot printing
- 10:30 – 11:00 **Discussion - Environment-related market access challenges for Uganda**
- Coffee Break (11:00 – 11:15)*
- 11:15 – 12:30 **Linkages between Trade and Climate Change**
- Key linkages between trade and climate change
 - Activities of the WTO and climate change

- Climate change mitigation measures and relevant trade rules (Border carbon adjustment)

12:30 – 13:00

Discussion, Final Remarks and Closing

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