



**VIRTUAL TRAINING COURSE ON TRADE IN SERVICES FOR WTO ACCEDING GOVERNMENTS IN COLLABORATION WITH THE INTERNATIONAL TRADE CENTER**

15 – 26 MARCH 2021

PROGRAMME

<b>DAY 1: MONDAY, 15 MARCH</b>		
<b>REVIEW OF MAIN ELEMENTS OF ACCESSIONS PROCESS AND TRADE IN SERVICES</b>		
<p><b>Before Day 1: Participants are invited to watch the pre-recorded presentation on "Trade in Services and the GATS: review of main features of the agreement" by Joscelyn Magdeleine</b></p>		
Central European Time (CET) <b>11:30-12:15</b>	<b>OPENING REMARKS:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Short technical session on Zoom</li> <li>• Statements by Ms. Maika Oshikawa, Director, Accessions Division (AD)</li> <li>• Statement by Ms. Xiaolin Chai, Director, Trade in Services and Investment Division (TSD)</li> <li>• Statement by Mr. Rajesh Aggarwal, Chief, Business and Trade Policy, International Trade Centre</li> </ul>	
<b>12:15 - 12:30</b>	Objectives and expectations of the course	WTO Secretariat (AD, TSD and ITTC)
<b>12.30 – 12.35</b>	<b>BREAK</b>	
<b>12:35 – 14:00</b>	<b>SESSION 1</b> <b>Scheduling of Specific Commitments</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Schedules of commitments</li> <li>• Classification</li> <li>• Market Access, National Treatment, and Additional Commitments</li> <li>• Terminology for drafting a Schedule of Specific Commitments</li> <li>• Overview of WTO accessions and patterns of services commitments of Article XII Members</li> <li>• Q&amp;A</li> </ul>	Ruosi Zhang (TSD) / Khusrav Rasulov (AD)
<p><b>Home task before Day 2: Participants are invited to watch the pre-recorded presentation on "Scheduling Mode 4 Commitments" by Antonia Carzaniga (TSD)</b></p>		

<b>DAY 2: WEDNESDAY, 17 MARCH</b>		
<b>SESSION 1 CONT'D: SCHEDULING OF COMMITMENTS</b>		
<b>12:00 – 13:15</b>	<b>Review and Q&amp;A of Day 1 (GATS structure, Scheduling, and Mode 4 commitments)</b>	Ruosi Zhang/Antonia Carzaniga (TSD)
<b>13:15 – 13:30</b>	<b>Break</b>	
<b>13:30 – 15:00</b>	<b>Scheduling exercise "Typical":</b> Participants will work in breakout groups to develop a Schedule of Specific Commitments.	Ester Rubio (TSD)

Home task before Day 4: Participants are invited to watch the pre-recorded presentation on "MFN Exemptions" by Pamela Apaza

**DAY 3: THURSDAY, 18 MARCH**

*ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION*

13:00 – 14:30	<p><b>SESSION 2</b></p> <p><b>Experience sharing round table with former accession negotiators</b></p> <p>Speakers:</p> <p>Mr. Adel Alghaberi, Former Negotiator for WTO accession of Yemen</p> <p>Mr. Axel Addy, Former Chief Negotiator for WTO accession of Liberia</p> <p>Ms. Ekaterina Mayorova, Former Negotiator for WTO accession of the Russian Federation</p> <p>Ms. Zhanar Aitzanova, Former Chief Negotiator for WTO accession of Kazakhstan</p>	Moderator: Ms. Maika Oshikawa (Director, AD)
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**DAY 4: FRIDAY, 19 MARCH**

*DEEPENING SECTORAL KNOWLEDGE*

12:00 – 12:30	<i>Review of the exercise conducted on Day 2</i>	Ester Rubio (TSD)
12:30 – 13:00	Review and Q&A on MFN Exemptions	Pamela Apaza (TSD)
13:00 – 14:00	<p><b>SESSION 3</b></p> <p><b>Scheduling Sectoral Issues: Business and Professional Services</b></p> <p>Q&amp;A</p>	Dale Honeck and Markus Jelitto (TSD)
14:00 – 14:15	<i>Break</i>	
14:15 -15:15	<i>Exercise</i>	

<b>DAY 5: TUESDAY, 23 MARCH</b> <i>DEEPENING SECTORAL KNOWLEDGE</i>		
12:00 – 12:30	<i>Review of exercise conducted on Day 4</i>	Dale Honeck and Markus Jelitto (TSD)
12:30 – 13:30	<b>SESSION 4</b> Scheduling Sectoral Issues: Telecommunication Services Q&A	Lee Tuthill (TSD)
13:30 – 13:45	<b>Break</b>	
13:45 -15:00	<i>Exercise</i>	
<b>Home task before Day 6: Participants are invited to watch the pre-recorded presentation on " Domestic Regulation" by Markus Jelitto</b>		
<b>DAY 6: WEDNESDAY, 24 MARCH</b> <i>DEEPENING SECTORAL KNOWLEDGE</i>		
12:30 – 13:00	<b>SESSION 5</b> Q&A on Domestic Regulation	Markus Jelitto (TSD)
13:00 – 14:00	<b>SESSION 6</b> Scheduling Sectoral Issues: Financial Services Q&A	Marie Isabelle Pellan (TSD)
14:00 – 14:15	<b>Break</b>	
14:15 -15:30	<i>Exercise</i>	
<b>Day 7: THURSDAY, 25 MARCH</b> <i>ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION</i>		
12:30 – 14:00	<b>SESSION 7</b> <b>Experience sharing round table with friends of accession</b> Speakers: Mr. Andres Garcia Bermudez, Services and Digital Trade Unit, DG Trade, European Commission Mr. Thomas Fine, Director for Services and Investment, Office of the U.S. Trade Representative	Moderator: Mr. Dimitar Bratanov (AD)

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>DAY 8: FRIDAY, 26 MARCH</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>DEEPENING SECTORAL KNOWLEDGE</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Q&amp;A AND WRAP-UP SESSION</b></p>		
12:00 – 12:30	<b>Review of exercise conducted on Day 6</b>	Joscelyn Magdeleine (TSD)
12:30 – 13:30	<p><b>SESSION 8</b></p> <p><b>Scheduling Sectoral Issues: Postal and Courier Services</b></p> <p>Q&amp;A</p>	Ruosi Zhang (TSD)
13:30 – 14:30	<p><b>Presentation of the new Accessions Web Portal</b></p> <p><b>Review and summary</b></p> <p><b>Closing remarks</b></p>	WTO Secretariat (AD and TSD)

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