

WTO ADVANCED COURSE ON TRADE IN SERVICES

**19-23 SEPTEMBER 2022
ROOM E**

Programme

Monday 19 September 2022

Registration **8:30 – 9:00**

Opening Session **9:00 – 9:45**

- Welcome Remarks

Welcome coffee **9:45 – 10:30**

Practical information **10:30 – 10:45**

Session 1: Major Trends in World Services Trade

10:45 – 12:15

Joscelyn Magdeleine

- Economic importance of services and services trade
- "Servicification"
- Main players in world services trade
- Trade by sector and mode
- Conditions for trade in services

Session 2: Regional Trade Agreements on Services

14:00 – 17:00

Martin Roy

- GATS provisions on RTAs
- Trends in RTAs: architecture & modalities, market access, rules
- Architecture issues in recent RTAs
- Implications of RTAs and key differences with preferential agreements on goods

Photo opportunity with all participants **17.00**

Tuesday 20 September 2022

Participant-led Review

9:00 - 9:45

Group I

Session 3: Mode 4

9: 45 – 11:15

Swati Sharma & Markus Jelitto

- Coverage of Mode 4
- Mode 4 commitments in the GATS
- Movement of Persons in FTAs – in search of value added

Session 4: State-of-play of discussions on Environmental Services

11:15 – 12:45

Marie Isabelle Pellan & Sanvid Tuljapurkar

- Overview of recent work in the CTS in Special Session and in the Trade and Environmental Sustainability Structured Discussions (TESSD)
- Challenges related to the definition and scope of the sector
- Classification issues
- Linkages to the UN Sustainable Development Goals and Climate Agenda

Session 5: Tackling Regulatory Barriers to Trade in Services – Negotiations on Domestic Regulation

14:30 – 17:00

Markus Jelitto & Elena Bertola

- The GATS and Regulation
 - The relationship between Articles XVI, XVII, XVIII and Article VI
 - Existing regulatory disciplines - Obligations in Article VI:1-3 & 6
- Domestic Regulation Negotiations
 - The mandate in Art VI:4 & provisional application of Article VI:5
 - Negotiations of the Accountancy Disciplines (S/L/64)
 - Negotiations in the Working Party on Domestic Regulation
 - The Joint Initiative on Services Domestic Regulation
 - The Reference Paper on Services Domestic Regulation

Wednesday 21 September 2022

Participant-led Review

9:00 - 9:45

Group II

Session 6: E-Commerce, digital services, and the GATS

9:45 – 12:30

Martin Roy

- Trends in digital connectivity, enabling services (ICT) and enabled services
- E-commerce in the context of the GATS
- WTO workstreams on e-commerce
- Services aspects of e-commerce in RTAs

Session 7: Analysing Trade in Services

14:00 – 17:00

Juan Marchetti & Ishrat Hans

- Services Trade Restrictiveness Indices
- Joint WB-WTO work on services trade regulations
- I-TIP services
- Other analytical tools

Thursday 22 September 2022

Participant-led Review

9:00-9:45

Group III

Session 8: Joint Initiative on Investment Facilitation for Development

9:45 – 12:30

Claudia Locatelli & Pamela Apaza Lanyi

- The link between trade and investment
- Joint Initiative on Investment Facilitation for Development (IFD)
 - Background and objectives of the negotiations on IFD
 - Latest developments in the negotiations (participants, key milestones)
 - The negotiating text ('Easter Text'): structure, scope, main disciplines
 - Special and differential treatment and IF Needs Assessment Guide

Session 9: Measuring Trade in Services

14:00 – 15:30

Joscelyn Magdeleine

- Conceptual framework
- Statistical databases
- Digital trade

Round table discussion: Multilateral and Regional Trade negotiations

15:30 – 17:00

Reception

Friday 23 September 2022

Participant-led Review

09:00-9:45

Group IV

Session 10: Trade in services and COVID-19

9:45 – 12:00

Joscelyn Magdeleine & Martin Roy

- Trade in services and COVID-19
- Health- related services trade to deal with gaps in national health systems
- Role of trade in services in medical goods GVCs

Group Evaluation of the Course

13:30 – 15:00

Closing Ceremony and Distribution of Certificates

15:00 – 16:00
