

**GLOBAL SEMINAR ON WTO ACCESSIONS – PROGRAMME**

*"...safeguarding and strengthening  
the rules-based multilateral trading system..."*

**GENEVA, 23-27 SEPTEMBER 2013.**

**Monday, 23 September 2013.**

**Venue: Room S2**

<b>TIME</b>	<b>SESSION</b>	<b>Resource Person</b>
<b>8:30</b>	<b>Registration – WTO Welcome Pavilion</b>	
<b>9:15</b>	<b>Group Photograph – Atrium</b>	
<b>9:30 – 9:45</b>	<b>Welcome Ceremony – Opening Remarks by DG Azevêdo</b>	
<b>9:45 – 10:45</b>	<b>Session 1 - Introductory:</b> WTO Accessions: Mandate, Policy, Results and Challenges	<b>Mr Chiedu Osakwe</b> Accessions Division
<b>10:45 – 11:15</b>	Coffee break	
<b>11:15 – 13:00</b>	<b>Session 2 - Introductory:</b> Rule-making in the WTO, fine-tuning and evolution through accessions and jurisprudence.	<b>Ms Valerie Hughes</b> Legal Affairs Division
<b>13:00 – 14:30</b>	Lunch break	
<b>14:30 – 15:30</b>	<b>Session 3 - Introductory:</b>	
14:30 – 14:50	<u>3.1 Multilateral Track:</u> From the Memorandum on Foreign Trade Regime to the Draft Working Party Report	<b>Ms Juneyoung Lee</b> Accessions Division
14:50 – 15:10	<u>3.2 Bilateral Track:</u> Market Access Negotiations on Goods and Services	<b>Mr Dayong Yu</b> Accessions Division
15:10 – 15:30	<u>3.3 Draft Accession Package:</u> The Architecture	<b>Ms Petra Beslać and Ms Nadia Ferdi Demierre</b> Accessions Division
<b>15:30 – 15:45</b>	Coffee break	
<b>15:45 – 17:00</b>	<b>Session 4 - Introductory:</b> Accessions Toolbox: Navigating the Process and "getting it done".	<b>Ms Josefita Pardo de León</b> Accessions Division

**Tuesday, 24 September 2013.**  
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<b>TIME</b>	<b>SESSION</b>	<b>Resource Person</b>
<b>9:30 – 10:30</b>	<b>Session 5(a) – Multilateral Track:</b> The Report of the Working Party: Coverage and Selected Issues	
9:30 – 9:50	5.1 Trading Rights	<b>Mr Goran Scepanovic</b> Montenegro
9:50 – 10:10	5.2 Customs Valuation	<b>Mr Buavanh Vilavong</b> Lao PDR
10:10 – 10:30	5.3 Tariff Rate Quotas	<b>Mr Victor Batanin</b> Russian Federation
<b>10:30 - 10:45</b>	Coffee break	
<b>10:45 – 13:00</b>	<b>Session 5(a) – Multilateral Track:</b> The Report of the Working Party: Coverage and Selected Issues	
10:45 – 12:00	5.4 Other Duties and Charges; Fees and Charges; State-trading Enterprises; Quantitative Restrictions; Licensing; and, Technical Barriers to Trade	<b>Ms Cecilia Klein</b> United States of America
12:00 – 12:30	5.5 Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures	<b>Ms Ruta Zarnauskaite</b> European Commission
12:30 – 13:00	Questions and Replies/Discussion	
<b>13:00 - 14:30</b>	Lunch	
<b>14:30 – 16:00</b>	<b>Session 5(b) – Multilateral Track:</b> The Report of the Working Party: Coverage and Selected Issues	
14:30 – 15:00	5.6 Framework for Making and Enforcing Policies and Investment Regime	<b>Ms Cecilia Klein</b> United States of America
15:00 – 15:30	5.7 TRIPS and Public Health	<b>Buavanh Vilavong</b> Lao PDR
15:30 – 16:00	5.8 Services	<b>Mr Goran Scepanovic</b> Montenegro
<b>16:00 - 16:15</b>	Coffee break	
<b>16:15 - 17:30</b>	<b>Session 5(b) – Multilateral Track:</b> The Report of the Working Party: Coverage and Selected Issues	
16:15 – 16:45	5.9 Transparency	<b>Ms Ruta Zarnauskaite</b> European Commission
16:45 – 17:15	5.10 Trade Agreements	<b>Mr Victor Batanin</b> Russian Federation
17:15 – 17:30	Questions and Replies/Discussion	

**Wednesday, 25 September 2013.  
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TIME	SESSION	Resource Person
9:30 – 10:30	<b>Session 6 – Bilateral Track:</b> Market Access Negotiations on Services: From the Initial Offer to the Draft Schedule	<b>Mr Aik Hoe Lim</b> Services Division
10:30 – 10:45	Coffee break	
10:45 – 13:00	<b>Session 7 – Bilateral Track:</b> Experiences in the Services Negotiations  Moderator: <b>Mr Aik Hoe Lim</b> Services Division  (15-minute presentations by each speaker; wrapped-up by questions/comments by participant)	<b>Mr Carlos Gimeno</b> European Commission  <b>Mr Buavanh Vilavong</b> Lao PDR  <b>Mr Goran Scepanovic</b> Montenegro  <b>Ms Cecilia Klein</b> United States of America  <b>Mr Victor Batanin</b> Russian Federation
13:00 – 14:30	Lunch	
14:30 – 15:45	<b>Session 8 – Bilateral Track:</b> Market Access Negotiations on Goods: From the Initial Offer to the Draft Schedule	<b>Mr Jürgen Richtering and Mr Eric Ng Shing</b> Economic Research and Statistics Division
15:45 – 16:00	Coffee break	
16:00 – 17:30	<b>Session 9 – Bilateral Track:</b> Experiences in the Goods Negotiations  Moderator: <b>Jürgen Richtering</b> Economic Research and Statistics Division  (15-minute presentations by each speaker; wrapped-up by questions/comments by participant)	<b>Mr Buavanh Vilavong</b> Lao PDR  <b>Mr Goran Scepanovic</b> Montenegro  <b>Ms Cecilia Klein</b> United States of America  <b>Mr Carlos Gimeno</b> European Commission  <b>Mr Victor Batanin</b> Russian Federation

**Thursday, 26 September 2013.  
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TIME	SESSION	Resource Person
9:30 – 10:30	<b>Session 10 – Agriculture:</b> Substance and preparation of Agriculture Supporting Tables	<b>Ms Alicja Wielgus</b> Institute for Training and Technical Co-operation
10:30 – 10:45	Coffee break	
10:45 – 13:00	<b>Session 11 – Agriculture:</b> Trends in agricultural domestic support and export subsidies Technical Assistance to Acceding Governments (multilateral and bilateral)	<b>Ms Julie-Ann Guivarra</b> Permanent Mission of Australia to the WTO
13:00 – 14:30	Lunch	
15:00 – 18:00	<b>Final Meeting of the Working Party on the Accession of Yemen – Room CRI</b>	

**Friday, 27 September 2013.  
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<b>TIME</b>	<b>SESSION</b>	<b>Resource Person</b>
<b>9:30 - 10:30</b>	<b>Session 12: Coherence for Accession-related Capacity Building and Outreach</b>	
9:30 – 9:45	12.1 WTO Accession-related Training and Technical Cooperation	<b>Mr Maarten Smeets</b> WTO ITTC
9:45 – 10:00	12.2 UNCTAD's Technical Assistance	<b>Ms Mina Mashayekhi</b> UNCTAD
10:00 – 10:15	12.3 Getting Domestic Stakeholders on Board	<b>Mr Rajesh Aggarwal</b> International Trade Centre
10:15 – 10:30	12.4 Supporting the Accession of Liberia: Perspectives from Monrovia and Stockholm	<b>Ms Lina Kamara</b> Swedish Board of Trade
10:30 -10:45	Questions and Replies	
<b>10:45 - 11:45</b>	Coffee break	
<b>11:00 - 13:00</b>	<b>Session 13:</b> Roundtable on the Role of the WP Chairperson "beyond the gavel"  Moderator: <b>Mr Chiedu Osakwe</b> Accessions Division	<b>Amb. Stefan Johannesson</b> Iceland  <b>Amb. Clyde Kull</b> Estonia  <b>Amb. Stefen Smidt</b> Denmark  <b>Amb. Joakim Reiter</b> Sweden
<b>13:00 - 14:00</b>	Lunch	
<b>14:00 - 15:45</b>	<b>Session 14:</b> Roundtable on Experiences of Chief Negotiators and Post-Accession Follow-up  Moderator: <b>Mr Chiedu Osakwe</b> Accessions Division	<b>Ms Khemmani Pholsena</b> Lao PDR  <b>Mr Valeriy Pyatnytsky</b> Ukraine  <b>Mr Saidramohn Nazriev</b> Tajikistan
<b>15:45 - 16:00</b>	Coffee break	
<b>16:00 - 17:00</b>	<b>Closing Ceremony</b>	

## BACKGROUND DOCUMENTATION

This "Global Seminar on WTO Accessions" is linked with the "Second China Round Table on WTO Accessions for Least-developed Countries", scheduled for 15-18 October 2013 in Luang-Prabang, Lao PDR. The background documentation for these activities includes:

- A Handbook on Accession to the WTO;
- Director-General's Annual Reports on Accessions, 2009-2012 (WT/ACC/13, 14, 15 and 19);
- WTO Accession Commitments Database (<http://acdb.wto.org/>);
- The 2002/2012 Guidelines on LDCs' accessions (WT/L/508 and its *Addendum 1*);
- Procedures for Negotiations under Article XII - Note by the Secretariat (WT/ACC/1);
- WTO Accession-related FAQs;
- Pattern and Range of Specific Commitments by Article XII Members;
- Fact Sheet on WTO Accessions: Least-developed countries - Range of Specific Commitments Undertaken by Article XII LDC Members;
- Report of the First China Round Table; and,
- List of Chief Negotiators.

Additionally, specific contributions have been requested from resource persons and session leaders. These contributions shall be circulated to participants at this Global Seminar.

The contributions and presentations from these two inter-linked activities will be compiled for publication in a forthcoming book entitled "The Present and Future of the Rules-Based Multilateral Trading System - Contributions from WTO Accessions".

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