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for the Arab States



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Aid for Trade Initiative for the Arab States (AfTIAS) Program

Aid for Trade Global Review

2nd Phase of AfTIAS Program: How to empower the participation of the Arab Countries through strategic value chains to enhance value-added production, trade flows, poverty alleviation and job creation?

Thursday 4 July 2019

Draft Agenda

**Venue: WTO – Headquarters (Room S3 - in 'E/A')
Geneva, Switzerland**

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Time	Agenda items
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09:00 – 09:05	Welcoming remarks and introduction to the Round Table –ITFC - H.E. Eng. Hani Salem Sonbol, CEO, ITFC
09:05 – 09:10	Opening remarks–WTO
09:10 – 09:15	Trade Minister from the Arab region (TBC)
09:15 – 09:22	Evaluation overview of the AFTIAS I Program: Lessons learned and way forward to AFTIAS 2 - Lassaad Ben Hassine, Manager AFTIAS Program, ITFC
09:22– 09:32	Arab Group to the WTO: The views and expectations of the Arab Missions in Geneva from AFTIAS 2, as a tool to support Arab countries enhancing value-added production, trade flows, poverty alleviation and job creation. - H.E. Mr. Saleh Bin Eid Al Hussaini, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of KSA to the United Nations Office and specialized institutions in Geneva, (on behalf of the Arab Group to the WTO)/ (TBC)
09:32– 09:42	Enhanced Integrated Framework (EIF): Poverty reduction through entrepreneurship and skills development and trade development programmes in the Arab Least Developed Countries. - Ms. Annette Ssemuwemba, Deputy Executive Director, EIF / (Confirmed)
09:42 – 09:52	International Trade Center (ITC) : Market Access capabilities of the private sector in Arab Countries through the development and implementation of pilot programmes for Enterprise upgrading and innovation development. - Ms. Dorothy Tembo, Deputy Executive Director, ITC / (Confirmed)
09:52 – 10:02	- Support national and pan-Arabic institutions dealing with Quality Infrastructure to facilitate compliance with regional and international standards and market access requirements (TBT and SPS) and increase Arab Countries share at the international trade. - Mr. Bernardo Calzadilla, Director, Department of Trade, Investment and Innovation (Confirmed)
10:02 – 10:12	Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation / Germany: Intervention on utilizing Aid for Trade to support trade integration and employment. generation in the Arab region (German priorities). - Ms Daniela Zehemtner- Capell, Head of Division, Trade Policy.
10:12 – 10:52	Interactive Q and A.
10:52 – 11:00	Summary and conclusions – Moderator - Mr Steven Tipman, Executive Director Trade Facilitation Office- Canada (Confirmed).