Officials in Belize apply TS4D tools during national workshop

Upon request of Belize's Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade, the WTO conducted a Workshop on Trade in Services for Development (TS4D) in Belize City from 19 to 22 October 2026. The course brought together 30 participants, comprising government officials and private sector representatives.

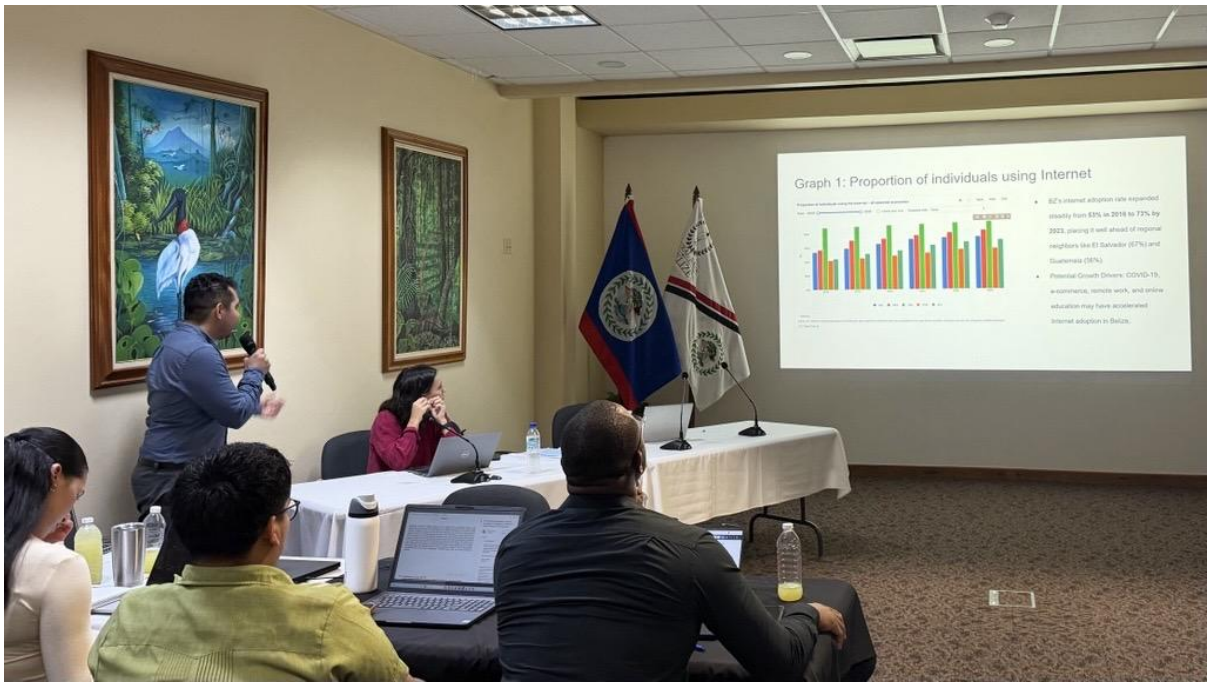
The training aimed to deepen participants' understanding of the GATS and its main obligations, schedules of specific commitments, the WTO disciplines on services domestic regulation, and the various services trade databases and analytical tools under the TS4D umbrella. The TS4D tools presented included the Services Trade Competitiveness Diagnostic Dashboard, the Services Trade Policy Database (STPD) and the Services Trade Restrictions Index (STRI), the publication on Export Promotion Strategies for Services, as well as the Handbook on Good Regulatory Practices (GRPs) to Facilitate Trade in Services.

A key component of the training was the practical application of these tools. Participants used the STPD and the Competitiveness Dashboard to analyse Belize's services trade performance and policy environment and to prepare presentations highlighting Belize's key strengths and weaknesses, opportunities and challenges, as well as its needs and priorities in services trade. Furthermore, participants familiarized themselves with the Diagnostic and Reform Planning Tool under the GRPs Handbook to assess the compatibility of regulatory frameworks with GRPs.

Following up to the WTO Workshop, on 23 October 2026, the World Bank presented the results of the World Bank- WTO Services Trade Restrictiveness Index (STRI) and the World Bank Digital Trade Regulatory Readiness (DTRR) assessment.




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