**APEC Workshop: Strengthening Understanding of the WTO TBT Agreement**

**February 21-22, 2023**

**Palm Springs, California**

**DRAFT AGENDA**

**February 21, 2023**

**8:30 – 8:45 AM Welcome Remarks**

**8:45 – 10:15 AM Meetings of the WTO TBT Committee**

How do economies organize themselves for the week?

Overview of the Committee Meetings: Devin McDaniels, WTO

Additional Government and Private Sector Speakers

**10:15 – 12:45 WTO TBT Notifications**

How do economies monitor and evaluate such notifications? How do they draft and submit comments? How has ePing changed operations?

Government and Private Sector Speakers

**12:45 – 2:00 PM Lunch**

**2:00 – 3:30 PM WTO TBT Agreement Jurisprudence**

Overview of recent dispute settlement decisions and their implications (e.g., Australia Plain Packaging, Russia Railways, European Union Palm Oil, United States Country of Origin labeling dispute settlement cases)

Government and Private Sector Speakers

**3:30 – 5:00 PM** **Regulatory Cooperation: Perspectives of Governments and the Private Sector**

How do economies work together on regulations when they are notoriously difficult to change?

Government and Private Sector Speakers

**February 22, 2023**

**9:00 – 10:30 AM Inclusive Standardization**

Government and Private Sector Speakers

**10:30 12:00 Conformity Assessment: Reaching Agreement on Conformity Assessment Procedures**

Government and Private Sector Speakers

**12:00 – 1:15 PM Lunch**

**1:15 – 2:30 PM Regulatory Impact Assessment**

How do economies analyze the effect of regulations relative to the cost they impose?

Government Speakers

**2:30 – 2:45 PM Break**

**2:45 – 4:00 PM Developing Effective Comments on Technical Regulations**

Government and Private Sector Speakers

**4:00 – 4:30 PM Summary and Conclusions**