**WTO Dispute Settlement Training**

**Minsk, November 2019**

**Draft Program (6 September 2019)**

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| **Time** | **Description** |
| *Day 1* | |
| 09h00 – 09h30 | Introduction to the Workshop and Opening Remarks   * Representative of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Belarus (tbc.) * Representative of the WTO Secretariat * Representative of the Advisory Centre on WTO Law (ACWL) |
| 09h30 – 10h30 | Dispute settlement current state of play:  - General remarks on WTO dispute settlement process  - Ongoing DSU reform  - Situation at the AB: causes and current status  - Possible consequences after December 2019 *(e.g. arbitration under Article 25 of the DSU, non-appeal agreements)*  *Speakers: Daniel Baker, Rodd Izadnia, WTO Secretariat; Cherise Valles, ACWL* |
| 10h30 – 11h00 | Coffee break |
| 11h00 – 13h00 | Overview of WTO dispute settlement process from different perspectives:  - The stages in the panel and appeals process  (*Focus on: initiating a dispute – requirements of Article 6.2 of the DSU, challengeable measures; written submissions and responses to questions, substantive meetings; interim review; differences between panel and Appellate Body processes*)  - Actors in dispute settlement and their different roles and responsibilities  - Dispute settlement from the perspective of Complainant, Respondent and the Third Party  - Evidence and burden of proof  *Speakers: Daniel Baker, Rodd Izadnia, WTO Secretariat, Cherise Valles, ACWL* |
| 13h00 – 14h00 | Lunch |
| 14h00 – 15h30 | Overview of WTO dispute settlement process, continued:  Overview of services provided by the ACWL: legal opinions, training, and support in dispute settlement.  Review of how various countries organise the management of WTO disputes.    *Speakers: Cherise Valles, ACWL* |
| 15h30 – 15h45 | Coffee break |
| 15h45 – 17h45 | Overview of relevant case law:  - Overview of cases involving Ukraine, Russia and other EEU Members *(Russia – Tariff Treatment, Russia – LCVs, Russia – Pigs, Russia – Traffic in Transit; Ukraine – Ammonium Nitrate, Russia – Railway Equipment)*  - Place of customs unions and free trade areas in WTO law and practice  - Cases involving accessions protocols *(e.g. China – Raw Materials, EC – Fasteners (China), China – Publications and Audiovisual Products)*  *-* Disputes on market economy status *(United States — Measures Related to Price Comparison Methodologies(China))*  *Speakers: Daniel Baker, Rodd Izadnia, WTO Secretariat; Cherise Valles, ACWL* |
| *Day 2* | |
| 0900 – 09h30 | Revision quiz on material covered in Day 1  *Speakers: Daniel Baker, Rodd Izadnia, WTO Secretariat, Cherise Valles, ACWL* |
| 09h30 – 11h00 | Presentation on writing for WTO dispute settlement: practical tips for writing consultations and panel requests, notices of appeal, and written submissions  *Speakers: Daniel Baker, Rodd Izadnia, WTO Secretariat, Cherise Valles, ACWL* |
| 11h00 – 11h30 | Coffee break |
| 11h30 – 13h00 | Introduction to panel request drafting exercise and time for participants to draft (in groups of 2-3)  *Speakers: Daniel Baker, Rodd Izadnia, WTO Secretariat, Cherise Valles, ACWL* |
| 13h00 – 14h00 | Lunch |
| 14h00 – 15h45 | Group presentations of panel requests and discussion  *Speakers: Daniel Baker, Rodd Izadnia, WTO Secretariat, Cherise Valles, ACWL* |
| 15h45 – 16h00 | Coffee break |
| 16h00 – 17h40 | Discussion of exercise and general Q&A session  *Speakers: Daniel Baker, Rodd Izadnia, WTO Secretariat, Cherise Valles, ACWL* |