# WTO Agriculture notification Workshop programme

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#### 6-8 October 2025

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| 6 October 2025 | |
| 9:00-9:30 | **Registration of participants** |
| 9:30-10:00 | **Opening ceremony**   * [TBD]Government official from Belize * Javier Ocampo, Economic Affairs Officer, World Trade Organization (WTO) |
| 10:00-10:15 | Coffee break |
| 10:15 -12:15 | **Introduction to the World Trade Organization and the Agreement on Agriculture**   * Introduction to the WTO * Agreement on agriculture * Legal framework * Transparency   Javier Ocampo, WTO |
| 12:15 -13:00 | **Belize's perspective on agriculture**   * Agriculture in Belize * Belize 's experience with the implementation of the Agreement on Agriculture   Belize Government Official |
| 13:00-14:30 | Lunch break |
| 14:30-15:15 | **Introduction to the AG-IMS agriculture notification submission system** |
| 15:15-16:30 | **Market Access – Tariff rate quotas (TRQ)**   * Current rules and commitments * Transparency requirements   Wenjing Wu, Economic Affairs Officer, WTO |

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| 7 October 2025 | |
| 09:00-10:30 | **Market Access – Special agricultural safeguards (SSG)**   * Current rules and commitments * Transparency requirements   Wenjing Wu, WTO |
| 10:30-10:45 | Coffee break |
| 10:45-13:00 | **Domestic Support**   * Current rules and commitments * Classification exercise * Transparency requirements   Javier Ocampo, WTO |
| 13:00-14:30 | Lunch break |
| 14:30-16:30 | **Domestic Support**   * Notification exercise [continuation]   Javier Ocampo, WTO |

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| 8 October 2025 | |
| 09:00-10:30 | **Export Competition**   * Current rules and commitments * Transparency requirements * Export Competition Questionnaire (ECQ)   Javier Ocampo, WTO |
| 10:30-10:45 | Coffee break |
| 10:45-11:45 | **The work of the Committee on Agriculture (CoA)**   * The cycle of a CoA meeting * Transparency compliance * Review process   Wenjing Wu, WTO |
| 11:45-13:00 | **Access to information**   * The Agriculture Information Management System (AG-IMS) * Other useful sources of data   Wenjing Wu, WTO |
| 13:00-14:30 | Lunch break |
| 14:30-15:15 | **Review exercise** |
| 15:15-15:45 | **Belize's National Notification procedure**   * Discussion on the way forward |
| 15:45-16:30 | **Closing, and Certificates** |

### Reference material

* WTO Agreement on Agriculture, *WTO Agreement Series*

*(<https://www.wto.org/english/res_e/booksp_e/agric_agreement_series_3_e.pdf>)*

* Decision on Measures concerning the possible negative effects of the reform programme on least-developed and net food importing developing countries

*(<https://www.wto.org/english/docs_e/legal_e/35-dag_e.htm>)*

* Committee on Agriculture webpage

(*<https://www.wto.org/english/tratop_e/agric_e/ag_work_e.htm>*)

* Members' transparency toolkit

*(*[*https://www.wto.org/english/tratop\_e/agric\_e/transparency\_toolkit\_e.htm*](https://www.wto.org/english/tratop_e/agric_e/transparency_toolkit_e.htm)*)*

* Handbook on notification requirements

*(*[*https://www.wto.org/english/tratop\_e/agric\_e/ag\_notif\_e.pdf*](https://www.wto.org/english/tratop_e/agric_e/ag_notif_e.pdf)*)*

* Agriculture Information management system

*(*[*http://agims.wto.org/*](http://agims.wto.org/)*)*

* Bali Ministerial Decisions on agriculture:
  + General Services - WT/MIN(13)/37
  + Public Stockholding for Food Security Purposes - WT/MIN(13)/38
  + Tariff Rate Quota Administration - WT/MIN(13)/39
  + Export Competition - WT/MIN(13)/40
  + Cotton - WT/MIN(13)/41
* General Council Decision on Public Stockholding for Food Security Purposes – WT/L/939
* Nairobi Ministerial Decisions on agriculture:
  + Special Safeguard Mechanism for developing country Members – WT/MIN(15)/43
  + Public Stockholding for Food Security Purposes - WT/MIN(15)/44
  + Export Competition - WT/MIN(15)/45
  + Cotton - WT/MIN(15)/46
* Geneva/Kazakhstan Ministerial Decisions on agriculture:
  + Ministerial Declaration on the Emergency Response to Food Insecurity - WT/MIN(22)/28
  + Ministerial Decision on World Food Programme (WFP) Food Purchases Exemptions from Export Prohibitions or Restrictions - WT/MIN(22)/29
* Ministerial Declaration on the WTO Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic and Preparedness for Future Pandemics - WT/MIN(22)/31