**Regional Workshop on E-commerce for CEECAC region**

**1-3 November 2023**

**Draft programme**

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| **Wednesday, 1 November** | |
| 9:30 – 10:00 | **Opening session**   * Welcome and introductory remarks |
| 10:00 – 10:30 | **Overview of e-commerce**   * Recent trends and the impact of new technologies on trade   **Speaker:** WTO |
| *10:30 – 11:00* | *Break* |
| 11:00 – 12:30 | **WTO Work Programme on electronic commerce**   * Decisions and Ministerial mandates * The moratorium on customs duties on electronic transmissions * Current discussions   **Speaker:** WTO |
| *12:30 – 14:30* | *Lunch* |
| 14:30 – 16:00 | **WTO Agreements and e-commerce**   * Assessment of the relation between WTO Agreements and e-commerce * Focus on GATS   **Speaker:** WTO |
| **Thursday, 2 November** | |
| 9:00 – 9:30 | **Electronic commerce in regional trade agreements**   * Overview of RTAs with e-commerce provisions - main obligations and types of provisions   **Speaker:** WTO |
| 9:30 – 10:30 | **[National and regional experience sharing**  **Speaker:** experts from the region] |
| *10:30 – 11:00* | *Break* |
| 11:00 – 12:30 | **Joint statement on electronic commerce**   * Overview of objectives and negotiations * Issues under discussion * State of play   **Speaker:** WTO |
| *12:30 – 14:30* | *Lunch* |
| 14:30 – 16:00 | **[Developmental aspects of e-commerce: technical assistance and capacity building**  **Speaker:** UNCTAD] |
| **Friday, 3 November** | |
| 9:00 – 10:00 | **[Opportunities and Challenges for SMEs in Cross-Border E-commerce**  **Speaker:** ITC] |
| 10:00 – 11:00 | **[Session with IMF]** |
| *10:30 – 11:00* | *Break* |
| 11:00 – 12:00 | **Round table** |
| 12:00 – 12:30 | **Closing session** |