**Tentative Programme for Singapore – WTO Workshop on E-Commerce, 21 ‑ 24 October** **2024**

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| **Date/time** | **Session** |
| **Day 1**  |
| 8:30 – 9:00 | REGISTRATION |
| 9:00 – 9:30 | **Opening Ceremony**  |
| **Module 1: E-Commerce in the Multilateral Trading System** *This module will provide a background of E-Commerce discussions at the WTO, including the Work Programme on electronic commerce and moratorium on custom duties for electronic transmissions, as well as explore the role WTO plays as the digital economy continues to transform and evolve.* |
| 9:30 – 10:15  | **Session 1: Overview of E-Commerce, Digital Economy and Digital Trade*** Introduction and context-setting
* Global and regional trends and developments in e-commerce
* Contributing factors that influence the development and growth of e-commerce in goods and services.
* Data Issues, presentation by the WTO on the recently published Handbook on measuring Digital Trade
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| 10:15 – 10:30  | BREAK |
| 10:30 – 13:00  | **Session 2: E-Commerce at the WTO and Role of the Multilateral Trading System*** E-Commerce and GATS
* Other relevant agreements (including the TRIPS, TBT and TFA) and E-commerce
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| 13:00 – 14:30  | OFFICIAL LUNCH |
| 14:30 – 16:30  | **Session 3:**  **WTO work on E-commerce** * Background of E-Commerce discussions at the WTO, including the Work Programme on electronic commerce and moratorium on customs duties for electronic transmissions
* Introduction to the JSI on E-Commerce including salient features and provisions specifically legal aspects (electronic payments, electronic signatures, data privacy and moratorium)
* Update on the latest state of play including next steps for legal integration into the WTO architecture
* Prospects for the Work Programme on E-Commerce, the Joint Statement on E-commerce Initiative (JSI), the customs duties moratorium on electronic transmissions post-MC13
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| 16:30 – 17:30  | **Session 4: Negotiating Rules around Digital Trade and E-Commerce*** Negotiating E-Commerce rules in bilateral and regional configurations (including CPTPP, RCEP, and other ASEAN agreements)
* Digital Economy Agreements (DEAs)
* Synergies between E-Commerce rules in RTAs and DEAs and the JSI.
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| **Day 2** |
| **Module 2: Opportunities and Challenges for Public Policy and the Digital Economy***This module will provide an overview of how governments can support and strengthen the development of e-commerce and the digital economy through trade agreements and developing relevant infrastructure, tools, and policies, based on Singapore’s experience.* |
| 09:00 – 10.00 | **Session 5: Empowering businesses and workers to power the digital economy*** Foundational digital infrastructure – digital identity, authorisation and consent, payments interoperability and data exchange
* Developing and fostering adoption of digital utilities to business transactions, including TradeTrust and recent pilots with the UK and India
* Developing digital trust through online consumer protection, online personal information protection and addressing unsolicited commercial electronic messages
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| 10:00- 11:00 | **Session 6: Creating a digitally-enabled society and government** * Overview of Smart Nation initiative
* Digital government strategy and transformation, including Strategic National Projects such as SingPass and GoBusiness
* National AI Strategy
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| 11:00 – 11:30  | BREAK |
| 11:30 – 12:30  | **Session 7:** **SMEs and the Digital Economy*** Internationalisation and scaling up through digital transformation and cloud technologies
* Critical value of international rules to SMEs, to uphold open digital markets.
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| 12:30 – 14:30 | TRAVEL and LUNCH |
| 14:30 – 18:00 | **Site Visit 1** |
| **Day 3**  |
| 09:00 – 09:30  |  ASSEMBLY AT HOTEL LOBBY/ TRAVEL  |
| 09:30 – 11:00  | **Site Visit 2** |
| 11:00 – 11:30 | TRAVEL |
| 11:30 – 13:00 | **Site Visit 3** |
| 13:00 -- 14:30 | TRAVEL and LUNCH |
| 14:30 – 16:00 | **Site Visit 4** |
| 16:00 – 16:30 | TRAVEL |
| 16:30 – 18:00 | **Site Visit 5** |
| **Day 4**  |
| 09:30– 11:00  | **Session 8: Emerging Opportunities and Challenges for E-Commerce*** Technical assistance and E-commerce/digital Economy
* Open discussion on above issues
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| 11:00 – 11:30 | Break |
| 11:30 – 12:30 | **Session 9: Industry’s Perspective on Digital Economy Policies** * Selected companies will share findings and their views on ongoing digital economy policies and the potential benefits and / or implications these bring.
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| 12:30 – 14:00  | **LUNCH** |
| 14:00 – 16:00 | **Interaction among participants and others regarding E-Commerce, Digital Economy, course and takeaways** |
| 16:00 – 17:00 | **Closing Ceremony**  |