**WTO-China Workshop on Digital Trade for LDCs and Developing Countries**

**7 - 9 December 2024, Gaborone, Botswana**

**DRAFT PROGRAMME**

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| **Date/time** | **Session** |
| **Saturday, 7 December 2024, Digital Trade and Global Challenges**  |
| 08:30-9:00 | Registration |
| 09:00-9:30 | **Opening Ceremony*** Welcome remarks by WTO
* Opening remarks by China
* Opening remarks by Botswana
* Group photo
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| 09:30-10:30 | **Session 1: Overview of Digital Trade*** Introduction and context-setting (WTO)
* Trends and developments in digital trade, and contributing factors that influence the development and growth digital trade in goods and services (UN International Trade Centre (ITC))
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| 10:30-10:45 | **Break** |
| 10:45-13:00 | **Session 2a: New technologies and Digital Trade: blockchain and AI** *Private Sector TBC* **Session 2b: Key issues in Digital Trade and how to address them** *Private Sector TBC** e-authentication
* e-signatures
* e-documents
* cyber security
* privacy/data protection
* data flows
* consumer protection
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| 13:00-14:00 | **lunch Break** |
| 14:00-14:45 | **Session 3:** **Physical infrastructure enabling digital trade** *Private Sector TBC* |
| 14:45-15:30 | **Session 4: ITA and digital Infrastructure** (WTO) |
| 15:30-15:45 | **Break** |
| 15:45-17:00 | **Session 5: Digital trade at the WTO and role of trade rules** * WTO Agreements and digital trade: GATS, TRIPS, TBT and TFA (WTO)
* Ongoing WTO negotiation on new digital trade rules: E-Commerce Moratorium, Joint Statement Initiative on E-Commerce (WTO)
* Digital Economy Partnership Agreement (Singapore (TBC))
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| **Sunday, 8 December 2024, Digital Trade in Africa** |
| 9:00-09:30 | **Session 6: Emerging opportunities and challenges for e-commerce in Africa and WTO-WB Digital Trade for Africa (DTA) project** (WTO) |
| 09:30-10:15 | **Session 7 World Bank Needs Assessment Overview** (World Bank) |
| 10:15-10:30 | **Break** |
| 10:30-12:20 | **Session 7a**: **DTA pilot country needs assessment** (World Bank)* Benin
* Côte d'Ivoire
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| 12:00-14:00 | **lunch Break** |
| 14:00-15:30 | **Session 7b: DTA pilot country needs assessment** (World Bank)* Ghana
* Kenya

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| 15:30-15:45 | **BREAK** |
| 15:45-17:00 | **Session 7c: DTA pilot country needs assessment** (World Bank)* Nigeria
* Rwanda
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| **Monday, 9 December 2024, Synergies of interntional efforts** |
| 09:00-09:30 | **Session 8: Data Issues, measuring Digital Trade** (?) |
| 09:30-10:30 | **Session 9: Interaction among participants and others regarding digital trade, course and takeaways** (all participants) |
| 10:30-10:45 | **Break** |
| 10:45-12:30 | **Session 10: International aid and technical assistance:*** World Bank
* WTO
* USAID
* EU
* China
* Singapore
* Korea
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| 12:30-14:00 | **lunch BreaK** |
| 14:00-15:30 | **Session 11: Needs of African countries*** All participating countries
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| 15:30-16:00 | **Break and participants to complete the feedback/evaluation form** |
| 16:00-17:00 | Closing Session Closing remarks by WTO, China and Botswana |