**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 |
| 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)) |
| 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 |
| 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 |
| 12:00-14:00 | **lunch Break** |
| 14:00-15:30 | **Session 7b: DTA pilot country needs assessment** (World Bank)   * Ghana * Kenya |
| 15:30-15:45 | **BREAK** |
| 15:45-17:00 | **Session 7c: DTA pilot country needs assessment** (World Bank)   * Nigeria * Rwanda |
| **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 |
| 12:30-14:00 | **lunch BreaK** |
| 14:00-15:30 | **Session 11: Needs of African countries**   * All participating countries |
| 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 |