

**FIRST (1ST) REGIONAL MEETING ON THE AFCFTA DISPUTE SETTLEMENT MECHANISM**

Virtual. 23 – 24 March 2022

**Draft Agenda**

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|  | Opening SessionElection of Bureau and Consideration of Agenda |
| **Item 1** | Presentation of WTO - Dispute Settlement Body (DSB) |
| **Item 2** | Presentation and Consideration of Trade and Trade-Related Dispute Settlement Landscape in the Region* ECOWAS Courts of Justice
* ECOWAS Commission
* Selected Country presentations (??)
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| **Item 3** | Presentation and Consideration of the Update on AfCFTA Dispute Settlement Mechanism |
|  | Consideration and Adoption of Report Closing Session  |



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**Draft Work Programme**

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| **Day 1: GMT**  |  |
| **08:30 – 09:00**  | **Platform opened for connection** |
| **09:00 - 09:20** | **Opening Session** * ECOWAS
* Ghana
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| **09:20 – 09:30** | **Election of Bureau and Consideration of Agenda** |
| **09:30 – 13:00** | **Item 1: Presentation of WTO - Dispute Settlement Body (DSB)***Presentation by WTO followed by Discussions*  |
| ***13:00 – 14:00*** | *Break*  |
| **14:00 – 15:30** | **Item 2: Presentation and Consideration of Trade and Trade-Related Dispute Settlement Landscape in the Region***Presentation by ECOWAS followed by Discussions*  |
| **15:30 – 17:00** | **Item 3: Presentation and Consideration of the Update on AfCFTA Dispute Settlement Mechanism***Presentation by AfCFTA/ECOWAS followed by Discussions*  |
| **Day 2: GMT**  |  |
| **09:00 – 13:00** | **Item 3: Presentation and Consideration of the Update on AfCFTA Dispute Settlement Mechanism *(cont’)*** |
| ***13:00 – 14:00*** | *Break*  |
| **14:00 – 14:30**  | **Consideration and Adoption of Report**  |
| **14:30 – 15:00** | **Closing**  |