**WTO WORKSHOP ON SUSTAINABLE TRADE**

**SINGAPORE, 23-25 NOVEMBER 2022**

**DRAFT PROGRAMME**

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| **Date/time** | **Session** |
| **Wednesday, 23 November 2022** |
| 8:30-9:00 | Registration |
| 9:00-9:25 | Opening CeremonyOpening remarks* Ministry of Trade and Industry (MTI), Singapore (5 min)
* WTO Trade and Environment Division (TED) (5 min)

Video presentation of Singapore Cooperation Programme (SCP)Group photo-taking session  |
| Module 1Connecting the dots: The role of trade in facilitating environmental work, economic growth and resilience |
| 9:25-10:45 | **Session 1****Unpacking the relationship between trade and sustainability** |
| 10:45-11:00 | **Break** |
| 11:00-12:30 | Session 2 Trade and Environment in the WTO – Role in the multilateral trading system* **Background**: 2001 Doha Ministerial Declaration, the Committee on Trade and Environment (CTE) and CTE’s Work Programme (paras 32, 33 and 51 (including items of focus)). Regular work in the CTE.
* **Background**: Negotiating Mandate from the Doha Ministerial Declaration and the Committee on Trade and Environment Special Session (CTESS) (para 31 on multilateral environmental agreements and environmental goods and services)
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| 12:30-14:00 | **Lunch** |
| Module 2Environmental Policies and Trade: Avoiding green protectionism, ensuring coherence and effectiveness |
| 14:00-15:30 | Session 3Main relevant WTO rules to modern trade-related environmental policies* + Transparency of Environment-Related Trade Measures (Item 4 of the CTE Work Programme)
	+ WTO Environmental Database
	+ Most relevant WTO Agreements:
	+ General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT)
	+ Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT)
	+ Agreement on Subsidies and Countervailing Measures (ASCM)
	+ Agreement on Agriculture (AOA)
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| 15:30-15:45 | **Break** |
| 15:45-17:00 | **Session 4****Exercise: Trade rules in practice – WTO jurisprudence*** + Interactive session with participants covering environment-related disputes in GATT/WTO
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| **Thursday, 24 November 2022** |
| Module 3Opportunities to use trade to promote sustainability |
| 9:00-10:45 | Session 5Environmental Goods and Services: Market Access* Negotiations and related issues in the WTO (para 31(iii) in the Doha Ministerial Declaration)
	+ Multilateral negotiations under the CTESS (since 2002)
	+ Plurilateral negotiations under the Environmental Goods Agreement (EGA) (2014 -2016)
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| 10:45-11:00 | **Break** |
| 11:00-12:30 | **Other Fora*** APEC
	+ Broad overview of Thailand’s APEC 2022 theme and deliverables/priorities including BCG economy
	+ Progress on updating 2012 APEC List of Environmental Goods to HS2022 and developing recommendations for potentially producing a voluntary non-binding reference list
	+ Progress on trade in environmental and environmentally related services.
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| 12:30-14:00 | **Lunch** |
| 14:00-15:30 | Session 6MC12 results and new environmental initiatives* Fisheries Subsidies Agreement, first part
* Outcome document and other relevant decisions
* Fossil Fuel Subsidy Reform (FFSR)
* Informal Dialogue on Plastics and Environmentally Sustainable Plastics Trade (IDP)
* Trade and Environmental Sustainability Structured Discussions (TESSD)

Share experience and perspectives regarding their participation in the new initiatives (Singapore and participants) |
| 15:30-15:45 | **Break** |
| 15:45-17:00 | Session 7Domestic trade and environment coordination: experience sharing, gaps and opportunities for improvement* Participants to share their domestic coordinating mechanisms
* Develop a short plan for improvement
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| **Friday, 25 November 2022** |
| 9:00-10:30 | Session 8The challenge of climate change: how to make trade a key part of the solution* WTO-UNFCCC/Paris interface
* The challenge of different metrics and carbon footprint granularity: What Yardstick?
* Other items such as Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM)

Note: The course will proceed to the case study on energy efficiency and standards, if there’s time before break. |
| 10:30-10:45 | **Break** |
| 10:45-12:30 | Case Study: Energy Efficiency and Standards* Technical regulations, standards and labelling requirements adopted to mitigate climate change – Raising awareness of the importance of regulatory cooperation between Members

 * Sharing information on best practices related to technical regulations and standards, based on available scientific and technical information, and conformity assessment procedures that support the attainment of environmental goals and contribute to addressing climate change, thereby contributing to achieving the goals and principles of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and its Paris Agreement, while adhering to the disciplines of the TBT Agreement (Ninth Triennial Review of the Operation and Implementation of the Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade under Article 15.4)
* Global Reporting Initiative (GRI) Standards for Energy
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| 12:30-14:00 | **Lunch** |
| Module 4 Trade and environment in other fora |
| 14:00-15:30 | Session 9MEAs and RTAs* Multilateral environmental agreements (MEAs), items 1 and 5 of the CTE work programme (UNFCCC, CITES, Montreal Protocol, the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions)
	+ Issues relating to compatibility between the trade provisions contained in MEAs and WTO rules
	+ Issues relating to the disputes settlement mechanisms of the multilateral trading system and those under the MEAs
* ASEAN – Framework for Circular Economy for the ASEAN Economic Community
* Background, objectives, three strategic goals, six guiding principles and five strategic priorities
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| 15:30-15:45 | **Break** |
| 15:45-16:30 | * Trade and Environment in Singapore’s Bilateral and Regional Economic Agreements
	+ Environmental chapters/provisions in Singapore’s FTAs/EPAs
	+ Green Economy Agreement (GEA)
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| 16:30-17:00 | Wrap-Up Session Participants to complete the two feedback/evaluation forms:* WTO evaluation from
* SCP course feedback form

Closing remarks* Ministry of Trade and Industry (MTI), Singapore
* WTO TED

Group Photo-taking session and conclusion of course |