**WTO Regional Workshop on Trade and Environment for Arab and Middle East Countries**

**25 to 27 June 2024, Kuwait City, Kuwait**

**WTO in cooperation with the International Monetary Fund Centre for Economics and Finance (IMF-CEF)**

**XXX [workshop conference room location]**

**DRAFT PROGRAMME**

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| **Objectives:**  | 1. To improve participants' knowledge of the intersection between trade and environment, relevant WTO tools and committees and of current related issues being discussed at the WTO.
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|  | 1. To improve participants' knowledge of the WTO rules concerning trade-related measures adopted for environmental purposes.
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| **Date/time** | **Session** |
| **Tuesday, 25 June 2024** |
| 8:30-9:00 | Registration |
| 9:00-9:30 | Opening CeremonyOpening remarks and description of the programmeTour de table and scoping exercise |
| Module 1Connecting the dots: The role of trade in facilitating environmental work, economic growth and resilience |
| 9:30-10:30 | **Session 1****Unpacking the relationship between trade and sustainability**(booklet exercise) |
| 10:30-10:45 | **Break** |
| 10:45-12:00 | Session 2 Trade and Environment in the WTO – Institutional Role of 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.
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| 12:00-12:15 | **[noon prayer]** |
| Module 2Environmental Policies and Trade: Avoiding green protectionism, ensuring coherence and effectiveness |
| 12:15-13:15 | Session 3 Main relevant WTO rules to modern trade-related environmental policies* + 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)
	+ Fisheries subsidies agreement
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| 13:15-14:00 | **lunch Break** |
| 14:00-15:30 | **Session 4****Exercise: Trade rules in practice – WTO jurisprudence*** + Interactive session with participants covering environment-related disputes in GATT/WTO
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| **Wednesday, 26 June 2024** |
| Module 3Opportunities to use trade to promote sustainability |
| 9:00-10:30 | 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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| 10:30-10:45 | **Break** |
| 10:45-12:00 | **Session 6*** + Transparency of Environment-Related Trade Measures (Item 4 of the CTE Work Programme)
	+ WTO Environmental Database simulation
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| 12:00-12:15 | **[noon prayer]** |
| 12:15-13:15 | Session 7MC13 results and new environmental initiativesShare experience and perspectives regarding their participation in the new initiatives  |
| 13:15-14:00 | **lunch Break** |
| 14:00-15:30 |  **Session 8**Simulation on how to react to a new trade-related environmental measure |
| **Thursday, 27 June 2024** |
| Module 4 Trade and environment in other fora |
| 9:00-10:30 | 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
* Evolution of environmental provisions in RTAs
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| 10:30-10:45 | **Break** |
| 10:45-12:00 | Session 10The 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)
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| 12:00-12:15 | **[noon prayer]** |
| 12:15-13:15 | Session 11Case Study: [specific MEA? UNEP invited?] |
| 13:15-14:00 | **lunch Break** |
| 14:00-15:15 | Session 12Domestic 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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| 15:15-15:30 | Wrap-Up Session Participants to complete the feedback/evaluation formClosing remarksGroup Photo-taking session and conclusion of course |