**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. |
|  | 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 Ceremony  Opening remarks and description of the programme  Tour de table and scoping exercise |
| Module 1  Connecting 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. |
| 12:00-12:15 | **[noon prayer]** |
| Module 2  Environmental 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 |
| 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 3  Opportunities to use trade to promote sustainability | | | |
| 9:00-10:30 | | Session 5  Environmental 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) | |
| 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 | |
| 12:00-12:15 | | **[noon prayer]** | |
| 12:15-13:15 | | Session 7  MC13 results and new environmental initiatives  Share 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 9  MEAs 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 | |
| 10:30-10:45 | **Break** | |
| 10:45-12:00 | Session 10  The 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) | |
| 12:00-12:15 | **[noon prayer]** | |
| 12:15-13:15 | Session 11  Case Study: [specific MEA? UNEP invited?] | |
| 13:15-14:00 | **lunch Break** | |
| 14:00-15:15 | Session 12  Domestic trade and environment coordination: experience sharing, gaps and opportunities for improvement   * Participants to share their domestic coordinating mechanisms * Develop a short plan for improvement | |
| 15:15-15:30 | Wrap-Up Session  Participants to complete the feedback/evaluation form  Closing remarks  Group Photo-taking session and conclusion of course | |