**accession of ethiopia**

Technical working sessions on the elements of the draft working party report and other accession documentation in preparation for the 5th working party meeting

*13-17 may 2024, addis ababa*

Draft programme

| **Local time** | **Theme** | **Responsible ministry**  **[Please indicate]** |
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| **Monday, 13 May 2024** | | |
| 10.00 – 11.00 | **Meeting with Mr Gebremeskel Chala, Minister of Trade and Regional Economy, Chief Negotiator on WTO Accession** |  |
| 11.00 – 13.00 | **Presentation and discussion on the latest accession state of play**  **- Overview of LDC Accession *Acquis*** |  |
| ***13.00 – 14.00*** | ***Lunch*** |  |
| 15.00 – 18.00 | **Technical Working Session on the Elements of the Draft Working Party Report:**  ECONOMIC POLICIES  - Monetary and fiscal policy  - Foreign exchange and payments  - Investment regime  - State ownership and privatisation  - Pricing policy  - Competition policy  FRAMEWORK FOR MAKING AND ENFORCING POLICIES |  |
| **Tuesday, 14 May 2024** | | |
| 9.00 – 13.00 | **Technical Working Session on the Elements of the Draft Working Party Report:**  POLICIES AFFECTING TRADE IN GOODS  - Trading rights  - Trade facilitation  IMPORT REGULATIONS  - Ordinary customs duties  - Other duties and charges  - Tariff quotas, tariff exemptions  - Fees and charges for services rendered  - Quantitative import restrictions, including prohibitions, quotas and licensing systems  - Import licensing procedures |  |
| ***13.00 – 14.00*** | ***Lunch*** |  |
| 14.00 – 18.00 | **Technical Working Session on the Elements of the Draft Working Party Report:**  IMPORT REGULATIONS  - Customs valuation  - Rules of origin  - Pre-Shipment inspection  - Other customs formalities  - Application of internal taxes on imports  - Anti-dumping, countervailing duties, safeguard regimes  EXPORT REGULATION  - Customs tariffs, fees and charges for services rendered, application of internal taxes to exports  - Quantitative export restrictions, including prohibitions, quotas and licensing systems  - Export subsidies |  |
| **Wednesday, 15 May 2024** | | |
| 9.00 – 13.00 | **Technical Working Session on the Elements of the Draft Working Party Report:**  INTERNAL POLICIES AFFECTING FOREIGN TRADE IN GOODS  - Industrial policy, including subsidies  - Technical barriers to trade, standards and certification  - Sanitary and phytosanitary measures  - Trade-related investment measures  - Free zones, special economic zones  - Government procurement  - Transit  - Agricultural policies |  |
| ***13.00 – 14.00*** | ***Lunch*** |  |
| 14.00 – 18.00 | **Technical Working Session on the Elements of the Draft Working Party Report:**  TRADE-RELATED INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY REGIME  GENERAL  - Application of national and most favoured nation treatment to foreign nationals  - Fees and taxes  SUBSTANTIVE STANDARDS OF PROTECTION  - Copyright and related rights  - Trademarks, including service marks  - Geographical Indications, including appellations of origin  - Industrial designs  - Patents  - Plant variety protection  - Layout designs of integrated circuits  - Requirements on undisclosed information, including trade secrets and test data  MEASURES TO CONTROL ABUSE OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS  ENFORCEMENT  - Civil judicial procedures and remedies  - Administrative procedures and remedies  - Provisional measures  - Special border measures  - Criminal procedures  POLICIES AFFECTING TRADE IN SERVICES  TRANSPARENCY  - Publication of information on trade  - Notifications  TRADE AGREEMENTS |  |
| **Thursday, 16 May 2024** | | |
| 9.00 – 13.00 | **Technical Working Sessions to be organised on any remaining sections of the Elements of the Draft Working Party Report** |  |
| ***13.00 – 14.00*** | ***Lunch*** |  |
| 14.00 – 16.00 | **Technical Working Session on the Legislative Action Plan and other documents (if not yet finalised)** |  |
| 16.00 – 18.00 | **Wrap-up session and Next steps** |  |
| **Friday, 17 May 2024** | | |
| 9.00 – 13.00 | Secretariat's bilateral meetings with partners |  |
| ***13.00 – 14.00*** | ***Lunch*** |  |
| 14.00-18.00 | Secretariat's bilateral meetings with partners |  |

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