**accession of ethiopia**

*2-6 June 2025, addis ababa*

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| Technical working sessions on the elements of the draft working report and other accession documentation in preparation for the 6th working party meeting  EVOLVING DRAFT PROGRAMME[[1]](#footnote-1) |  |

Resource persons:

- Maika Oshikawa, Director, Accessions Division: **4-6 June 2025**;

- Anna Varyanik, Legal Affairs Officer, Accessions Division: **2-6 June 2025**;

- Angela Minyi Hou, Legal and Economic Affairs Officer, Accessions Division: **2-6 June 2025**.

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| Local time | Theme | Source / Participants |
| Monday, 2 June 2025 | | |
| 9.00 – 13.00 | **Technical Working Session on the Elements of the Draft Working Party Report:**  ECONOMIC POLICIES  - Monetary and fiscal policy  - Foreign exchange and payments  - Investment regime | Trainers: Ms Anna Varyanik / Ms Angela Minyi Hou, AD, WTO Secretariat  Technical Committee of Ethiopia on WTO Accession |
| *13.00 – 14.00* | ***Lunch*** |  |
| 15.00 – 18.00 | **Technical Working Session on the Elements of the Draft Working Party Report:**  ECONOMIC POLICIES  - State ownership and privatization  - Pricing policy  - Competition policy  FRAMEWORK FOR MAKING AND ENFORCING POLICIES | Trainers: Ms Anna Varyanik / Ms Angela Minyi Hou, AD, WTO Secretariat  Technical Committee of Ethiopia on WTO Accession |
| Tuesday, 3 June 2025 | | |
| 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 | Trainers: Ms Anna Varyanik / Ms Angela Minyi Hou, AD, WTO Secretariat  Technical Committee of Ethiopia on WTO Accession |
| *13.00 – 14.00* | ***Lunch*** |  |
| 14.00 – 18.00 | **Technical Working Session on the Elements of the Draft Working Party Report:**  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 | Trainers: Ms Anna Varyanik / Ms Angela Minyi Hou, AD, WTO Secretariat  Technical Committee of Ethiopia on WTO Accession |
| Wednesday, 4 June 2025 | | |
| 9.00 – 13.00 | **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 | Trainers: Ms Anna Varyanik / Ms Angela Minyi Hou, AD, WTO Secretariat  Technical Committee of Ethiopia on WTO Accession |
| *13.00 – 14.00* | ***Lunch*** |  |
| 14.00 – 18.00 | **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 *(incl. review of the revised AGSTs)* | Trainers: Ms Anna Varyanik / Ms Angela Minyi Hou, AD, WTO Secretariat  Technical Committee of Ethiopia on WTO Accession |
| Thursday, 5 June 2025 | | |
| 9.00 – 13.00 | **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 | Trainers: Ms Anna Varyanik / Ms Angela Minyi Hou, AD, WTO Secretariat  Technical Committee of Ethiopia on WTO Accession |
| *13.00 – 14.00* | ***Lunch*** |  |
| 14.00 – 18.00 | **Technical Working Session on the Elements of the Draft Working Party Report:**  POLICIES AFFECTING TRADE IN SERVICES  **Technical Working Session on the Elements of the Draft Working Party Report:**  TRANSPARENCY  - Publication of information on trade  - Notifications  TRADE AGREEMENTS | Trainers: Ms Anna Varyanik / Ms Angela Minyi Hou, AD, WTO Secretariat  Technical Committee of Ethiopia on WTO Accession |
| Friday, 6 June 2025 | | |
| 9.00 – 13.00 | **[Official meeting of the Steering Committee on the Accession of Ethiopia and presentation on the Elements of the Draft Working Party Report:**  ***- Draft commitments for inclusion in the EDWPR ]*** | **Presentation**: Ms Maika Oshikawa / Ms Anna Varyanik, AD, WTO Secretariat  Steering Committee of Ethiopia on WTO Accession  Technical Committee of Ethiopia on WTO Accession |
| *13.00 – 14.00* | ***Lunch*** |  |
| 14.00 – 17.00 | Review of the revised Legislative Action Plan and additional submission of legislation | Trainers: Ms Anna Varyanik / Ms Angela Minyi Hou, AD, WTO Secretariat  Technical Committee of Ethiopia on WTO Accession |
| 17.00 – 18.00 | Wrap-up session and Next steps |  |

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1. The draft programme lists technical sessions and official meetings necessary for the finalisation of the revised documents for the 6th Working Party cycle (official circulation envisaged for Tuesday, 10 June). It is yet to include high-level meetings for the Director. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)