**accession of ethiopia**

workshop on the preparation for the 6th working party meeting

*15-17 September 2025, addis ababa*

*DRAFT programme*

| **Local time** | **Theme** | **Resource person(s)** |
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| **Monday, 15 September 2025** | | |
| 8:30-9:00 | Registration |  |
| 9:00-9:20 | Opening remarks | Hon. Minister Dr. Kassahun Gofe (MOTRI);  Anna Varyanik (Accessions Division, WTO) |
| 9:20-10:00 | Presentation on the state of play in WTO Accession | Technical Committee on WTO Accession |
| 10:00-10:45 | **Presentation:** Preparation for the 6th WP meeting | Anna Varyanik (WTO) |
| ***10:45-11:15*** | ***Coffee break*** |  |
| 11:15-13:00 | **Preparation for the 6th WP meeting:**   * ECONOMIC POLICIES * Monetary and fiscal policy * Foreign exchange and payments * Investment regime * State ownership and privatization * Pricing policy * Competition policy * FRAMEWORK FOR MAKING AND ENFORCING POLICIES | Technical Committee on WTO Accession; Anna Varyanik (WTO) |
| ***13:00-14:00*** | ***Lunch*** |  |
| 14:00-15:45 | **Preparation for the 6th WP meeting:**   * 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 | Technical Committee on WTO Accession; Anna Varyanik (WTO) |
| ***15:45-16:15*** | ***Coffee break*** |  |
| 16:15-18:00 | **Preparation for the 6th WP meeting:**   * IMPORT REGULATIONS   + Customs valuation   + Rules of origin; PSI; other customs formalities   + Application of internal taxes on imports   + Anti-dumping, countervailing duties, safeguard regimes | Technical Committee on WTO Accession; Anna Varyanik (WTO) |
| **Tuesday, 16 September 2025** | | |
| 9:00 – 10:45 | **Preparation for the 6th WP meeting:**   * EXPORT REGULATIONS * 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 * INTERNAL POLICIES AFFECTING TRADE IN GOODS   + Industrial policy, including subsidies;   + TRIMs;   + Free zones, special economic zones;   + Government procurement;   + Transit | Technical Committee on WTO Accession; Anna Varyanik (WTO) |
| ***10:45-11:15*** | ***Coffee break*** |  |
| 11:15–13:00 | **Preparation for the 6th WP meeting:**   * INTERNAL POLICIES AFFECTING FOREIGN TRADE IN GOODS * Technical barriers to trade, standards and certification * Sanitary and phytosanitary measures * Agricultural policies | Technical Committee on WTO Accession; Anna Varyanik (WTO) |
| ***13:00–14:00*** | ***Lunch*** |  |
| 14:00-15:45 | **Preparation for the 6th WP meeting:**   * TRADE-RELATED INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY REGIME * Application of national and most favoured nation treatment to foreign nationals; Fees and taxes * 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 | Technical Committee on WTO Accession; Anna Varyanik (WTO) |
| ***15:45-16:15*** | ***Coffee break*** |  |
| 16:15-18:00 | **Preparation for the 6th WP meeting:**   * POLICIES AFFECTING TRADE IN SERVICES * TRANSPARENCY * Publication of information on trade; Notifications * TRADE AGREEMENTS | Technical Committee on WTO Accession; Anna Varyanik (WTO) |
| **Wednesday, 17 September 2025** | | |
| 9:00-10:45 | **Simulation of the 6th Working Party meeting – mock session:**   * ECONOMIC POLICIES * FRAMEWORK FOR MAKING AND ENFORCING POLICIES | Steering Committee on WTO Accession; Technical Committee on WTO Accession; Anna Varyanik (WTO) |
| ***10:45-11:15*** | ***Coffee break*** |  |
| 11:15-13:00 | **Simulation of the 6th Working Party meeting – mock session:**   * POLICIES AFFECTING TRADE IN GOODS * Trading rights * Trade facilitation * IMPORT REGULATIONS | Steering Committee on WTO Accession; Technical Committee on WTO Accession; Anna Varyanik (WTO) |
| ***13:00-14:00*** | ***Lunch*** |  |
| 14:00-15:45 | **Simulation of the 6th Working Party meeting – mock session:**   * EXPORT REGULATIONS * INTERNAL POLICIES AFFECTING TRADE IN GOODS | Steering Committee on WTO Accession; Technical Committee on WTO Accession; Anna Varyanik (WTO) |
| ***15:45-16:15*** | ***Coffee break*** |  |
| 16:15-17:30 | **Simulation of the 6th Working Party meeting – mock session:**   * TRADE-RELATED INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY REGIME * POLICIES AFFECTING TRADE IN SERVICES * TRANSPARENCY * TRADE AGREEMENTS | Steering Committee on WTO Accession; Technical Committee on WTO Accession; Anna Varyanik (WTO) |
| 17:30-18:00 | **Wrap up session and Next steps** | Steering Committee on WTO Accession; Technical Committee on WTO Accession; Anna Varyanik (WTO) |

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