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TECHNICAL WORKING SESSIONS ON THE PREPARATION OF THE DRAFT WORKING PARTY REPORT AND OTHER ACCESSION DOCUMENTATION FOR THE 7TH WORKING PARTY MEETING

1-12 DECEMBER 2025, ADDIS ABABA

DRAFT PROGRAMME

Resource persons:

- Ms Maika Oshikawa, Director, Accessions Division (8-12 December);
- Ms Anna Varyanik, Legal Affairs Officer, Accessions Division (1-10 December).

Local time	Theme	Resource person(s)
Monday, 1 December 2025		
9:00-9:20	Opening remarks	Technical Committee on WTO Accession; 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 7 th WP meeting	Anna Varyanik (WTO)
10:45-11:15	Coffee break	
11:15-13:00	Technical Working Session on the finalisation of the Q&R and preparation of the draft WP Report: • ECONOMIC POLICIES - Monetary and fiscal policy - Foreign exchange and payments	Technical Committee on WTO Accession; Anna Varyanik (WTO)
13:00-14:00	Lunch	
14:00-15:45	Technical Working Session on the finalisation of the Q&R and preparation of the draft WP Report: • ECONOMIC POLICIES - Investment regime	Technical Committee on WTO Accession; Anna Varyanik (WTO)
15:45-16:15	Coffee break	
16:15-18:00	Technical Working Session on the finalisation of the Q&R and preparation of the draft WP Report: • ECONOMIC POLICIES - State ownership and privatization - Pricing policy - Competition policy	Technical Committee on WTO Accession; Anna Varyanik (WTO)
Tuesday, 2 December 2025		
9:00 – 10:45	Technical Working Session on the finalisation of the Q&R and preparation of the draft WP Report: • FRAMEWORK FOR MAKING AND ENFORCING POLICIES	Technical Committee on WTO Accession; Anna Varyanik (WTO)
10:45-11:15	Coffee break	
11:15-13:00	Technical Working Session on the finalisation of the Q&R and preparation of the draft WP Report: • FRAMEWORK FOR MAKING AND ENFORCING POLICIES	Technical Committee on WTO Accession; Anna Varyanik (WTO)
13:00-14:00	Lunch	
14:00-15:45	Technical Working Session on the finalisation of the Q&R and preparation of the draft WP Report: • POLICIES AFFECTING TRADE IN GOODS - Trading rights	Technical Committee on WTO Accession; Anna Varyanik (WTO)
15:45-16:15	Coffee break	
16:15-18:00	Technical Working Session on the finalisation of the Q&R and preparation of the draft WP Report: • POLICIES AFFECTING TRADE IN GOODS - Trade facilitation	Technical Committee on WTO Accession; Anna Varyanik (WTO)

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Wednesday, 3 December 2025		
9:00 – 10:45	Technical Working Session on the finalisation of the Q&R and preparation of the draft WP Report: - IMPORT REGULATIONS - Ordinary customs duties	Technical Committee on WTO Accession; Anna Varyanik (WTO)
10:45-11:15	Coffee break	
11:15-13:00	Technical Working Session on the finalisation of the Q&R and preparation of the draft WP Report: - IMPORT REGULATIONS - Other duties and charges	Technical Committee on WTO Accession; Anna Varyanik (WTO)
13:00-14:00	Lunch	
14:00-15:45	Technical Working Session on the finalisation of the Q&R and preparation of the draft WP Report: - IMPORT REGULATIONS - Tariff quotas, tariff exemptions - Fees and charges for services rendered	Technical Committee on WTO Accession; Anna Varyanik (WTO)
15:45-16:15	Coffee break	
16:15-18:00	Technical Working Session on the finalisation of the Q&R and preparation of the draft WP Report: - IMPORT REGULATIONS - Quantitative import restrictions, including prohibitions, quotas and licensing systems	Technical Committee on WTO Accession; Anna Varyanik (WTO)
Thursday, 4 December 2025		
9:00 – 10:45	Technical Working Session on the finalisation of the Q&R and preparation of the draft WP Report: - IMPORT REGULATIONS - Customs valuation	Technical Committee on WTO Accession; Anna Varyanik (WTO); MAD – online (TBC)
10:45-11:15	Coffee break	
11:15-13:00	Technical Working Session on the finalisation of the Q&R and preparation of the draft WP Report: - IMPORT REGULATIONS - Rules of origin - Pre-shipment Inspection - Other customs formalities	Technical Committee on WTO Accession; Anna Varyanik (WTO)
13:00-14:00	Lunch	
14:00-15:45	Technical Working Session on the finalisation of the Q&R and preparation of the draft WP Report: - IMPORT REGULATIONS - Application of internal taxes on imports	Technical Committee on WTO Accession; Anna Varyanik (WTO)
15:45-16:15	Coffee break	
16:15-18:00	Technical Working Session on the finalisation of the Q&R and preparation of the draft WP Report: - IMPORT REGULATIONS - Anti-dumping, countervailing duties, safeguard regimes	Technical Committee on WTO Accession; Anna Varyanik (WTO)
Friday, 5 December 2025		
9:00 – 10:45	Technical Working Session on the finalisation of the Q&R and preparation of the draft WP Report: - EXPORT REGULATIONS - Customs tariffs, fees and charges for services rendered, application of internal taxes to exports	Technical Committee on WTO Accession; Anna Varyanik (WTO)
10:45-11:15	Coffee break	
11:15-13:00	Technical Working Session on the finalisation of the Q&R and preparation of the draft WP Report: - EXPORT REGULATIONS - Quantitative export restrictions, including prohibitions, quotas and licensing systems - Export subsidies	Technical Committee on WTO Accession; Anna Varyanik (WTO)
13:00-14:00	Lunch	
14:00-15:45	Technical Working Session on the finalisation of the Q&R and preparation of the draft WP Report: - INTERNAL POLICIES AFFECTING TRADE IN GOODS - Industrial policy, including subsidies - Fisheries subsidies - TRIMs	Technical Committee on WTO Accession; Anna Varyanik (WTO); Rules Division – online (TBC)
15:45-16:15	Coffee break	
16:15-18:00	Technical Working Session on the finalisation of the Q&R and preparation of the draft WP Report: Free zones, special economic zones	Technical Committee on WTO Accession; Anna Varyanik (WTO)

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	- Government procurement - Transit	
Saturday, 6 December 2025		
9:00 – 10:45	Technical Working Session on the finalisation of the Q&R and preparation of the draft WP Report: - INTERNAL POLICIES AFFECTING FOREIGN TRADE IN GOODS - Technical barriers to trade, standards and certification	Technical Committee on WTO Accession; Anna Varyanik (WTO)
10:45-11:15	Coffee break	
11:15-13:00	Technical Working Session on the finalisation of the Q&R and preparation of the draft WP Report: - INTERNAL POLICIES AFFECTING FOREIGN TRADE IN GOODS - Sanitary and phytosanitary measures	Technical Committee on WTO Accession; Anna Varyanik (WTO)
13:00-14:00	Lunch	
14:00-15:45	Technical Working Session on the finalisation of the Q&R and preparation of the draft WP Report: - 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	Technical Committee on WTO Accession; Anna Varyanik (WTO)
15:45-16:15	Coffee break	
16:15-18:00	Technical Working Session on the finalisation of the Q&R and preparation of the draft WP Report: - TRADE-RELATED INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY REGIME - GIs, 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)
Sunday, 7 December 2025		
9:00 – 10:45	Technical Working Session on the finalisation of the Q&R and preparation of the draft WP Report: - TRANSPARENCY - Publication of information on trade - Notifications	Technical Committee on WTO Accession; Anna Varyanik (WTO)
10:45-11:15	Coffee break	
11:15-13:00	Technical Working Session on the finalisation of the Q&R and preparation of the draft WP Report: TRADE AGREEMENTS	Technical Committee on WTO Accession; Anna Varyanik (WTO)
13:00-14:00	Lunch	
14:00-18:00	Bilateral meetings as requested	
Monday, 8 December 2025		
10:00 – 11:00	Meeting with H.E. Dr Kassahun Gofe Balami, Minister of Trade and Regional Integration & Chief Negotiator on WTO Accession - TBC	Maika Oshikawa; Anna Varyanik (WTO)
11:00-13:00	Technical working session on the finalisation of the revised AGSTs and preparation of the draft WP Report: - INTERNAL POLICIES AFFECTING FOREIGN TRADE IN GOODS - Agricultural policies	Technical Committee on WTO Accession; Anna Varyanik (WTO), <i>Diwakar Dixit – online (TBC)</i>
13:00-14:00	Lunch	
14:00-18:00	Technical Working Session on the finalisation of the Q&R and preparation of the draft WP Report: POLICIES AFFECTING TRADE IN SERVICES Review of the state of play in the bilateral market access negotiations (goods & services)	Technical Committee on WTO Accession; Maika Oshikawa, Anna Varyanik (WTO), <i>WB - TBC</i>
Tuesday, 9 December 2025		
9:00 – 13:00	Review of the revised Legislative Action Plan (LAP) and the state of play in the ongoing legislative work	Technical Committee on WTO Accession; Maika Oshikawa, Anna Varyanik (WTO)
13:00-14:00	Lunch	
14:00-18:00	Meeting with the National Steering Committee on WTO Accession - TBC Presentation on Accession state of play and next steps	Steering Committee on WTO Accession; Technical Committee on WTO Accession; Maika

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	Presentation on outstanding issues	Oshikawa, Anna Varyanik (WTO); <i>Rebecca Fisher-Lamb (UK) – online (TBC)</i>
Wednesday, 10 December 2025		
9:00-13:00	Bilateral meetings with the Government, as requested	Maika Oshikawa; Anna Varyanik (WTO)
13:00-14:00	Lunch	
14:00-16:00	Bilateral meetings with the Government, as requested	Maika Oshikawa; Anna Varyanik (WTO)
16:30-18:00	Wrap up session with the Technical Committee and Next steps	Technical Committee on WTO Accession; Maika Oshikawa, Anna Varyanik (WTO)
Thursday, 11 December 2025		
9:00-12:00	Forum "Strengthening Ethiopia's Trade Future through WTO Membership" – <i>programme TBC</i>	Maika Oshikawa (WTO)
12:00-14:00	Lunch	
14:00-17:00	Forum "Strengthening Ethiopia's Trade Future through WTO Membership" – <i>programme TBC</i>	Maika Oshikawa (WTO)
Friday, 12 December 2025		
9:00-13:00	Bilateral meetings with the Government, as requested	Maika Oshikawa (WTO)
13:00-14:00	Lunch	
14:00-16:00	Bilateral meeting with the World Bank - TBC	Maika Oshikawa (WTO)
16:30-17:30	Bilateral meeting with the UK Representative - TBC	Maika Oshikawa (WTO)