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TECHNICAL WORKING SESSIONS ON THE PREPARATION OF THE NEGOTIATING INPUTS FOR THE 8TH WORKING PARTY MEETING

20-31 JULY 2026, ADDIS ABABA

PROGRAMME

Local time	Theme	Resource person(s)
Monday, 20 July 2026		
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 8 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, 21 July 2026		
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)
Wednesday, 22 July 2026		
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)

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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); MAD – online (TBC)
Thursday, 23 July 2026		
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, 24 July 2026		
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)
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 - Government procurement - Transit	Technical Committee on WTO Accession; Anna Varyanik (WTO)

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Saturday, 25 July 2026		
9:00 – 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 - Technical barriers to trade, standards and certification - Sanitary and phytosanitary measures	Technical Committee on WTO Accession; Anna Varyanik (WTO)
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: - 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 - GIs, including appellations of origin - Industrial designs - Patents	Technical Committee on WTO Accession; Anna Varyanik (WTO)
Sunday, 26 July 2026		
09:00–13:00	Technical Working Session on the finalisation of the Q&R and preparation of the draft WP Report: - TRADE-RELATED INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY REGIME - Plant variety protection - Layout designs of integrated circuits - Requirements on undisclosed information - MEASURES TO CONTROL ABUSE OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS	Technical Committee on WTO Accession; Anna Varyanik (WTO)
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: - TRADE-RELATED INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY REGIME - ENFORCEMENT - Civil and administrative procedures and remedies - Provisional measures - Special border measures - Criminal procedures - TRANSITIONAL ARRANGEMENTS	Technical Committee on WTO Accession; Anna Varyanik (WTO)
Monday, 27 July 2026		
9:00–13:00	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)
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: TRADE AGREEMENTS	Technical Committee on WTO Accession; Anna Varyanik (WTO)
Tuesday, 28 July 2026		
9:00 – 13:00	Technical working session on the finalisation of the revised AGSTs	Technical Committee on WTO Accession; Anna Varyanik (WTO), Diwakar Dixit – online (TBC)
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: - INTERNAL POLICIES AFFECTING FOREIGN TRADE IN GOODS - Agricultural policies	Technical Committee on WTO Accession; Anna Varyanik (WTO)
Wednesday, 29 July 2026		
9:00–13:00	Technical Working Session on the finalisation of the Q&R and preparation of the draft WP Report: POLICIES AFFECTING TRADE IN SERVICES	Technical Committee on WTO Accession; Anna Varyanik (WTO)
13:00–14:00	Lunch	
14:00–18:00	Review of the state of play in the bilateral market access negotiations (goods & services)	Technical Committee on WTO Accession; Anna Varyanik (WTO)
Thursday, 30 July 2026		
9:00–13:00	Review of the revised Legislative Action Plan (LAP) and the	Technical Committee on WTO

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	state of play in the ongoing legislative work	Accession; Anna Varyanik (WTO)
13:00-14:00	Lunch	
14:00-18:00	<i>Bilateral meetings, as requested</i>	
Friday, 31 July 2026		
9:00-13:00	Finalisation of documents and circulation	Technical Committee on WTO Accession; Anna Varyanik (WTO)
13:00-14:00	Lunch	
14:00-16:00	Wrap up session and Next steps	Technical Committee on WTO Accession; Anna Varyanik (WTO)