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**WTO Technical Workshop on Fisheries Subsidies for the Arab Region**

**MUSCAT,** T**he Sultanate of Oman , 21-23 February 2023**

**Draft Agenda**

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| **Workshop for Arab Trade and Fisheries Officials** | |
| **Tuesday, 21 February 2023** | |
| 9h 00 - 09h 30 | Welcome and Introductions   * *Keynote speech* |
| 09h 30 - 11h 00 | * Global state of fisheries resources and state of fisheries subsidies * International fisheries governance – overview of relevant legal instruments |
| 11h 00 - 11h 15 | Coffee Break |
| 11h 15 - 12h 30 | * WTO basics (structure and processes, basic principles) * Other subsidies rules in the WTO (Agreement on Subsidies and Countervailing Measures, Agriculture subsidies) * *Arab Perspective: regional mandates on fisheries* |
| 12h 30 - 13h 30 | Lunch |
| 13h 30 - 14h 45 | * History of the WTO Fisheries Subsidies Agreement * Brief overview of the MC12 decision on Fisheries Subsidies * Open discussion |
| 14h 45 - 15h00 | Wrap up |
| **Wednesday, 22 February 2023** | |
| 09h 00 - 11h 00 | The disciplines – Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing, Overfished Stocks and Other Subsidies   * WTO Presentation * Open discussion |
| 11h 00 - 11h 15 | Coffee Break |
| 11h 15- 12h 30 | Cross-cutting issues – Notification and Transparency and Institutional Arrangements   * WTO Presentation   - Open discussion |
| 12h 30 - 13h 30 | Lunch |
| 13h 30 - 14h 45 | Cross-Cutting issues – Dispute settlement, Final Provisions, TACB (including the Fish Fund)   * WTO Presentation * Regional Perspective and Group Exercise on TACB needs |
| 14h 45 - 15h 00 | Wrap up |
| **Thursday, 23 February 2023** | |
| 9h 00-11h 00 | Fisheries policies, including subsidies and support policies in participating countries - presentations and discussion by participants   * Fisheries policies, including subsidies and support policies in participating Members - presentations and discussion by participants |
| 11h 00-11h 15 | Coffee break |
| 11h 15 - 12h 15 | Fisheries policies, including subsidies and support policies in participating countries - presentations and discussion by participants (*Continued…)* |
| 12h 15 - 13h 15 | Lunch |
| 13h 15 - 14h 15 | What next – Ratification, Implementation   * WTO presentation * Presentation from Members on domestic acceptance process |
| 14h 15 - 14h 45 | Second Wave Negotiations |
| 14h 45- 15h 00 | Wrap up and Evaluation |