REGIONAL MEETING FOR ARAB MEDIA ON THE WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION

BEIRUT, 23-24 OCTOBER 2019

DRAFT PROGRAMME

WEDNESDAY 23 OCTOBER

08.30-09.00 REGISTRATION/ WELCOMING PARTICIPANTS

09.00-10.00 OPENING SESSION/ WELCOMING REMARKS

10.00-11.15 SESSION I: INTERNATIONAL TRADE TENSIONS AND THE ECONOMIC OULOOK FOR THE ARAB REGION

11.15-11.30 COFFEE/ TEA BREAK

11.30-12.45 SESSION II: HOW DOES THE WTO FUNCTION AND MAKE DECISIONS?

12.45-14.00 LUNCH

14.00-15.15 SESSION III: HOW DOES THE WTO HANDLES TRADE CONFLICTS? THE DISPUTE SETTLEMENT MECHANISM OF THE WTO

15.15-15.30 COFFEE/ TEA BREAK

15.30-16.45 SESSION IV: THE PROCESS OF ACCESSION TO THE WTO

THURSSDAY 24 OCTOBER

09.00-10.15 SESSION V: WTO MAIN AGREEMENTS-1-: AGRICULTURE, INDUSTRY AND SERVICES

10.15-11.30 SESSION VI: WTO MAIN AGREEMENTS -2-: THE TRIPS AGREEMENT

11.30-11.45 COFFEE/ TEA BREAK

11.45-13.00 SESSION VII: WTO MAIN AGREEMENTS -3-: TRADE FACILITATION AGREEMENT: STREAMLINING INTERNATIONAL TRADE FLOWS

13.00-14.00 LUNCH

14.00-15.00 SESSION VIII: REFORMING THE WTO: WHAT DOES IT MEAN? WOULD IT HAPPEN?

15.00-15.15 COFFEE/ TEA BREAK

15.15-16.15 SESSION IX: WHAT TO EXPECT FROM THE WTO 12TH MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE IN KAZAKHSTAN IN JUNE 2020?

16.15-16.45 SESSION X: TOOLS AND SOURCES OF INFORMATION ON WTO FOR ARAB MEDIAS

16.45-17.15 CLOSING SESSION/ FEED BACK AND WAY FORWARD