**WTO – ASEAN TRADE POLICY DIALOGUE**

*"WTO Reform: Perspectives from ASEAN Countries"*

Bangkok 14 -15 March 2019

**Anantara Riverside Bangkok Resort**

TENTATIVE AGENDA

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| **TIME** | **SESSION** |
|  | **Thursday 14 March 2019** |
| **08:00-08:30** | **Arrival of participants and registration** |
| **08:30-09:00** | **Opening Ceremony**  Opening Remarks:   * Representative of the WTO * Representative of Thailand in the name of ASEAN |
| **09:00-09:15** | **Photo session** |
| **09:15-10:45** | **Session 1: Recent proposals on WTO Reform**  Since MC11, both in the WTO and in other forums, discussions have been initiated on WTO reforms. Some Members have tabled proposals in this regard; concept notes have also been circulated. These submissions touch on three broad areas: (i) monitoring and transparency functions of WTO; (ii) rulemaking and negotiations; and (iii) dispute settlement system. In the absence of the proponents (Canada, EU, Honduras, etc.) who could have presented their respective submissions; this session will provide a factual summary of these submissions and to have an interactive discussion with the participants.  **Moderator**:  **Panelists:**   * WTO Representative * Delegate from an ASEAN country |
| **10:45-11:00** | **Coffee break** |
| **11:00-13:00** | **Session 2: Developmental Perspectives on WTO Reform**  Views are being expressed by a wide range of Members, including given the far-reaching implications of some of the elements being proposed under WTO Reform. A strong call has also been made to make these efforts pro- developmental, especially to preserve and further strengthen the development dimension of the multilateral trading system. This session will provide an opportunity to the participants to hear the perspectives of some Members and experts on WTO Reform.  **Moderator**:  **Panelists:**   * … * … * … |
| **13:00-14:0** | **Lunch break** |

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| **14:00-16:30** | **Session 3: Dispute Settlement System**  WTO is currently facing an unprecedented institutional challenge, especially about its dispute settlement functioning and the Appellate Body in particular. This session will provide an opportunity to the participants to examine the functioning of the DSB and the elements being suggested to strengthen it.  **Moderator:**  **Panelists:**   * ... * … |
|  | **Friday 15 March 2019** |
| **09:00-10:15** | **Session 4: Rulemaking and Negotiations**  For some years, many Members have been highlighting the need for updating existing rule book of the WTO. WTO's negotiating function has also come under severe scrutiny as Members have failed to advance Doha Round as well as to adopt agreed Ministerial Declarations. This session will discuss different elements of the proposals being made in this area, and identify issues of interest for ASEAN.  **Moderator:**  **Panelist:**   * … * … |
| **10:15-10:30** | **Coffee Break** |
| **10:30-12:00** | **Session 5: Monitoring and Transparency Functions of WTO**  Enhancing Transparency has been considered as one of the key functions of the WTO. Transparency has a systemic importance, as it allows the monitoring of Members’ trade measures and practices, and of their impact on the multilateral trading system. This session will seek to assess the relevant elements being proposed by Members in this area, including in the context of strengthening the notification capacity of Members.  **Moderator: …**  **Panelists:**   * .. * .. |
| **12:00-12:30** | **Evaluation and Closing Ceremony**  Closing Remarks:   * Representative of the WTO * Representative of Thailand in the name of ASEAN |
|  | **End of the Workshop** |