Experience sharing on TBT technical assistance and Committee engagement

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**Tuesday, 5 November**

**Information session: Experience sharing on TBT transparency and coordination mechanisms**

This information session will give Members and invited experts an opportunity to share experiences on the role and importance of domestic coordination in engaging effectively in TBT transparency mechanisms and Committee work.

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| Time | Session | Speakers |
| 13:15 | **Setting the scene** | WTO Secretariat |
| 13:30 | **Domestic coordination – Kenya's experience** | Lucy Ikonya, Kenya Bureau of Standards |
| 13:50 | **Domestic coordination – Namibia's experience** | Lahya Hambinga, Namibian Standards Institution |
| 14:10 | **ePing's role in domestic coordination** | WTO Secretariat, Kenya, Namibia |
| 14:30 | **Q&A and group discussion** |  |
| 14.50 | **Wrap up** | WTO Secretariat |

**Thursday, 6 November**

**Technical assistance: Overview and experience sharing during TBT Committee agenda item on technical assistance** (detailed agenda forthcoming in WT/AIR/TBT/32)

This session will provide an opportunity for the Secretariat to provide an overview of the WTO technical assistance programme, with a special emphasis on the TBT Agreement. It will also provide an opportunity for Members who have been active in both receiving and delivering TBT technical assistance to share their experiences. The session will also provide an opportunity to address the Ministerial Conference Declaration on S&D under the SPS and TBT Agreements (WT/MIN(24)/36), in particular with respect to technical assistance.

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| 15.00 | **Technical assistance overview**  Presentation by ITTC on WTO technical assistance programmes  Presentation by TBT team on TBT technical assistance activities | WTO Secretariat |
| 15.45 | **Experience sharing by Members**  Intervention by Kenya  Intervention by Namibia  **…** | Lucy Ikonya, Kenya  Lahya Hambinga, Namibia |
| 16.30 | **Q&A and Wrap up** |  |

**Friday, 7 November**

**Celebrating 30 years of the TBT Agreement**

This session will provide an opportunity for delegates, invited experts and other stakeholders to share their experiences and views on the impact of the TBT Agreement /TBT Committee and also remark on expectations for its future. The invited experts will bring the developing country perspective.

The full programme can be accessed here: <https://www.wto.org/english/tratop_e/tbt_e/tbt_0811202410_e/tbt_0811202410_e.htm>

Throughout the week, the invited experts will also have an opportunity to network with other experts and delegates and participate in the TBT Committee deliberations, starting on Monday 4 November at 3.00 pm and continuing through Friday, 8 November (further details on the TBT Committee week will be available in the annotated draft agenda to be circulated in document WT/AIR/32 on 21 October).

