

**WTO Technical Barriers to Trade National Workshop**

DRAFT PROGRAMME FOR DISCUSSION – as at 27Jan23 / Erik

[Venue: to be decided]

*New Delhi, India*

13-15 March 2023

This workshop aims to enhance the capacity of Indian government officials to implement the WTO TBT Agreement effectively. It will be preceded by an outreach event designed for the private sector. It is expected to strengthen India's engagement in TBT Committee work. The following is a draft programme is to be discussed with officials in New Delhi and the Indian Mission (the current Chair of the TBT Committee is from India).

**Monday, 13 March 2023**

*Private Sector Event (morning only)*

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| Time | Session | Speakers |
| 09:00 | **Opening of Private Sector Event** | Officials from India  WTO Staff |
| 10:00 | **Introduction and overview**  Introduction the WTO and the why standards and regulations matter in today's multilateral trading system. | WTO Staff |
| 10:45 | **Coffee** |  |
| 11:00 | **What are the challenges faced by the Indian private sector?**  Question-and-answer session driven by issues raised by the Indian private sector. In the course of the discussion, the WTO will provide information on tools that have been adapted for the private sector (ePing). | Discussion (WTO staff, private sector and government officials) |
| 12:30 | **Lunch** |  |

*National Workshop (Opening in p.m.)*

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| Time | Session | Speakers |
| 14:00 | **Opening of National Workshop** | Officials from India  WTO Staff |
| 14:30 | **Introduction and overview**  Introduction to the background and context of the TBT Agreement – key terminology and concepts. | WTO Staff |
| 15:30 | **Coffee** |  |
| 16:00 | **Key Principles**  Discussion of the key principles of the TBT Agreement | WTO Staff |
| 17:00 | **Wrap-up of first day** | Discussion |
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**Tuesday, 14 March 2023**

*National Workshop (cont'd)*

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| Time | Session | Speakers |
| 09:00 | **Technical Regulations and GRP**  What are *technical regulations* – and what how are the elements Good Regulatory Practices applied? | WTO Staff |
| 10:00 | **How are regulations set in India**  Discussion on the "making" of regulations in India. | Officials from India and WTO staff |
| 10:45 | **Coffee** |  |
| 11:00 | **Key Principles**  Discussion of the key principles of the TBT Agreement | WTO Staff |
| 12:30 | **Lunch** |  |
| 13:30 | **Standards**  The role of standards in regulation. What are the disciplines in the TBT Agreement? What are the good practices? What is the role in international standards? | WTO Staff |
| 15:00 | **Coffee** |  |
| 15:15 | **How are standards set in India**  Discussion on the "making" of standards in India. | Officials from India and WTO staff |
| 16:30 | **Wrap up of second day** | Discussion |
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**Wednesday, 15 March 2023**

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| Time | Session | Speakers |
| 09:00 | Quick summary of previous day (regulation and standards) | WTO Staff |
| 09:10 | **Using the TBT Committee**  How does the TBT Committee function, what is its mandate, and what is the best way to engage in its work? | WTO Staff  TBT Chairperson (Anwar H Shaik) |
| 10:45 | **Coffee** |  |
| 11:00 | **Transparency**  The key principles of transparency and how to use the existing IT tools (notifications, Enquiry Point, ePing, etc) | WTO Staff |
| 12:30 | **Lunch** |  |
| 13:30 | **Current issues before the Committee**  What are the key current issues being discussed in the TBT Committee? (thematic sessions, conformity assessment guidelines, transparency recommendations, etc) | WTO Staff  TBT Chairperson (Anwar H Shaik) |
| 15:00 | **Coffee** |  |
| 15:15 | **Final discussion**  The floor will be open for discussion | WTO Staff |
| 16:30 | **Closing** | WTO Staff  Officials from India |
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