

MISSION TO BAGHDAD, IRAQ - MAIKA OSHIKAWA AND MENA HASSAN

WORKING PARTY CHAIRPERSON'S VISIT AND TA ACTIVITIES

DRAFT PROGRAMME

15-18 January 2024

Mission Objectives:

- Iraqi Senior officials and the National Committee on WTO Accessions will have a better understanding of the accession process;
- Iraqi officials will be able to submit key documents required for the 3rd Working Party meeting:
 - update the Memorandum of Foreign Trade Regime; prepare the initial goods and services offers; update Legislative Action Plan and other technical documents.

Time	Meetings	Venue
	Monday, 15 January 2024	
10:00	High-level meetings with: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Prime Minister of the Republic of Iraq• Parliament – Head of the Committee on Investment, Trade, and Industry of the Republic of Iraq	TBD
13:00	Lunch break	
15:00	Technical working sessions on WTO Accessions with the National Committee on WTO Accession: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• WTO accession process: The state of play of the accession negotiations in Republic of Iraq	TBD
	Tuesday, 16 January 2024	
10:00	High-level meetings with: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Minister of Trade of the Republic of Iraq• National Committee on WTO Accessions of the Republic of Iraq• National Council – Legislature of the Republic of Iraq	TBD
13:00	Lunch break	
15:00	Technical working sessions on WTO Accessions with the National Committee on WTO Accession: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• review of the Memorandum of the Foreign Trade Regime (MFTR)	TBD
	Wednesday, 17 January 2024	
10:00	Meetings with: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Customs Authority of the Republic of Iraq• Central Organization for Standardization of the Republic of Iraq• Federation of Iraqi Chambers of Commerce and Private sector	TBD
13:00	Lunch break	

Time	Meetings	Venue
15:00	Technical working sessions on WTO Accession Issues with the National Committee on WTO Accession (Continued): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of Initial Goods and Services Offers 	TBD
Thursday, 18 January 2024		
10:00	Meetings with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EU Representative/Mission in Iraq • US Representative/Mission in Iraq • World Bank office 	TBD
13:00	Lunch break	
15:00	Technical working sessions on WTO Accession Issues with the National Committee on WTO Accession (Continued): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of the Legislative Action Plan (LAP) and the legislative state of play; and other technical documents 	TBD
