**WTO virtual Seminar for jamaica ON Trade in Services**

**23-24 juLY 2025**

**zoom platform**

**REVISED DRAFT PROGRAMME for virtual training**

**NOTE**: In light of the WTO budgetary constraints affecting the WTO Technical Assistance function, the below programme for an activity on trade in services for Jamaica has been adjusted for online delivery. Upon request of Jamaica, the focus will be on the basics of trade in services, including the WTO General Agreement on Trade in Services (GATS), its key obligations and Schedules of specific commitments. Time will also be allocated to an analysis of Jamaica's services commitments at the WTO. The WTO Trade in Services and Investment Divisions stands ready to complement this virtual workshop with an in-person activity in Kingston as soon as this will be possible.

**Tuesday, 23 July 2025**

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| 9h00 – 9h15 | **Opening Session**   * Welcome and opening remarks by Jamaica * General introduction and objectives of the workshop by WTO Secretariat * Participants' introductions |
| 09h15 – 10h15 | **The role of services and services trade in fostering economic development**  This session introduces participants to the concept of services and trade in services. It will explore how services are traded, and the reasons underlying the General Agreement on Trade in Services (GATS). The discussion will examine the pivotal role of essential infrastructural services (such as financial, telecommunications, digital, transport, and logistics services) in supporting modern economies, export diversification, and integration into global value chains.  This session will also introduce the new **WTO-World Bank initiative on Trade in Services for Development (TS4D)**,including objectives, and initial work program of assistance for developing countries. |
| 10h15 – 11h30 | **Key features and obligations of the GATS, and schedules of specific commitments** |

**Wednesday, 24 July 2025**

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| 9h00 – 10h00 | **Key features and obligations of the GATS, and schedules of specific commitments (continued)** |
| 10h00 – 11h15 | **Focus on Jamaica's schedule of specific commitments & exercise** |
| 11h15-11h30 | **Closing Session** |

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