**WTO National Seminar ON Trade in Services, Services Domestic Regulation, and services trade policy analytical tools**

**Jamaica**

**REVISED DRAFT**

**NOTE**: The program is structured over three days to cover the role of services and services trade for development, the WTO General Agreement on Trade in Services (GATS), its key obligations and Schedules of specific commitments, Services Domestic Regulation, and available services trade policy analytical tools (I-TIP Services). Time is also allocated to representatives from Jamaica to demonstrate services portals that have been developed locally. This is followed by discussions, as well as practical exercises and case studies where applicable.

**Tuesday, 17 June 2025**

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| 8h30 – 9h00 | **Registration** |
| 9h00 – 9h30 | **Opening Session**   * Welcome and opening remarks by Jamaica * General introduction and objectives of the workshop by WTO Secretariat * Participants' introductions |
| 09h30 – 10h30 | **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. |
| 10h30 – 10h45 | *Coffee Break* |
| 10h45 – 12h30 | **Key features and obligations of the GATS, and schedules of specific commitments** |
| 12h30 – 14h00 | *Lunch Break* |
| 14h00 – 16h00 | **Key features and obligations of the GATS, and schedules of specific commitments (Cont'd)** |

**Wednesday, 18 June 2025**

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| 9h00 – 9h45 | **Overview of notification requirements under GATS** |
| 9h45 – 10h45 | **Introduction to the World Bank-WTO Integrated Trade Information Portal (I-TIP Services), the Services Trade Policy Database (STPD), and the Services Trade Restrictions Index (STRI)**  **Focus on Jamaica's Schedule of Specific Commitments**  <https://itip-services-worldbank.wto.org> |
| 10h45 – 11h00 | *Coffee Break* |
| 11h00 – 11h30 | **I-TIP Services (Cont'd)** |
| 11h30 – 12h30 | **Presentation by Jamaica – Overview of locally developed services portals** |
| 12h30 – 14h00 | *Lunch Break* |
| 14h00 – 16h00 | **Exercise on the use of I-TIP Services** |

**Thursday, 19 June 2025**

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| 9h00 – 10h30 | **Market access and regulatory commitments - Two complementary tools to facilitate trade in services**   * The WTO Disciplines on Services Domestic Regulation |
| 10h30 – 10h45 | *Coffee Break* |
| 10h45 – 12h30 | **Market access and regulatory commitments - Two complementary tools to facilitate trade in services**   * Round table on Jamaica's experience on regulatory frameworks in services sectors |
| 12h30 – 14h00 | *Lunch Break* |
| 14h00 – 16h00 | **Market access and regulatory commitments - Two complementary tools to facilitate trade in services**   * Exercise |
| 16h00-16h30 | **Closing Session** |

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