**National Workshop on**

**WTO & Electronic Commerce**

**Astana, Kazakhstan**

**12-13 March 2019**

**Draft PROGRAMME**

**Tuesday 12 March**

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| 9:00 – 9:30 | **Opening Session**   * Welcome remarks * Introductory remarks | Government Representative  WTO |
| 9:30 – 10:45 | **Recent trends in global electronic commerce**   * Who are the players * Market trends and commercial models * Technological advances | Ms. Lee Tuthill |
| *10:45 – 11:00* | *Coffee Break* |  |
| 11:00 – 12:30 | **The WTO Work Programme on electronic commerce**  (WTO)   * Decisions and ministerial mandates * The moratorium on customs duties * Work underway since the 11th Ministerial Conference | Ms. Zainab Mchumo |
| *12:30 – 14:00* | *Lunch Break* |  |
| 14:00 – 15:00 | **Elements of electronic commerce infrastructure**   * Telecommunications & ICT, GATS & ITA * Financial, logistics and distribution services | Ms. Lee Tuthill |
| 15:00 – 16.00 | **National strategies for electronic commerce**   * National policies and initiatives * National projects and plans * Domestic legal framework | Government representative |
| 16:00 – 17:00 | **Electronic commerce in practice**   * Experiences of the private sector * Opportunities and challenges | Private sector representative (s) |

**Wednesday 13 March**

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| 9:00 – 10:30 | **WTO Agreements and their relevance to electronic commerce**   * GATT * GATS * TRIPS, TFA, etc. | Ms. Lee  Tuthill |
| 10:15 – 11:15 | **Discussions and proposals in the WTO**   * Overview of current discussions * Next steps | Ms. Zainab Mchumo |
| *11:15 – 11:30* | *Coffee break* |  |
| 11:30 - 12:45 | **Discussions and proposals in the WTO** *(continued)*   * *Interactive exercise by participants: Analysis of various topics and proposals*   *in group format* | Ms Zainab Mchumo  Participants |
| *12:45 – 14:00* | *Lunch break* |  |
| 14:00 – 15:30 | **Electronic commerce in regional trade agreements**   * Main obligations and disciplines * Regional focus * National participation in RTAs | Ms. Lee Tuthill  Government representative |
| 15:30 – 16:00 | **Workshop evaluation**   * *Participants complete the workshop evaluation forms* | Ms Lee Tuthill  Ms Zainab Mchumo |
| 16:00 – 16:30 | **Closing session**   * Closing remarks | Government representative  WTO |

WTO Resource Persons:

Ms. Lee Tuthill, Counsellor, Trade in Services and Investment Division

Ms. Zainab Mchumo, Counsellor, Council and Trade Negotiations Committee Division

Background Material:

* Work Programme on E-Commerce
* Background document on E-Commerce
* Buenos Aires Ministerial outcome documents
* Recent submissions

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