

**WTO Technical Barriers to Trade National Workshop**

DRAFT PROGRAMME FOR DISCUSSION – as at 11Jan23 / Erik

[Venue: to be decided]

*Phnom Penh, Cambodia*

30-31 January 2023

This workshop aims to enhance the capacity of Cambodian government officials to implement the WTO TBT Agreement effectively. It is expected to strengthen the understanding of the Agreement, engagement in the TBT Committee in Geneva, and the capacity to implement it. The following is a draft programme to be discussed with officials in Phnom Penh.

**Monday, 30 January 2023**

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| Time | Session | Speakers |
| 09:00 | **Opening and welcome** | Officials from Cambodia  WTO Staff |
| 10:00 | **Introduction and overview**  Introduction to the background and context of the TBT Agreement – key terminology and concepts. | 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 | **Technical Regulations and GRP**  What are *technical regulations* – and what how are the elements Good Regulatory Practices applied? | WTO Staff |
| 15:00 | **Coffee** |  |
| 15:15 | **Standards**  What is the role of *standards, national and international*? | WTO Staff |
| 16:30 | **Wrap up of first day** | Discussion |
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**Tuesday, 31 January 2023**

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| Time | Session | Speakers |
| 09:00 | **Quick summary of previous day** | 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 |
| 10:45 | **Coffee** |  |
| 11:00 | **Transparency**  The key principles of transparency (notifications, Enquiry Point, ePing, etc) | WTO Staff |
| 12:30 | **Lunch** |  |
| 13:30 | **Current issues at the Committee**  What are the key current issues being discussed in the TBT Committee? (thematic sessions, conformity assessment guidelines, transparency recommendations, etc) | WTO Staff |
| 15:00 | **Coffee** |  |
| 15:15 | **Final discussion**  The floor will be open for discussion | WTO Staff |
| 16:30 | **Closing** | WTO Staff  Officials from Cambodia |
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*WTO resource speakers:*

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