**NATIONAL WORKSHOP ON MARKET ACCESS ISSUES**

**Kuwait City, State of Kuwait**

**20-23 November 2023**

**Draft programme**

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| **Facilitators**: | * Ms. Arti Gobind Daswani, Market Access Division, WTO * Ms. Irina Tarasenko, Market Access Division, WTO |
| **Objectives:** | 1. To improve participants' knowledge of the WTO rules concerning quantitative restrictions and other non–tariff measures, including notification requirements. |
|  | 1. To improve participants' knowledge of the basic WTO principles and rules concerning tariffs and Schedules of concessions. |
|  | 1. To enhance participants' capacity to use WTO tariff and import databases and tools, including their use in negotiations and data analysis. |
|  | 1. To improve participants' knowledge of current negotiations and other issues being discussed at the WTO. |

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| TIME  (Kuwait time) | ACTIVITY/TOPICS TO DISCUSS |
| **Monday, 20 November 2023** | |
| 9.00 – 9.15 | **Opening Session**   * [Opening remarks by TBC] * Remarks by WTO Secretariat |
| 9.15 – 9.45 | **Introduction**   * Objectives and agenda |
| 9.45 – 10.15 | **Market Access and the role of tariffs**   * What is Market Access? |
| 10.15 – 10.30 | Break |
| 10.30 – 12.00 | **Tariffs**   * Definition and types of tariffs * Main principles * Role of the Harmonized System (HS)   *Presentation and group exercise* |
| 12.00 – 12.15 | [Noon Prayer] |
| 12.15 – 13.15 | **WTO rules concerning tariffs and Schedules of concessions**   * Exceptions to the MFN principle (preferential tariffs) * Bound duties and "other duties and charges" |
| 13.15 – 14.00 | **Lunch break** |
| 14.00 – 15.00 | **Practical exercise**  *How to read a Schedule of Concessions?* |
| 15.00 – 15.30 | **Wrap up and Q&A** |
| **Tuesday, 21 November 2023** | |
| 9.00 – 9.15 | **Recap** |
| 9.15 – 10.30 | **Markets Access Databases**   * **Practical session** |
| 10.30 – 10.45 | Break |
| 10.45 – 12.00 | **Prohibitions and Quantitative Restrictions**   * Main provisions |
| 12.00 – 12.15 | [Noon Prayer] |
| 12.15 – 13.15 | **Prohibitions and Quantitative Restrictions** |
| 13.15 – 14.00 | **Lunch break** |
| 14.00 – 15.00 | **Practical exercise on Prohibitions and Quantitative Restrictions** |
| 15.00 – 15.30 | **Wrap up and Q&A** |
| **Wednesday, 22 November 2023** | |
| 9.00 – 9.15 | **Recap** |
| 9.15 –10.15 | **Import Authorizations and Licensing**  • Main rules and obligations |
| 10.15 – 10.30 | Break |
| 10.30 – 12.00 | **Import Authorizations and Licensing** |
| 12.00 – 12.15 | [Noon Prayer] |
| 12.15 – 13.15 | **Practical session on Import Authorizations and Licensing** |
| 13.15 – 14.00 | **Lunch break** |
| 14.00 – 15.00 | **Customs issues: Rules of Origin** |
| 15.00 – 15.30 | **Wrap up and Q&A** |
| **Thursday, 23 November 2023** | |
| 9.00 – 9.15 | **Recap** |
| 9.15 –10.15 | **Customs issues: Customs Valuation** |
| 10.15 – 10.30 | **Break** |
| 10.30 – 12.00 | **Customs issues: Trade Facilitation** |
| 12.00 – 12.15 | [Noon Prayer] |
| 12.15 – 13.15 | **Ongoing negotiations and other current issues at the WTO** |
| 13.15 - 14.00 | **Lunch break** |
| 14.00 – 14.45 | **Recap and Review** |
| 14.45 - 15.00 | **Evaluation of the Course** |
| 15.00 – 15.15 | **Closing Ceremony**   * [Closing Remarks by TBC] * Closing Remarks by WTO Secretariat * [Official photograph] |