WTO National Workshop on Trade in Services and E-Commerce

Kathmandu, Nepal

**Proposed Programme Schedule**

2-4th April, 2025

|  |
| --- |
| Day 1 (2nd April) |
| 8:30 -9:00 | **Breakfast** |
| 09:00 – 09:30 | **Registration of Participants and Administrative Briefing** |
| 09:30 – 10:00 | **Opening Session - MoICS and WTO** *Speakers: - TBC, WTO, MOICS* |
| 10:00 - 10:30 | **Introduction of Participants & Ice breaker** |
| 10:30 – 11:00 | **Group Photo and Coffee Break** |
| 11:00 – 12:00 | **Technical Refresher:** **• GATS agreement** **• E-Commerce and Digital Trade** *Speaker: Antonia Carzaniga/Ishrat Hans, WTO* |
| 12:00 – 13:30 | **Lunch** |
| 13:30 – 14:30 | **Major Trends in World Services Trade***Speaker: Ishrat Hans, WTO* |
| 14:30 – 14:45  | **Coffee Break** |
| 14:45 – 16:00 | **Review of Main GATS Provisions***Speaker: Ishrat Hans, WTO* |
| 16:00 – 17:00  | **Tackling Domestic Regulatory Barriers to Trade in Services – negotiations on Domestic Regulation***Speaker: Ishrat Hans, WTO* |

|  |
| --- |
| Day 2 (3rd April) |
| 7:30 - 9:00 | **Breakfast** |
| 9:00 – 10:15 | **Overview of Classification and Scheduling Issues***Speaker: Ishrat Hans, WTO* |
| 10:15 – 11:00  | **E-Commerce, digital services, and the GATS***Speaker: Antonia Carzaniga, WTO* |
| 11:00 - 11:10 | **Coffee Break** |
| 11:10 – 12:00 | **Services for e-commerce and e-commerce for services***Speaker: WTO* |
| 12:00 – 13:30 | **Lunch** |
| 13:30 – 14:30 | **Measuring and Analysing Trade in Services***Speaker: Ishrat Hans* |
| 14:30 – 15:15 | **The schedule of specific commitments, with a focus on the case of Nepal (with practical workshop in groups)***Speaker: MoICS* |
| 15:15 – 15:30 | **Coffee Break** |
| 15:30 – 17:00 | **National experience-sharing – Disciplines on Domestic Regulation***Speaker: MoICS* |

|  |
| --- |
| Day 3 (4th April) |
| 7:30 – 9:00 | **Breakfast** |
| 9:00 – 10:00 | **The e-commerce Moratorium and the Work Programme***Speakers: Antonia Carzaniga, WTO* |
| 10:00 – 10:45 | **Joint Statement Initiative on E-commerce***Speakers: Antonia Carzaniga, WTO* |
| 10:45 – 11:00 | **Coffee Break** |
| 11:00 – 11:45  | **E-commerce in Regional Trade Agreements***Speakers: Antonia Carzaniga, WTO* |
| 11:45 – 12:30 | **Evaluation and Lessons Learnt from the Workshop***Speakers: WTO/MOICS/Participants* |
| 12:30 - 13:00 | **Closing of Workshop** |
| 13:00 – 14:00 | **Lunch Break** |