**DRAFT PROGRAMME ON**

**TRADE REMEDIES AND THE AGREEMENT ON SUBSIDIES AND COUNTERVAILING DUTIES**

NEPAL

26-28 MAY 2025

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| **Date/ Time** | **Session**  |
| **Day 1: Monday, 26 May 2025 (0900-1700)** |
| **MODULE 1: INTRODUCTION TO WTO TRADE REMEDIES** *This module introduces the core principles of the WTO, the rationale for trade remedies, and the commonalities and differences among the Anti-Dumping, Subsidies and Countervailing Measures, and Safeguards Agreements. Statistics and trends in the application of trade remedy measures will also be reviewed.* |
| 0900 – 0930(30 mins) | **Opening of the Workshop*** **Presentation and definition of objectives**
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| 0930-1030(1 hour)  | **Session 1: The WTO Trade Remedy Toolbox** * Core principles of the WTO
* The Agreement panorama: The Anti-Dumping, Subsidies and Countervailing Measures, and Safeguards Agreements
* Conditions for application of trade remedies: Core concepts
* Differences and similarities among the remedies
* Trends in the application of trade remedy measures
* Structural options for investigating authorities
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| 1030-1045(15 mins) | **COFFEE BREAK**  |
| **MODULE 2: ANTI-DUMPING (AD) MEASURES** *This module reviews the key elements of the AD Agreement, including the determination of dumping and injury, causal relationship, duty calculation, duty application, and the investigation process.*  |
| 1045-1215(1hr 30 mins) | **Session 2: The Anti-Dumping Investigation*** + Initiation of the investigation
		- The role of the domestic industry and the application
		- The role of the investigating authority, transparency and due process
	+ Collection of information
	+ Questionnaire analysis and calculation steps:
		- Organization of the firm and its accounts
		- Products and production processes
		- Characteristics of home market and export transactions
		- Cost and price analysis : profitability and sufficiency tests
		- Calculation of the dumping margin and the relevant adjustments
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| 1215-1315(1 hour) | **Lunch** |
| 1315 – 1415(1 hour) | **Exercises, group work*** + Analysis of hypothetical cases to determine the existence of dumping
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| 1415-1430(15 mins) | **COFFEE BREAK**  |
| 1430-1545(1 hour 15 mins) | **Session 3: Determination of Injury and Causal Link*** Defining the domestic industry
* Mandatory injury factors (price effects, volumes, financial impact)
* Non-attribution requirements
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| 1545-16.30(45 mins) | **Recap & Initial Group Exercises on Injury and Causal Link*** Further analysis of hypothetical scenarios
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| 1630-1700(30 mins) | **Session 4 (Part 1): Application, expiry, and review of AD duties (Introduction)*** (If time remains, open Q&A or discussion)
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| **Day 2: Tuesday, 27 May 2025 (0900-1700)** |
| 0900 – 0915(15 minutes) | **Quick Recap of Day 1** |
| 0915 – 1015(1 hour) | **Continuation of Session 4:*** Application, expiry, and review of AD duties (anticircumvention, interim reviews, expiry reviews)
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| 1015 – 1030(15 mins) | **COFFEE BREAK** |
| 1030 – 1145(45 mins) | **Session 5: The WTO Committee on Anti-Dumping Practices*** Transparency requirements and notifications
* The Committee’s work in facilitating compliance
* WTO Trade Remedy Data Portal
* Q&A on Module 2 (AD)
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| **MODULE 3: SUBSIDY DISCIPLINES AND COUNTERVAILING MEASURES***This module reviews the key elements of the Agreement on Subsidies and Countervailing Measures (ASCM)*  |
| 1115 – 1215(1 hour) | **Session 6: Overview of the ASCM and its disciplines** * Subsidies and trade: the role of subsidies disciplines in the WTO system
* Multilateral subsidies disciplines vs countervailing measures: Two tracks for relief
* Coverage of the ASCM
* Definition of a subsidy

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| 1215 – 1315(1 hour) | **Lunch** |
| 1315 – 1415(1 hour) | **Session 7: Prohibited, Actionable, and Non-Actionable Subsidies****Prohibited Subsidies*** Export subsidies
* Local content subsidies
* *De jure* v. *de facto* conditionality

**Actionable Subsidies*** Actionability and adverse effects
* Types of adverse effects
* Serious prejudice
* Nullification and Impairment

**Non-Actionable Subsides (Article 8)** |
| 1415 – 1430(15 mins) | **COFFEE BREAK** |
| 1430 – 1530(1 hour) | **Group Exercises (Subsidies):*** Financial contribution, benefit, and specificity scenarios
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| 1530 – 1700(1 hour) | **Session 8: Countervailing Duty (CVD) Investigations*** Initiation and consultations with the subsidizing state
* Due process rights
* Collecting information (questionnaires)
* Q&A and wrap-up of Day 2
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| **Day 3: Wednesday, 28 May 2025 (0900-1700)** |
| 0900 – 0915(15 minutes) | * **Quick Recap of Day 2**
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| 0915 – 1015(1 hour) | **Session 9: Countervailing Duty (CVD) Investigation – CVD calculations*** Analysis of hypothetical scenarios
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| 1015-1030(15 mins) | **COFFEE BREAK** |
| 1030-1100(30 mins) | **Session 10: Special and Differential Treatment Provisions under the ASCM** * Provisions related to protecting the interests of developing Members
* Provisions regarding flexibility of commitments and use of policy instruments
* Provisions on transitional time periods
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| 1100-1130(30 mins) | **Session 11: The WTO Subsidies Committee and Subsidies Notifications*** Transparency and modality of notifications
* The Committee’s ongoing compliance-facilitation work
* Current situation of Members' compliance with notification obligations
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| **MODULE 4: SAFEGUARD MEASURES***This objective of this module is to provide a better understanding of the WTO Safeguards Agreement's requirements and procedures.* |
| 1130-1215(45 mins) | **Session 12: Safeguards Overview*** Objective of the WTO Safeguards Agreement
* Investigative requirements (notice, procedural elements)
* “Unforeseen developments” and increased imports
* Serious injury or threat; causal link; non-attribution
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| 1215 – 1315(1 hour) | **Lunch** |
| 1315-1400(45 mins) | **Session 13: Application of SG Measures*** Compensation, suspension of concessions
* Special and Differential Treatment
* Q&A
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| **MODULE 5: Advanced Technical Work on Anti-Dumping**  |
| 1400 – 1600(2 hours) | **Exercises and Group Work*** In-depth or “computer-based” simulation (if feasible)
* Practice calculating a dumping margin
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| 1600 - 1630 | **Wrap-Up and Evaluation*** Completion of feedback forms
* Closing remarks
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