**DRAFT PROGRAMME ON**

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

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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** |
| 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 |
| 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 |
| 1215-1315  (1 hour) | **Lunch** |
| 1315 – 1415  (1 hour) | **Exercises, group work**   * + Analysis of hypothetical cases to determine the existence of dumping |
| 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 |
| 1545-16.30  (45 mins) | **Recap & Initial Group Exercises on Injury and Causal Link**   * Further analysis of hypothetical scenarios |
| 1630-1700  (30 mins) | **Session 4 (Part 1): Application, expiry, and review of AD duties (Introduction)**   * (If time remains, open Q&A or discussion) |
| **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) |
| 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) |
| **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   Specificity |
| 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 |
| 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 |
| **Day 3: Wednesday, 28 May 2025 (0900-1700)** | |
| 0900 – 0915  (15 minutes) | * **Quick Recap of Day 2** |
| 0915 – 1015  (1 hour) | **Session 9: Countervailing Duty (CVD) Investigation – CVD calculations**   * Analysis of hypothetical scenarios |
| 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 |
| 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 |
| **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 |
| 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 |
| **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 |
| 1600 - 1630 | **Wrap-Up and Evaluation**   * Completion of feedback forms * Closing remarks |