**National Workshop on**

**WTO and Electronic Commerce**

**Muscat, Oman**

**13 – 14 December 2022**

**DRAFT PROGRAMME**

**Tuesday 13 December**

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| 8h45 – 9h00 | **Registration** |  |
| 9h00 – 9h30 | **Opening Session**   * Welcome remarks * Introductory remarks   **Recent trends in global electronic commerce**   * Players, market trends and commercial models * Technological advances | Government  WTO  WTO |
| *9h30 – 9h45* | *Tea/coffee break* |  |
| 9h45 – 11h45 | **The WTO Work Programme on electronic commerce**   * Decisions and ministerial mandates * The moratorium on customs duties * Discussions in the WTO bodies * 12th Ministerial Conference Decision and way forward | WTO |
| *11h45 – 12h00* | *Tea/coffee break* |  |
| 12h00 – 14h30 | **WTO Agreements and their relevance to electronic commerce**   * GATT * GATS * TRIPS * TFA | WTO |

**Wednesday 14 December**

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| 9h00 – 9h30 | **Electronic commerce in regional trade agreements**   * Main obligations and disciplines | WTO | |
| *9h30 – 9h45* | *Tea/coffee break* |  |
| 9h45 – 11h30 | **Plurilateral work on e-commerce**   * Joint Statement Initiative negotiations * Overview * Issues under discussion * State of play * Experience-sharing | WTO  JSI participant or co-convener (by video-link) | |
| *11h30 – 11h45* | *Tea/coffee break* |  | |
| 11h45 – 12h45 | **National and regional strategies for electronic commerce**  National and regional policies and initiatives:   * National projects and plans * Domestic legal framework * Regional strategies | (Government representatives) | |
| 12h45 – 14h00 | **Electronic commerce in practice in Oman**  Experiences of the private sector:   * Opportunities and challenges | (Private sector representatives - Names TBC) | |
| 14h00 – 14h15 | **Workshop evaluation**   * *Participants complete the workshop evaluation forms* | Participants | |
| 14h15 – 14h30 | **Closing session**   * Closing remarks * Closing remarks | Government  WTO | |

WTO Resource Persons:

Ms. Zainab Mchumo, Counsellor, Council and Trade Negotiations Committee Division

Ms. Antonia Carzaniga, Counsellor, Trade in Services and Investment Division

Background Material

* Work Programme on E-commerce (WT/L/274)
* Secretariat Background Note on the Work Programme on E-commerce (JOB/GC/73 Add1 and Rev1)
* WTO Agreements and E-commerce – background note
* MC12 Decision on the Work Programme on E-commerce
* GC Chair report on Consultations on E-commerce, October 2022 (JOB/GC/318)
* JSI revised consolidated text?