**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
 | GovernmentWTOWTO |
| *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
 | WTOJSI 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:

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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?