REGIONAL MEETING FOR MEDIA IN THE MENA REGION ON THE WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION

Dubai, 18 – 20 September 2023

**DRAFT PROGRAMME**

**MONDAY 18 SEPTEMBER**

08.30-09.00 REGISTRATION/ WELCOMING PARTICIPANTS

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09.00-10.00 OPENING SESSION/ WELCOMING REMARKS

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10.00-11.15 SESSION I: INTERNATIONAL TRADE SCENE AND THE ECONOMIC OULOOK FOR THE ARAB REGION

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11.15-11.30 COFFEE/ TEA BREAK

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11.30-12.45 SESSION II: PRESENTATION OF THE LATEST WTO TRADE FORECAST

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12.45-14.00 LUNCH

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14.00-15.15 SESSION III: HOW DOES THE WTO FUNCTION AND MAKE DECISIONS?

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15.15-15.30 COFFEE/ TEA BREAK

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15.30-16.45 SESSION IV: HOW DOES THE WTO HANDLE TRADE CONFLICTS? THE DISPUTE SETTLEMENT MECHANISM OF THE WTO

**TUESDAY 19 SEPTEMBER**

09.00-10.45 SESSION V: WTO MAIN AGREEMENTS: FOCUS ON FISHERIES SUBSIDIES AGREEMENT

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10.45 – 11:00 COFFEE/ TEA BREAK

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11.00-12.30 SESSION VII: INTERNATIONAL TRADE, LOGISTICS AND GLOBAL VALUE CHAINS. WHAT'S THE WTO CONTRIBUTION? FOCUS ON WTO'S TRADE FACILITATION AGREEMENT,

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12.30-14.00 LUNCH

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14.00-15.00 SESSION VIII: ARAB COUNTRIES PARTICIPATION TO THE MULTILATERAL SYSTEM / ARAB COUNTRIES IN ACCESSION TO THE WTO

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15.00-15.15 COFFEE/ TEA BREAK

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15.15-16.15 SESSION IX: DISCUSSION WITH THE 13TH WTO MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE HOST: THE UAE (TBC An official from UAE Ministry of Trade)

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16.15-16.45 SESSION X: TOOLS AND SOURCES OF INFORMATION ON WTO FOR ARAB MEDIA

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**WEDNESDAY 20 SEPTEMBER**

09.00-10.45 SESSION V: REFORMING THE WTO: WHAT DOES IT MEAN? WOULD IT HAPPEN?

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10.45 – 11:00 COFFEE/ TEA BREAK

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11.00-12.30 SESSION VII: WTO WORLD TRADE REPORT ON TRADE AND CLIMATE. FOCUS SESSION ON TRADE AND COP28 IN THE UAE

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12.30-14.00 LUNCH

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14.00-15.00 SESSION VIII: (TBC) ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION WITH THE WTO DIRECTOR GENERAL (hybrid session)

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15.00-15.15 COFFEE/ TEA BREAK

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15.15-17.15 VISIT TO DUBAI MEDIA CITY.

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17.15-17:45 CLOSING SESSION/ FEED BACK AND WAY FORWARD