**AdvanceD Seminar ON Trade in Services**

**Manila, 17-19 june 2019**

***Programme***

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| **Monday 17 June 2019** |

| **Session** | **Subject** |
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| 9.00 - 09:30 | Opening Session   * Welcome and opening remarks * General introduction and objectives of the seminar |
| 9:30 - 10:00 | **'Before' GATS knowledge test** |
| *10:00 - 10:30* | *Coffee break* |
| 10:30 - 12:00 | **Session 1: Major Trends in World Services Trade + Statistics**   * The role and economic importance of services and services trade * Measuring trade in services - BOP, FATS * Alternative ways of looking at services trade: TIVA "servicification" global value chains and regional/mega-regional/multilateral negotiations: How it all connects * Main players in world services trade * Trade by sector and mode |
| *12:00 - 13:00* | *Lunch Break* |
| 13:00 - 15:00 | **Session 2: Review of Main GATS Provisions (I)**   * Objectives, structure and scope of application * Modes of supply * Key obligations and disciplines under the GATS (MFN, NT, MA) * Tackling regulatory barriers to trade in services: the relationship between Articles XVI, XVII, XVIII and Art. VI and obligations in Article VI:1-3 & 6 * Jurisprudence * Exception clauses |
| *15:00 - 15:30* | *Coffee Break* |
| 15:30 - 16:45 | **Session 2: Review of Main GATS Provisions: selected modes and sectors**   * Mode 4: coverage, commitments, implications for labour and immigration laws * Cross border supply – electronic trade in services |

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| **Tuesday 18 June 2019** |

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| **Session** | **Subject** |
| 9:00 - 11:00 | **Session 3: Overview of Classification and Scheduling Issues (I)**   * Role of classification * Classification systems * Classification and scope of commitments * "New Services" * Jurisprudence * Scheduling approaches * Scheduling and regulatory measures, e.g.: Concession requirements; Residency requirements; Local content requirements. |
| *11:00 - 11:15* | *Coffee break* |
| 11:15 - 12:30 | **Session 3: Overview of Classification and Scheduling Issues (continued)** |
| *12:30 - 13:30* | *Lunch Break* |
| 13:30 - 15:00 | **Services trade, e-commerce and GATS**   * Digititalization trends in services trade * Related technical and regulatory issues * WTO E-Commerce Work Program and Recent Joint Statement Initiative * GATS perspective |
| *15:00 - 15:30* | *Coffee break* |
| 15:30 - 16:45 | **Case study of GATS Relevance for E-Commerce** |

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| **Wednesday 19 June 2019** |

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| **Session** | **Subject** |
| 9:00 - 11:00 | **Session 4: Ongoing Services Negotiations and Other Initiatives**   * Domestic Regulation * Investment Facilitation * Other issues |
| *11:00 - 11:15* | *Coffee break* |
| 11:15 - 12:45 | **Session 5: Trends and Features of Preferential Services Negotiations: Services Elements in Plurilateral and Bilateral Agreements**   * GATS Article V * Services PTAs: main features * GATS-plus provisions * How much more do preferential Agreements liberalize than the GATS? |
| *12:45 - 13:45* | *Lunch Break* |
| 13:45 - 15:30 | **Session 6: Analysing Trade in Services**   * Services Trade Restrictiveness Indices * Joint WB-WTO work on services trade regulations * I-TIP services * Exercise on I-TIP |
| *15:30 - 16:00* | *Coffee break* |
| 16:00 – 16:45 | **Final Session: Evaluation of the workshop and closing**   * 'After' GATS knowledge test * Final debriefing with participants |