**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
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| 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
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| *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
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| *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.
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| *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
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| *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
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| *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?
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| *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
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| *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
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