**NATIONAL WORKSHOP ON MARKET ACCESS ISSUES**

**Riyadh, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia**

**25-27 October 2022**

**Draft programme**

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| **Facilitators**: | * Mr. Simon Neumueller, Market Access Division, WTO * Ms. Irina Tarasenko, Market Access Division, WTO |
| **Objectives:** | 1. To improve participants' knowledge of the basic WTO principles and rules concerning tariffs and Schedules of concessions |
|  | 1. To enhance participants' capacity to use WTO tariff and import databases and tools, including their use in negotiations and data analysis |
|  | 1. To improve participants' knowledge of the WTO rules concerning quantitative restrictions and other non–tariff measures, including notification requirements (import licensing, rules of origin) 2. To improve participants' knowledge of current negotiations and other issues being discussed at the WTO |

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| TIME  (Riyadh time) | ACTIVITY/TOPICS TO DISCUSS |
| **Tuesday, 25 October 2022** | |
| 9.00 – 9.15 | **Opening Session**   * Opening remarks by Ministry of Trade * Remarks by WTO Secretariat |
| 9.15 – 9.45 | **Introduction**   * Objectives and agenda |
| 9.45 – 10.15 | **Market Access and the role of tariffs**   * What is Market Access – group exercise |
| 10.15 – 10.30 | Break |
| 10.30 – 11.45 | **Tariffs**   * Definition and types of tariffs * Main principles * Role of the Harmonized System (HS)   *Presentation and group exercise* |
| 11.45 – 12.15 | Break |
| 12.15 – 13.00 | **WTO rules concerning tariffs and Schedules of concessions**   * Exceptions to the MFN principle (preferential tariffs) * Bound duties and "other duties and charges" |
| 13.00 – 13.15 | **Wrap up** |
| **Wednesday, 26 October 2022** | |
| 9.00 – 9.15 | **Recap from previous day** |
| 9.15 – 9.45 | **Practical exercise**  *How to read Schedule of Concessions? (Group exercise)* |
| 9.45 – 10.15 | **Markets Access Databases (IDB & CTS)**   * Practical exercise |
| 10.15 – 10.30 | Break |
| 10.30 – 11.15 | **Markets Access Databases (IDB & CTS) cont.**   * Practical exercise |
| 11.15 – 11.45 | **Prohibitions, restrictions and other non–tariff barriers**   * Main provisions |
| 11.45 – 12.15 | Break |
| 12.15 – 13.00 | **Prohibitions, restrictions and other non–tariff barriers**   * Notifications |
| 13.00 – 13.15 | **Wrap up** |
| **Thursday, 27 October 2022** | |
| 9.00 – 9.15 | **Recap from previous day** |
| 9.15 –10.15 | **Practical exercise on non-tariff barriers** |
| 10.15 – 10.30 | Break |
| 10.30 – 11.45 | **Ongoing negotiations and other current issues at the WTO** |
| 11.45 – 12.15 | Break |
| 12.15 – 12.45 | **Recap and Review** |
| 12.45 – 13.00 | **Evaluation of the course** |
| 13.00 – 13.15 | **Closing Ceremony**   * Closing Remarks by Ministry of Trade * Closing Remarks by WTO Secretariat * Official photograph |