**Regional Workshop on Trade in Services for the CEECAC region**

**25-27 September 2024**

**Draft programme**

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| **Wednesday, 25 September** | |
| 9:00 – 9:30 | **Administrative briefing** |
| 9:30 – 9:45 | **Opening session**   * Welcome and introductory remarks |
| 9:45 – 10:40 | **Session 1: Services trade facts and figures: global and regional trends**  This session will introduce participants to the notion of services and trade in services with a brief outlook at the role of services in economic development in general. It will then explore how services are traded and main reasons behind the creation of the GATS. |
| *10:40 – 11:00* | *Break* |
| 11:00 – 12:45 | **Session 2: Review of GATS and its main obligations**   * The presentation will focus and discuss in depth the scope of the GATS, present its main obligations and disciplines. We will look at how legally binding commitments are undertaken for trade in services liberalization. We will discuss the management of notifications under the GATS and clarify differences between the GATT and GATS. |
| *12:45 – 14:15* | *Lunch* |
| 14:15 – 16:30 | **Session 3: Scheduling of Commitments under the GATS**   * How to read/draft a Schedule of Specific Commitments? * Nature and structure of list of specific commitments * Classifications (W/120 and CPC) * Market Access and National Treatment * Additional commitments * Horizontal section * Quiz |
| **Thursday, 26 September** | |
| 9:00 – 9:30 | **Session 4: Review of Day 1** |
| 9:30 – 10:30 | **Session 5 : Introduction of analytical tools – I TIP Services**   * Presentation of the contents of ITIP services: GATS, RTAs, applied regimes, statistics. * Focus on the Services Trade Policy Database (STPD), the Services Trade Restrictions Index (STRI) and the STRI visualization tool. * From STPD to the scheduling of commitments |
| *10:30 – 10:50* | *Break* |
| 10:50 – 12:45 | **Session 6: Exercise on the scheduling of specific commitments**   * With the help of analytical Tools - I-TIP Services - The WTO/World Bank Services Database (see <http://i-tip.wto.org/services>). participants will analyse services trade policies, identify policy measures relevant for scheduling of commitments, and prepare draft schedules of specific commitments |
| *12:45 – 14:15* | *Lunch* |
| 14:15 – 16:30 | **Session 6: Exercise on the scheduling of specific commitments (continued)** |
| **Friday, 27 September** | |
| 9:00 – 10:40 | **Session 7: Services Domestic Regulation in the WTO**   * This session will highlight how domestic regulatory measures are addressed by the GATS, set out how Members have negotiated multilaterally and in the Joint Statement Initiative, and introduce participants to the disciplines on services domestic regulation disciplines. |
| *10:40 – 11:00* | *Break* |
| 11:00 – 12:40 | **Session 8: The GATS and electronic commerce**   * This session will explain the relationship of the GATS with electronic commerce, provide an overview of services-relevant aspects of the work programme on electronic commerce, the moratorium, and work in the joint statement initiative on e-commerce. |
| 12:40 – 13:00 | **Evaluation and Closing session** |