**ACCESSION OF SOMALIA**

**TRAINING TO SOMALI NEGOTIATING TEAM IN PREPARATION FOR 1ST WORKING PARTY MEETING**

*13-14 February – Geneva*

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| **DAY 1 – THURSDAY, 13 FEBRUARY** | | |
| **Time** | **Activity** | **Participants/Speakers** |
| 09:00 – 10:30 | **Meeting between Somali delegation and WTO Secretariat**   * Presentation of the Somali negotiation team * Presentation of the training programme * State of Play of Somalia's WTO accession * LDC Accession Framework * Roadmap and Next steps | Government of Somalia  WTO Secretariat – Accessions Division |
|  | Coffee break |  |
| 11:00 – 12:30 | **High-level Opening Session on Somalia Trade Economic Integration/WTO Accession [EAC implementation]**   * Benefits of multilateral and regional trade integration * High-level discussion on synergies between WTO and EAC Accession | Government of Somalia  WP Chairperson (TBC)  WTO Secretariat  EAC Secretariat (TBC) |
| 12:30-14:00 | Lunch |  |
| 14:00 – 15:30 | **Technical session: WTO Accession & EAC Implementation: Building on synergies**   * Overview of WTO and EAC Accession procedures and rules * Discussion on areas of collaboration and complementary work | WTO Secretariat  EAC Secretariat (TBC)  Somali EAC and WTO technical teams |
|  | Coffee break |  |
| 16:00 – 17:30 | **Preparation for 1st Working Party meeting**   * Rules of procedure of the meeting * Organization and division of responsibilities * How to coordinate with WTO Secretariat * On the margins of the WP meeting * Agenda items, what to expect from discussions, how to distribute questions | WTO Secretariat – Accessions Division |

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| **DAY 2 – FRIDAY, 14 FEBRUARY** | | |
| **Time** | **Activity** | **Participants/Speakers** |
| 09:00 – 10:30 | **Memorandum on the Foreign Trade Regime (MFTR) and Q&R - Discussing gaps and updates**  Discussion on issues identified in the MFTR and Q&R and preparation of updates for future revision | WTO Secretariat – Accessions Division  Somali WTO technical team |
|  | Coffee break |  |
| 11:00 – 12h30 | **Aligning Legislation for Economic Integration: EAC Roadmap & WTO LAP**  Discussion on the synergies between legislative work on EAC and WTO | WTO Secretariat  EAC Secretariat (TBC)  Somali EAC and WTO technical teams |
| 12:30-14:00 | Lunch |  |
| 14:00 – 15:30 | **Technical Assistance: Mapping needs and partners support**  Developing and reviewing Somalia's TA matrix | WTO Secretariat – Accessions Division |
|  | Coffee break |  |
| 16:00 – 17:30 | **Trade Facilitation training (TBC)**  Introduction to the Trade Facilitation Agreement | WTO Secretariat TBC |

**ANNEX 1**

WEEK PROGRAMME OVERVIEW (13-14 FEBRUARY)

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| **Time** | **Monday – 10 Feb** | **Tuesday – 11 Feb** | **Wednesday – 12 Feb** | **Thursday – 13 Feb** | **Friday – 14 Feb** |
| 9h |  |  |  | **Meeting between Somali delegation and WTO Secretariat** (WTO Secretariat, Govt' of Somalia) | **MFTR and Q&R - Discussing gaps and updates**  (WTO Secretariat – AD, Govt' of Somalia) |
| 9h30 |  |  |  |
| 10h |  |  |  |
| 10h30 |  |  |  | Coffee break | Coffee break |
| 11h |  |  |  | **High-level Opening Session on Somalia Trade Economic Integration (WTO acc & EAC implementation)**  (WTO, World Bank, EAC, Govt' of Somalia and WP Chairperson) | **Aligning Legislation for Economic Integration: EAC Roadmap & WTO LAP** (Somali EAC and WTO technical teams WTO & EAC Secretariats) |
| 11h30 |  |  |  |
| 12h |  |  |  |
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| 13h |  |  |  |
| 13h30 |  |  |  |
| 14h |  |  |  | **Technical session: WTO Accession & EAC Implementation: Building on synergies** (Somali EAC and WTO technical teams WTO & EAC Secretariats) | **Technical Assistance: Mapping needs and partners support** (EAC and WTO technical teams WTO Secretariat, World Bank) |
| 14h30 |  |  |  |
| 15h |  |  |  |
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| 15h30 |  |  |  | Coffee break | Coffee break |
| 16h |  |  |  | **Preparation for 1st Working Party meeting**  (WTO Secretariat – AD, Govt' of Somalia) | **Trade Facilitation training (TBC)**  (WTO Secretariat, Govt' of Somalia) |
| 16h30 |  |  |  |
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