

**Regional Workshop on Technical Barriers to Trade for**

**Central and Eastern Europe, Central Asia and Caucasus Countries**

16 – 18 July 2024

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| Tuesday, 16 July | | |
| 08:30 – 09:00 | **Administrative briefing** (*JVI Senior Program Officer, Tatiana Bredniakova)* |  |
| 09:00 – 09:10  09:10 – 10.20 | **Welcome** (*JVI Director*, [name])  **Introduction** (*All*) |
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| 10:20 – 10:30 | *Coffee – Tea* |
| 10:30 – 11:30  11:30 – 12.30 | **WTO General**: Putting TBT into context (*WTO,* [name])  **NTMs**  *Non-tariff Measures and the TBT Agreement*  The purposes, scope and key principles of the TBT Agreement. Linkage with other WTO Agreements: SPS, Trade Facilitation Agreement. Why do these Agreements matter? How do they complement each other? (*WTO,* [name]) |
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| 12:30 – 13:30 | *Lunch* | |
| 13:30 – 15:00 | **Overview of the key principles of the TBT Agreement**  Illustrated through disputes. (*WTO,* [name]) |  |
| 15:00 – 15:15 | *Coffee – Tea* |
| 15:15 – 17:00 | **Group Work (mock case on likeness)**  (*WTO,* [name]*/* [name]) |
| Wednesday, 17 July | | |
| 9:00 – 10.15 | **Technical Regulations and GRP**  What does the WTO say about the development of technical regulations? What are the "good regulatory practices"? What is the relationship between standards and technical regulations?  (*OECD,* [name] *then WTO,* [name]) |  |
| 10:15 - 10:30 | *Coffee - Tea* |
| 10:30 – 11:30  11:30 – 12:30 | **TBT and Illicit Trade**  Fighting illicit trade: what role of standards and regulations?  (*WTO,* [name]*; UNODC,* [name])  **Standards**  How do standards support the development of technical regulations? Why are standards important for international trade? What does the TBT Agreement say about standards development? (*Locks, WTO*)  The benefits of international standards and the role of the national standardizing body ([name]]) |  |
| 12:30 – 14:00 | Lunch |
| 14:00 – 15:45 | **International Standards**  What is the role of international standards – and what role to international standardizing *bodies* have? To what extent do international and regional standards help participant countries harmonize national technical regulations?  Brief overview by WTO followed by interventions from panel:  1) ASI ([name])  2) ASTM ([name]*)*  3) ISO ([name])  *Discussion* |  |
| 15:45 - 16:00 | *Coffee – Tea* |  |
| 16:00 – 17:00 | **Conformity Assessment and Quality Infrastructure**  What is the Quality Infrastructure (QI) and how do governments establish a QI policy? How can regulators use the QI to develop measures consistent with the WTO TBT Agreement? How does QI work at the regional level?  Brief overview by WTO followed by interventions from panel:  1) UNIDO ([name])  2) ASTM ([name]*)*  3) ISO ([name])  *Discussion* |  |

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| Thursday, 18 July | | | |
| 09:00 – 10:00  10:00 – 10:30 | **TBT Committee / Transparency**  (*WTO,* [name])  **Summary exercise**  (*WTO,* [name]*/* [name]*; Participants*) | |  |
| 10:30 – 10:45 | *Coffee – Tea* | |
| 10:45 – 12:30 | **TBT Committee – practical exercise on STCs**   * Based on a case study of a specific trade concern, participants will work in groups to prepare statements * Simulated TBT Committee meeting   (*WTO,* [name]*/* [name]*; Participants*) | |  |
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| 12:30 – 14:00 *Lunch* | | | |
| 14:00 – 14:45 | | Wrap-up Panel  What are the key "take-aways" from the workshop? What are the main challenges in the region looking ahead?  (*WTO,* [name]*/* [name]*; Participants*) | |
| 14:45 – 15.00 | | Evaluation and Closure  (*All*) | |

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