

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

**Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates**

**8-10 October 2024**

**Draft annotated agenda**

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| **Tuesday, 8 October 2024 (Day 1)** | | |
| 9:00 - 9:45 | Welcome and opening remarks | AMF  WTO |
| 9:45 - 10:00 | Group photo | All |
| 10:00 - 10:15 | BREAK |  |
| 10:15 - 11:00 | Current issues and the TBT Agreement | WTO |
| 11:00-12:00 | Introduction to the TBT Agreement – group exercise and discussion | WTO |
| 12:00 - 12:45 | LUNCH BREAK |  |
| 12:45-13:45 | Introduction to the TBT Agreement – group exercise and discussion | WTO |
| 13:45 - 15:30 | TBT-related opportunities and challenges in Arab Countries – experience sharing and discussion | WTO  GSO  Selected participant to present on regional experience [TBC] |

| **Wednesday, 9 October 2024 (Day 2)** | | |
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| 9:00 - 10:30 | Internationals standards (with focus on standards that are relevant for Arab Countries) | WTO  ISO [TBC]  IEC [TBC]  ASTM [TBC] |
| 10:30 - 10:45 | BREAK |  |
| 10:45 - 12:00 | Transparency and the TBT Agreement  GSO regional notification process | WTO  GSO |
| 12:00 - 12:45 | LUNCH BREAK |  |
| 12:45 - 13:45 | ePing practical session | WTO |
| 13:45 - 15:30 | The TBT Committee – current issues | WTO |

| **Thursday, 10 October (Day 3)** | | |
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| 9:00 - 10:30 | The TBT Committee: practical exercise on Specific Trade Concerns | WTO |
| 10:15 - 10:30 | BREAK |  |
| 10:45 - 12:00 | Conformity assessment procedures and quality infrastructure – experience sharing and discussion | WTO  GSO  Selected participant to present on regional experience [TBC] |
| 12:00 - 12:45 | LUNCH BREAK |  |
| 12:45 - 14:30 | Open discussion and wrap-up | WTO |