**WTO Advanced Course on Analyzing Trade in Services**

**4-7 june 2024**

**Room E**

**Draft Programme**

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| **Tuesday 4 June 2024** |

**Registration 8:30 - 9:00**

**Opening Session 9:00 – 9:40**

**Welcome coffee 9:40 – 10:00**

**Session 1: Review of the GATS and its main obligations**

**10:00 – 12:30**

* Economic importance of services trade and research results
* Review of the key concepts and core obligations of the GATS
* Scheduling approaches
* GATS and RTAs

*Lunch Break* **12:30 – 14:00**

**Session 2: I-TIP Services joint World Bank-WTO project 14:00 – 16:00**

* Joint WB-WTO work on services trade regulations
* GATS commitments, MFN exemptions
* LDC waiver preferences
* RTA services commitments
* The WTO-World Bank Services Trade Policy Database

**Session 3: Architecture of Services RTAs: Deep PTA database**

**16:00 – 17:00**

**Photo opportunity with all participants 17:00**

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| **Wednesday 5 June 2024** |

**Participant-led Review - Group I 9:00 - 9:45**

**Group I**

**Session 4: Exercise on using the I-TIP services interface**

**9:45 – 12:30**

* Group exercise on linking I-TIP services, and in particular the Services Trade Policy Database to prepare a schedule of commitments

*Lunch Break* **12:30 – 14:00**

**Session 5: Quantification of services trade policies - World Bank-WTO Services Trade Restrictions Index (STRI)**

**14:00 – 17:00**

* Quantification of services trade policies – scoring and the STRI
* Results
* Uses of the STRI: modelling, simulations, research supporting trade in services policy making

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| **Thursday 6 June 2024** |

**Participant-led Review - Group II**

**9:00 - 9:45**

**Group II**

**Session 6:** **Quantification of services commitments and reservations**

**9:45 – 12:30**

* Quantification of multilateral policy: WB-WTO GATS Trade Restrictions Index (GTRI)
* Quantification of preferential policies: WB-WTO Preferential STRI
* Results
* Analysis of the impact of Services RTAs

*Lunch Break* **12:30 – 14:00**

**Session 7: Using I-TIP services and other tools to support Services Domestic Regulation discussions and the establishment of regulatory frameworks.**

**14:00 – 17:00**

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| **Friday 7 June 2024** |

**Participant-led Review - Group III**

**9:00 - 9:45**

**Group III**

**Session 8: Services statistics**

**9:45 – 12:30**

* Conceptual framework
* Statistical databases available
* Measuring Digital Trade - statistical approaches
* Exercise using statistical databases

*Lunch Break* **12:30 – 14:00**

**Group Evaluation of the Course 14:30 – 15:30**

**Closing Ceremony and Distribution of Certificates 15:30 – 16:00**

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