

WTO Workshop on Information Technology Agreement and its role in an era of digital transformation

Geneva, Switzerland
28 October – 1 November 2024

Draft Programme (V2)

28 October (Monday)

Room E

- 08:45 – 09:30 **Registration and Introduction of Administrative Arrangements**
Mr. Daniel Morales Carrascosa, *ITTC (TBC)*
- 09:30 – 09:45 **Welcome Address**
DDG Angela Ellard (TBC)
- 10:00 – 10:15 **Pre-Workshop Quiz**
- 10:15 – 11:15 **Session 1: WTO Agreements in General: Principles, Schedules, Disciplines on Tariffs**
Dr Xiaodong WANG, Market Access Division
- 11:15 – 11:30 Coffee break
- 11:30- 13:00 **Session 2: Overview of the Information Technology Agreement: Provisions and Obligations**
Dr Xiaodong WANG, Market Access Division
- 13:00 – 14:30 Lunch
- 14:30 – 16:00 **Session 3: Why an LDC chooses to join the ITA? National Experience of [Timor-Leste], followed by Group Discussion**
Coordinated by Dr Xiaodong Wang and commented by Professor LU Yue
Speaker TBC
- 16:00 – 16:15 Break
- 16:15 - 17:00 **Session 4: ITA and Trade Facilitation**
Ms. Helen Chang, Market Access Division

29 October (Tuesday)

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- 09:00 – 10:00 **Session 5: ICT and digitalization of Customs Procedures**
Speaker TBC
- 10:00-10:15 Break

- 10:15 – 11:45 **Session 6: Digitalization for Development: role and importance of ICT infrastructure**
ITU speaker (TBC)
- 11:45 – 12:45 **Session 7: E-Commerce platform in practice and implications for development (To be finalized)**
Professor LU Yue, UIBE
- 12:45 – 13:00 **[Group photo]** (Time TBC)
- 13:00 – 14:30 Lunch
- 14:30 – 16:00 **Session 8: Global IT trade development and how to use WTO database and IT tools to obtain ITA-related tariff information**
Eric Ng Shing and Florian Eberth, Economic Research and Statistics Division
- 16:00 – 16:15 Break
- 16:15 – 17:15 **Session 8 (con't): Global IT trade development and how to use WTO database and IT tools to obtain ITA-related tariff information**
Eric Ng Shing and Florian Eberth, Economic Research and Statistics Division

30 October (Wednesday)

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- 09:00 – 11:00 **Session 9: Sharing of national experience: presentations by participants**
Presentations by participants on national experience and challenges of digital transformation
- 11:00 – 11:15 Break
- 11:15 - 13:00 **Session 10: Sharing of national experience: presentations by participants (continued)**
- 13:00 - 14:30 Lunch
- 14:30 – 16:00 **Session 11: Hands-on Exercise: how to calculate customs revenue changes as a result of ITA participation.**
- 16:00 – 16:15 Break
- 16:15 – 17:15 **Session 12: ICT infrastructure and its role implication for digital transformation (title to be finalized)**
External speaker (TBC)

31 October (Thursday)

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- 09:00 – 10:00 **Session 13: ITA and Global Value Chain: Dialogue Session with business groups**
- 10:00-10:15 Break
- 10:15 – 11:45 **Session 14: ITA and Global Value Chain: Experience of China's ICT industry**
Professor LU Yue, UIBE
- 13:00 – 14:30 Lunch
- 14:30 – 16:00 **Session 15: European ICT development (title to be finalized)**
External speaker (TBC).
- 16:00 – 16:15 Break
- 16:15 – 17:15 **Session 16: Presentations by business industry**
Speakers to be confirmed.
- 18:00 **Reception**
TBC

1 November (Friday)

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- 10:00 – 11:30 **Session 17: Dialogue with ITA Committee Members**
- 11:30 – 11:45 Break
- 11:45 – 13:00 **Session 17: Dialogue with ITA Committee Members**
- 13:00 - 15:00 Lunch
- 15:00 – 15:30 **Session 18 : Workshop Review and Q&A Session**
- 15:30 – 16:00 **Post-Workshop Quiz and Evaluation**
- 16:00 – 16:15 **Closing remarks**
Ms. Suja Rishikesh Mavroidis, Director, Market Access Division
- 16:15 **Close of the Workshop**
