

WTO THEMATIC COURSE ON THE SERVICES ASPECTS OF ELECTRONIC COMMERCE

12-15 NOVEMBER 2024

ROOM

Draft Programme

Tuesday, 12 November 2024	
Registration	8:30 – 9:00
Opening Session + Pre-Test	9:00 – 9:40
Welcome coffee	9:40 – 10:15
Session 1: E-commerce, WTO, and services trade <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The role of WTO • E-commerce and digital trade • Recent trends and the impact of new technologies 	10:15-11:45 (90 mins)
Session 2: Measurement of digital trade <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Statistical approaches • What do figures tell us? 	11:45 - 12:30 (45 mins)
<i>Group photo</i>	<i>12:30-12:45</i>
POST LUNCH TSD FACILITATED EXERCISE	14:00-14:30
Session 3: GATS – A review of key concepts and obligations	14:30-15:30 (60 mins)
<i>Coffee break</i>	<i>15:30-15:45</i>
Session 4 (part 1): The relationship of the GATS with e-commerce <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members' assessment in the Work Programme on Electronic Commerce (Areas of convergence and divergence) • Data-related measures and the GATS • Role of the GATS 	15:45-17:15 (90 mins)
GROUP WORK	17:15-18:15



Wednesday, 13 November 2024	
Participant-led Review - Group I	9:00 – 10:00
<u>Session 4 (part 2): The relationship of the GATS with e-commerce</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Relevant case law• Selected Classification issues	10:00-11:00 (60 minutes)
<i>Coffee break</i>	<i>11:00-11:15</i>
Session 5: Services for e-commerce and e-commerce for services	
<u>Session 5A: Telecom & ICT services</u>	11:15 - 12:15 (60 mins)
<u>Session 5B: Financial services (including payments)</u>	12:15 - 13:15 (60 mins)
<u>POST LUNCH TSD FACILITATED EXERCISE</u>	14:15-15:00
<u>Session 5C: Transport and Logistics Services</u>	15:00 -15:30 (30 mins)
<i>Coffee break</i>	<i>15:30 – 15:45</i>
<u>Session 5D: Audiovisual Services; Education Services; Health services; Professional Services; Tourism Services</u>	15:45 – 17:15 (90 mins)
<u>Reception with all participants</u>	17:15
<u>GROUP WORK</u>	17:15-18:15



Thursday, 14 November 2024	
Participant-led Review - Group II	9:00 - 10:00
<u>Session 6:</u> WTO Work Program on E-commerce	10:00-10:45 (45 mins)
<u>Session 7:</u> The trade in goods perspective	10:45 – 11:45 (60 mins) <i>Roy Santana</i>
<i>Coffee break</i>	<i>11:45 – 12:00</i>
<u>Session 8:</u> What about intellectual property aspects?	12:00 - 13:00 (60 mins) <i>Wolf Meier-Ewert</i>
<u>POST LUNCH TSD FACILITATED EXERCISE</u>	14:00-14:30
<u>Session 9:</u> The Moratorium on customs duties on electronic transmissions	14:30-15:15 (45 mins)
<u>Session 10:</u> Digital trade and experiences in applying internal taxation	15:15-16:00 (45 mins) <i>IMF – Adam Jakubik</i> <i>(online participation)</i>
<i>Coffee break</i>	<i>16:00 – 16:15</i>
<u>Session 11:</u> Roundtable discussion	16:15 -17:15 (60 mins)
<u>GROUP WORK</u>	17:15-18:15



Friday, 15 November 2024	
Participant-led Review - Group III	9:00 - 10:00
Session 12: E-Commerce in Regional Trade Agreements <ul style="list-style-type: none">• RTAs with e-commerce and digital trade disciplines• Main types of disciplines• Exercise	10:00 - 11:00 (60 mins)
<i>Coffee break</i>	<i>11:00 - 11:15</i>
Session 13: Joint Statement Initiative on E-commerce <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Launch and participation• Areas of work• Overview of the negotiating text• The key issues of services trade relevance	11:15-13:15 (120 mins)
Group Evaluation of the Course + After Test	14:00 - 15:00
Closing Ceremony and Distribution of Certificates	15:00 - 15:30
