

## WTO ADVANCED COURSE ON ANALYZING TRADE IN SERVICES

**14-18 JULY 2025**

**ROOM T1**

### Draft Programme

**Monday 14 July 2025**

<b>Registration</b>	<b>8:30 - 9:00</b>
<b>Opening Session</b>	<b>9:00 – 9:40</b>
<b>Welcome coffee</b>	<b>9:40 – 10:00</b>
<b><u>Session 1: Review of the GATS and its main obligations</u></b>	<b>10:00 – 12:30</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Economic importance of services trade</li> <li>• Review of the key concepts and core obligations of the GATS</li> <li>• Scheduling approaches</li> </ul>	
<b>Photo opportunity with all participants</b>	<b>12:30 – 12:45</b>
<i>Lunch Break</i>	<i>12:45 – 14:00</i>
<b><u>Session 2: Architecture of Services RTAs: Deep PTA database</u></b>	<b>14:00 – 15:30</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GATS and RTAs</li> <li>• Main features of the architecture of RTAs</li> <li>• Structure of the deep PTA database for services trade</li> <li>• Some results of the services RTA review</li> </ul>	
<i>Coffee Break</i>	<i>15:30 – 15:45</i>
<b><u>Session 3: I-TIP Services joint World Bank-WTO project</u></b>	<b>15:45 – 17:00</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Overview of I-TIP Services interface (GATS commitments, MFN exemptions, LDC waiver preferences RTA services commitments, Applied Policies)</li> <li>• World Bank-WTO Survey on Impediments to Services Trade</li> <li>• WTO-World Bank Services Trade Policy Database and STRI</li> </ul>	

**Tuesday 15 July 2025**

**Review of first day**

**9:00 - 9:30**

**Session 3: I-TIP Services joint World Bank-WTO project (cont.)**

**9:30 – 10:45**

- Practical exercise on the use of the I-TIP services interface

*Coffee Break*

*10:45 – 11:00*

**Session 4: Quantification of services trade policies - World Bank-WTO STRI**

**11:00 – 12:30**

- Quantification of services trade policies: purpose, rationale, and interpretation
- World Bank-WTO STRI methodology and results
- STRI dashboard
- Uses of the STRI: trade cost modelling and simulations

*Lunch Break*

*12:30 – 14:00*

**Session 4: Quantification of services trade policies - World Bank-WTO STRI (cont.)**

**14:00 – 15:30**

*Coffee Break*

*15:30 – 15:45*

**Session 5: Exercise on the use of the STRI**

**15:45 – 17:30**

- Acquire proficiency in the use of STRI data
- Analyse patterns of policy restrictiveness for a selection of economies/sectors
- Identify the restrictions driving restrictiveness

**Wednesday 16 July 2025**

**Review of second day**

**9:00 - 9:30**

**Session 6: Quantification of services commitments and reservations in trade agreement**

**9:30 – 10:45**

- Quantification of preferential policies: WB-WTO Preferential STRI
- Illustrative results from selected regional integration initiatives
- Impact of Services RTAs and gap between preferential and applied services trade policies

*Coffee Break*

**10:45 – 11:00**

**Session 7: Services Domestic Regulation (SDR) - using I-TIP services and other tools to inform discussions at the domestic and international level**

**11:00 – 12:30**

- Overview of the SDR Disciplines
- Potential economic effects of implementation of the SDR Disciplines and ongoing discussions on SDR-related matters at the international level
- Using I-TIP services and other tools to gather information on SDR-related measures

*Lunch Break*

**12:30 – 14:00**

**Session 7: Services Domestic Regulation (SDR) - using I-TIP services and other tools to inform discussions at the domestic and international level (cont.)**

**14:00 – 15:30**

*Coffee Break*

**15:30 – 15:45**

**Session 8: Roundtable discussion**

**15:45 – 17:30**

**Thursday 17 July 2025**

**Review of third day** **9:00 - 9:30**

**Session 9: Exercise: use of I-TIP Services in a negotiation context** **9:30 – 10:45**

- Acquire proficiency in the use of different modules of the I-TIP services database
- Prepare offer commitments based on the analysis of the contents of STPD
- Assess potential for taking commitments relating to domestic regulation

*Lunch Break* **12:30 – 14:00**

**Session 9: Exercise: use of I-TIP Services in a negotiation context (cont.)** **14:00 – 15:45**

*Coffee Break* **15:45 – 16:00**

**Session 9: Exercise: use of I-TIP Services in a negotiation context (cont.)** **16:00 – 17:30**

**Friday 18 July 2025**

**Review of fourth day** **9:00 - 9:30**

**Session 10: Services statistics** **9:30 – 10:45**

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

*Coffee Break* **10:45 – 11:00**

**Session 10: Services statistics (cont.)** **11:00 – 12:00**

**Evaluation of the Course** **12:00 – 12:30**

**Closing Ceremony and Distribution of Certificates** **12:30 – 13:00**