



WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION

WTO WORKSHOP ON COMPETITION POLICY, TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT

21 – 23 JULY 2026

WTO HEADQUARTERS

GENEVA, SWITZERLAND

DRAFT PROGRAMME

Day 1 - Tuesday, 21 July 2026

08:30 – 09:00 Registration

SESSION 1: OPENING

<u>Time</u>	<u>Subject</u>
09:00 – 09:15	1.1 Opening remarks
09:15 – 09:30	1.2 Objectives and introduction of participants

SESSION 2: CURRENT ISSUES IN INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION POLICY

<u>Time</u>	<u>Subject</u>
09:30 – 10:15	2.1 Competition policy in a globalized economy: Current issues and developments

10:15 – 10:30 Break

SESSION 3: THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN COMPETITION POLICY AND TRADE POLICY

<u>Time</u>	<u>Subject</u>
10:30 – 11:00	3.1 The GATT's Group on Restrictive Business Practices: Contracting Parties' resolution, experts' report and arrangements for consultations
11:00 – 12:00	3.2 Evidence regarding cross-border cartels: Initial insights from the Informal Working Group on Cross-Border Cartels set up by UN Trade & Development (UNCTAD)

12:00 – 13:30 Lunch break

<u>Time</u>	<u>Subject</u>
13:30 – 15:00	3.3 Exercise with Workshop participants on integrated policymaking in the trade and competition policy domain

15:00 – 15:15 Break

<u>Time</u>	<u>Subject</u>
15:15 – 16:00	3.4 Competition policy and trade policy: Similarities, differences and complementarities
16:00 – 16:45	3.5 Trade and competition law: The space between silos

Day 2 – Wednesday, 22 July 2026

SESSION 3: THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN COMPETITION POLICY AND TRADE POLICY (CON'D)

<u>Time</u>	<u>Subject</u>
09:00 – 10:00	3.6 Case study on integrated policy making in the trade and competition policy domain: Strengthening food security by monitoring and improving the functioning of cross-border agricultural markets

SESSION 4: TRADE AND COMPETITION IN THE WTO - Existing competition-related WTO rules

<u>Time</u>	<u>Subject</u>
10:00 – 11:00	<u>The General Agreement on Trade in Services (GATS)</u> 4.1 The WTO telecommunications reference paper: Promoting best competition policy practices in telecommunications services regulation

11:00 – 11:15 Break

<u>Time</u>	<u>Subject</u>
11:15 – 12:15	<u>The Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS Agreement)</u> 4.2 Controlling and remedying anti-competitive intellectual property rights practices under the TRIPS Agreement

12:15 – 13:45 Lunch break

<u>Time</u>	<u>Subject</u>
13:45 – 14:30	<u>The Government Procurement Agreement (GPA) 2012</u> 4.3 Promoting and safeguarding competition in government procurement tendering under the plurilateral GPA 2012
14:30 – 16:30	4.4 Exercise with Workshop participants: Interaction of trade liberalization, government procurement and competition policy in the public health policy domain
16:30 – 17:00	<u>Digital trade</u> 4.5 WTO rules applicable to digital trade and affecting competition in the digital economy
17:00 – 17:30	<u>Trade and competitive neutrality (General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) 1994, GATS, Agreement on Subsidies and Countervailing Measures)</u> 4.6 WTO rules aiming to contribute to competitive neutrality (e.g. multilateral subsidy disciplines and rules governing the conduct of State trading enterprises)

Day 3 - Thursday, 23 July 2026

SESSION 5: TRADE AND COMPETITION IN THE WTO - Present-day competition policy-related discussions in WTO bodies

<u>Time</u>	<u>Subject</u>
09:00 – 09:30	5.1 WTO trade policy reviews: Competition policy-related discussions in the Trade Policy Review Body
09:30 – 09:45	5.2 Competition policy references in other WTO bodies

09:45 – 10:00 Break

SESSION 6: TRADE AND COMPETITION OUTSIDE THE WTO (FTAs, DEAs, DEPA)

Time	Subject
10:00 – 10:15	6.1 Introduction: Competition policy chapters in FTAs and DEAs/ DEPAs
10:15 – 12:00	6.2 Exercise with Workshop participants and sharing of results: Competition policy-related provisions in FTAs

12:00 – 13:30 Lunch break

SESSION 7: TRADE AND COMPETITION IN THE WTO - Past WTO work on trade and competition policy

Time	Subject
13:30 – 13:45	7.1 The (inactive) Working Group on the Interaction between Trade and Competition Policy: Mandate, achievements and challenges
13:45 – 14:15	7.2 The (inactive) Working Group on the Interaction between Trade and Competition Policy: A conversation with the former Secretary to the Working Group

14:15 – 14:30 Break

SESSION 8: POLICY DIALOGUE ON TRADE AND COMPETITION

Time	Subject
14:30 - 15:45	8.1 Moderated panel discussion with Workshop participants and/or other expert panelists: Towards greater policy integration – Avenues for cooperation among trade and competition authorities and policymakers

SESSION 9: WORKSHOP EVALUATION AND CONCLUSION

Time	Subject
15:45 – 16:30	9.1 Individual review, evaluation of the course and closing remarks

16:30 CLOSE
