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**National Seminar on the WTO**

**Nukuʿalofa, Tonga**

**27-29 September 2023**

**Draft Programme**

**TUESDAY 26 SEPTEMBER**

**09:00 – 09:30** **Official opening ceremony**

* Opening speech (Ministry of Trade)
* Statement by WTO

**09:30 – 11:00** **General overview of the WTO, institutional framework and functioning**

**11:00 – 11:15** *Coffee break*

**11:15 – 12:00** **Basic Principles of the WTO** (1/2)

**12:00 – 14:00** *Lunch break*

**14:00 – 15:00** **Basic Principles of the WTO** (2/2)

**15:00 – 15:15** *Coffee break*

**15:15 – 17:00** **Basic Notification requirements**

**WEDNESDAY 27 SEPTEMBER**

**09:00 – 11:00 Introduction to the Agreement on Agriculture**

**11:00 – 11:15** *Coffee break*

**11:15 – 12:00 Introduction to the negotiations on Agriculture**

**12:00 – 14:00** *Lunch break*

**14:00 – 15:00 Introduction to the negotiations on agriculture (2/2)**

**15:00 – 15:15** *Coffee break*

**15:15 – 16:00 Ministerial Outcomes in Agriculture: from Bali to Geneva**

**16:00 – 17:00 Food Security – MC12 Outcomes and Current Negotiations for a Declaration on Food Security at MC13**

**THURSDAY 28 SEPTEMBER**

**09:00 – 11:00 Agriculture Notifications**

**11:00 – 11:15** *Coffee break*

**11:15 – 12:30 WTO Reform (Institutional Reform, Development, DSU Reform etc),**

**12:30 – 14:00** *Lunch break*

**14:00 – 15:15** **WTO Response to the Pandemic: MC12 Outcomes and negotiations for the Extension of the MC12 Decision to Diagnostics and Therapeutics and**

**15:15 – 15:30** *Coffee break*

**15:30 – 16:15 Fisheries subsidies negotiations – MC12 Outcomes and Phase 2 negotiations,**

**16:15 – 17:00 Transparency at the WTO and Trade capacity building activities (WTO Technical Assistance, EIF, STDF)**