

**National Workshop for Nigeria on Trade in Services for Development**

**July 2025**

**Programme**

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| **Day 1** | | |
| 8:30 – 9:00 | **Registration** |  |
| 9:00 – 9:15 | **Opening session**  Welcome and introductory remarks | National authorities WTO |
| 9:15 – 9:45 | **Overview: Trade in Services for Development Initiative** | WTO |
| 9:45 – 10:30 | **Global, regional and national trends on trade in services**  This session will review key trends in global trade in services, including for developing countries, as well as regional trends. | WTO |
| 10:30 – 11:15 | **The Changing Contribution of Services Trade to Development**  The presentation will focus and discuss in depth the scope of the GATS, and present its main obligations and disciplines | WTO |
| 11:15 – 12:30 | **Trade in services statistics and relevant databases**  How is trade in services measured? This session will also include a demo on available services statistics and an interactive exercise. | WTO |
| 12:30– 13:30 | LUNCH BREAK |  |
| 13:30 – 17:00 | **Review of GATS: scope, main obligations, schedules of commitments and relationship with RTAs**  The presentation will focus and discuss in depth the scope of the GATS, present its main obligations and disciplines, as well as the structure of specific commitments. It will include interactive exercises on the GATS and scheduling. | WTO |

| **Day 2** | | |
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| 9:00 – 9:45 | **Presentation of the TS4D Transparency initiative** | WTO |
| 9:45 – 10:30 | **WB-WTO Nigeria services regulatory audits and derived tools**   * Context and organization of the World Bank/WTO survey * A snapshot of Nigerian legislation and trade in services * Detailed and short questionnaires * Summary report and annexes * From reports to lists of core measures and commitments (e.g. GATS, AfCFTA) * Other applications (domestic regulation, Services Trade Restrictions Index-STRI, etc) | WTO |
| 10:45 – 12:30 | **Group exercises: closer look at applied policies in selected sectors** | All participants |
| 12:30 – 13:30 | LUNCH BREAK |  |
| 13:30 –17:00 | **Group exercises: transposing information on applied policies in lists of core measures and drafting commitments** | All participants |

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| **Day 3** | | |
| 9:00 –10:00 | **Review of results of group exercises** | All participants |
| 10:00 – 11:00 | **I-TIP Services, the Services Trade Policy Database and the STRI**  Participants will be familiarized with the contents of I-TIP services, with a particular focus on the Services Trade Policy Database (STPD), the Services Trade Restrictions Index (STRI) and the STRI visualization tool. This session will include an interactive exercise. | WTO |
| 11:00 – 11:30 | **Presentation of the TS4D Services Trade Competitiveness Checklist** | WTO |
| 11:30 – 12:30 | **Group Exercise – Applying the Services Trade Competitiveness Checklist to Nigeria**   * Identifying competitive strengths and weaknesses * Identifying priority areas for domestic policy improvements * Highlighting overarching principles and expected contribution and strategic considerations for services trade policies in Nigeria | All Participants |
| 12:30 - 13:30 | LUNCH BREAK |  |
| 13:30– 15:00 | **Group Exercise – Applying the Services Trade Competitiveness Checklist to Nigeria (continued)** | All participants |
| 15:00 – 15:30 | **Review and Discussion of Next Steps** |  |
| 15:30 – 16:00 | **Evaluation of the Workshop and Closing** |  |