**WTO National Workshop on Good Regulatory Practices**

**for Trade in Services**

**Guyana**

**Draft Programme**

**Georgetown, week of 3 November 2025**

**Background and Objectives:**

Following the National Workshop on the GATS, Services Domestic Regulation, and Investment Facilitation for Development of December 2024, Guyana has carried out the WTO-World Bank Regulatory Survey with assistance from the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB). As a pilot module, Guyana also field-tested new additional questions to take stock of the implementation of good regulatory practices (GRPs) within its domestic framework across services sectors.

This National Workshop will:

* Take stock of work completed to date on the regulatory survey;
* Complete survey responses and close information gaps;
* Validate factual information with relevant domestic authorities;
* Present and discuss draft findings with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation and a broader stakeholder community (relevant ministries/agencies, regulators, private sector, and professional bodies);
* Obtain stakeholder feedback, preliminary recommendations and discuss possible next steps with Guyana. Identify priority actions and capacity-building needs and agree on immediate next steps (timeline, focal points).

A short background note outlining objectives, agenda, and expected outputs will be prepared by the WTO Secretariat ahead of the workshop.

The workshop will be co-facilitated by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, theWTO Secretariat and the IDB.

**Day 1**

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| 8h30-9h00 | **Registration and Opening of the Workshop*** Welcome and opening remarks by Guyana (Ministry of Foreign Affairs & International Cooperation)
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| 9h00-9h30 | **Introduction of the Workshop by WTO Secretariat** * Objectives of the workshop
* Background, context, and update on work carried out since the National Seminar of December 2024
* Overview of work on the regulatory survey with a focus on good regulatory practices, including identification of information gaps
* Closing of information gaps on horizontally applicable practices with all relevant stakeholders (to be continued on Day 2 as necessary).
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| 9h30-10h30 | **Work with representatives of Ministry of Foreign Affairs & International Cooperation, line ministries and other regulatory agencies** |
| 10h30-10h45 | *Coffee break* |
| 10h45-12h30 | **Work with representatives of Ministry of Foreign Affairs & International Cooperation, line ministries and other regulatory agencies (continued)** |
| 12h30-14h00 | *Lunch* |
| 14h00-16h00 | **Work with representatives of Ministry of Foreign Affairs & International Cooperation, line ministries and other regulatory agencies (continued)** |

**Days 2 and 3**

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| 9h00-12:30 | **Individual Consultations with Ministries and regulatory agencies** * Consultations to close sector and issue specific data gaps and validate existing information. The consultations will be facilitated by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs & International Cooperation. Sectors covered will include:
	+ Banking Services
	+ Insurance Services
	+ Telecommunications Services
	+ Professional Services (Legal, Architecture, Engineering)
	+ Health Services
	+ Tourism Services
	+ Computer Services
	+ Retail Services

**Consultations with private sector representatives** |
| 12:30-14h00 | *Lunch*  |
| 14h-16h00 | **Continued**  |

**Day 4**

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| 9h00-12:30 | **Concluding presentation and discussions*** Overview of key findings of the regulatory survey to all stakeholders, validation of information, and sharing of observations on comparisons of GRP practice across sectors
* Discussions to collect stakeholder feedback, preliminary recommendations, and discuss next steps for Guyana in the area of services, including with assistance of the WTO Secretariat and other organizations
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| 12:30-14h00 | *Lunch*  |
| 14h-16h00 | **Continued**  |

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