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**WTO National Seminar on the General Agreement on Trade in Services**

**Uzbekistan, September 2023**

**DRAFT Programme**

**DAY 1**

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| 08:30 – 09:00 | **Registration** |
| 09.00 – 09.30 | **Opening Remarks**   * **Statement by the Representative of the WTO Secretariat** * **Statement by the Uzbek Represenative** |
| 09.30 – 10.00 | **Before quizz** |
| 10.00 – 12.00 | **Trade in Services – An introduction to services trade and GATS, including its structure and obligations**  This session will introduce participants to the WTO and the notion of trade in services. It will briefly look at the role of services in economic development in general and explore how services are traded. The presentation will focus and discuss in depth the scope of the GATS, present its main obligations and disciplines (modes of supply, MFN, market access, national treatment, notification requirements). |
| *12.00* – *13.30* | *Lunch break* |
| 13.30 – 15.00 | **Scheduling of services commitments: What, how, when?**  The presentation will take a detailed look at GATS services schedules, and, if applicable, MFN exemptions. It will look at how services sectors are selected for liberalization and how legally binding commitments are undertaken for trade in services liberalization.  • Scheduling guidelines and techniques  • Classifications: W120, UN CPC, etc.  • Practical illustration of scheduling with examples from various sectors |
| 15.00 – 16.00 | **Exercise on understanding specific commitments** |
| 16:00 – 17.00 | **An Introduction to the World Bank - WTO Services Trade Regulatory Survey**  Overview of main results of the survey for Uzbekistan |

**DAY 2**

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| 09.00 – 09.30 | **Review of previous day** |
| 09.30 – 10.30 | **Possible uses of the results of the regulatory audits to identify relevant national laws and prepare draft services specific commitments** |
| 10.30 – 12.00 | **Exercise – Drafting of specific commitments**  Participants will be divided in groups and asked to review existing commitments in the current offer and draft new services commitments in several services sectors, in particular using the results of the services regulatory survey for Uzbekistan. They will then be requested to review and comment on their colleagues' work |
| *12.00* – *13.30* | *Lunch break* |
| 13.30 – 15.30 | **Exercise – Drafting of specific commitments (continued)** |
| 15.30 – 17.00 | **Market access and regulatory commitments - Two complementary tools to facilitate trade in services**  **WTO 2021 plurilateral outcome on domestic regulation of services** |

**DAY 3**

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| 09.00 – 09.30 | **Review of previous day** |
| 09.30 – 11.00 | **Results of the group exercises on scheduling specific commitments – towards a revised offer…..** |
| 11.00 – 11.30 | **Analyzing Trade in Services – I-TIP services database** |
| 11.30 – 12.00 | **Roundtable discussion on how to move forward for the submission of a revised offer** |
| 12.00 – 12.15 | **After quiz / Evaluation of activity** |
| 12.15 – 12.30 | **Closing ceremony** |

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