accession of Uzbekistan

National technical Workshop on WTO Accession

16 – 20 October 2023

Programme

**Objectives:**

* To exchange views with the Government officials (new Chief Negotiator, the Government Commission and relevant ministries) on WTO accession;
* Conduct of technical sessions on WTO accession:
  + presentations on process and documentation;
  + review of Uzbekistan's accession documentation;
  + preparations for the next 7th Working Party meeting in November.
* To review WTO disciplines and accession "acquis" on subsidies, state trading and privatization; discuss relevant issues in Uzbekistan's accession;
* to discuss issues of coordination of technical assistance with Uzbekistan and partners;
* to exchange views (bilaterally) with key Members and partners on the ground.

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|  | **Meeting** | **Venue** |
| **Monday, 16 October 2023** | | |
| **9:30-12:30** | Meetings with the Government:   * Chief negotiator * Government Commission on WTO accession | TBD |
| **14:00-18:00** | Technical sessions with the core negotiating team:   * WTO accession: process and documentation   + Multilateral negotiations on WTO rules   + Plurilateral discussions on agriculture   + Bilateral market access negotiations | TBD |
| **Tuesday, 17 October 2023** | | |
| **9:30-12:30** | Subsidy disciplines under the SCM Agreement & accession-related commitments | TBD |
| **14:00-18:00** | Subsidy issues in Uzbekistan's accession:  - Article 25 draft notification  - Q&A and Factual summary | TBD |
| **Wednesday, 18 October 2023** | | |
| **9:30-12:30** | WTO disciplines on state trading, SOEs, privatization & accession-related commitments | TBD |
| **14:00-18:00** | State trading, SOEs, privatization discussion in Uzbekistan's accession:  - State-trading questionnaire  - Q&A and Factual summary | TBD |
| **Thursday, 19 October 2023** | | |
| **9:30-12:30** | Technical-assistance coordination roundtable with development partners | TBD |
| **14:00-15:30** | Lecture at the University of World Economy and Diplomacy (TBC) |  |
| **15:30-18:00** | Bilateral meetings with partners on the ground: WBG, IMF, Members, etc. |  |
| **Friday, 20 October 2023** | | |
| **9:30-12:30** | Technical sessions with the core negotiating team:   * State of play in Uzbekistan's accession: review of documentation   + Factual Summary of Points Raised and Q&Rs   + Legislative Active Plan and legislative developments   + Agriculture Supporting Tables   + Any other documentation | TBD |
| **14:00-18:00** | Technical sessions with the core negotiating team:   * Next steps: preparations for the 7th Working Party meeting * Wrap-up |  |