

**WTO VIRTUAL WORKSHOP ON ADVANCED DISPUTE SETTLEMENT  
FOR THE ASIA AND PACIFIC REGION**

**29 JUNE – 2 JULY 2021**

**DRAFT PROGRAMME**

The workshop will consist of four 3-hour online interactive sessions (one session per day, from Tuesday 29 June to Friday, 2 July).

Participants will be required to do some additional work outside online sessions, including team work for the role-play exercise.

In terms of qualification, participants are assumed to have a legal background and to be working (or planning on working) on WTO dispute settlement issues.

The objective of the workshop is to enable participants to manage their countries' participation in WTO dispute settlement and to advise their governments on dispute settlement affairs.

<b>Time</b>	<b>Session</b>	<b>Speakers</b>
<b>Tuesday, 29 June 2021</b>		
09:00 – 12:00 (Geneva time)	<p><b>MANAGING A DISPUTE UP TO PANEL COMPOSITION</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation of a case scenario</li> <li>• Role Play – distribution (i.e. dividing group into different teams representing fictitious Member or other DS players)</li> <li>• Working through the different steps up until panel composition (consultations, panel request, DSB meetings, third party participation, composition negotiation)</li> </ul>	<p>Sybilla Fries, Counsellor in the Legal Affairs Division</p> <p>Laura Gómez Bustos, Dispute Settlement Lawyer in the Legal Affairs Division</p>
<b>Wednesday, 30 June 2021</b>		
09:00 – 12:00 (Geneva time)	<p><b>LITIGATING – PANEL PROCEEDINGS (ROLE PLAY CONTINUED)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Organizational phase (adoption of working procedures and timetable)</li> <li>• Submissions/preliminary rulings</li> <li>• What happens at hearings (i.e. panel's substantive meetings with the parties)</li> <li>• Panel's decision – what to expect</li> </ul>	<p>Sybilla Fries, Counsellor in the Legal Affairs Division</p> <p>Laura Gómez Bustos, Dispute Settlement Lawyer in the Legal Affairs Division</p>
<b>Thursday, 1 July 2021</b>		
09:00 – 12:00 (Geneva time)	<p><b>FROM PANEL REPORT TO ENFORCEMENT (ROLE PLAY CONTINUED)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adoption or appeal?</li> <li>• Implementation (RPT, status reports)</li> <li>• Compliance (21.5 proceedings)</li> <li>• Enforcement in case of non-compliance (retaliation)</li> </ul>	<p>Sybilla Fries, Counsellor in the Legal Affairs Division</p> <p>Laura Gómez Bustos, Dispute Settlement Lawyer in the Legal Affairs Division</p>



WORLD TRADE  
ORGANIZATION



**Friday, 2 July 2021**

09:00 – 12:00  
(Geneva time)

**CURRENT SITUATION IN THE ABSENCE OF AN  
OPERATIONAL APPELLATE BODY**

- Appellate Body: Current state of play and efforts to develop solutions
- Systemic implications
- Debrief and conclusion of the course

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