SAUDI ARABIA

National Seminar on RTAs:

Draft programme

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| **Day 1** |  |  |
| 10.00-10.30 (Geneva)  11.00-11.30 (Riyadh) | Introductory remarks |  |
| 10.30–11.45 (Geneva)  11.30-12.45 (Riyadh) | WTO Rules on RTAs  GATT Article XXIV and Enabling Clause  GATS Article V | Rohini Acharya  RTA Section, TPRD |
| 11.45-12.00 (Geneva)  12.45-13.00 (Riyadh) | Break |  |
| 12.00–13.00 (Geneva)  13.00-14:00 (Riyadh) | RTA trends  Saudi Arabia and RTAs | Alberto Osnago  RTA Section, TPRD |
| **Day 2** |  |  |
| 10.00-11.15 (Geneva)  11.00-12.15 (Riyadh) | WTO RTA Transparency Mechanism, Notification requirements and a Case Study (Reviewing a full notification process by a developing member including the factual presentation) | Rohini Acharya  RTA Section, TPRD |
| 11:15- 11.45 (Geneva)  12:15- 12.45 (Riyadh) | Introduction to the WTO RTA Database | Alberto Osnago  RTA Section, TPRD |
| 11.45-12.00 (Geneva)  12.45-13.00 (Riyadh) | Break |  |
| 12.00-12.30 (Geneva)  13.00-13.30 (Riyadh) | Negotiations on RTAs: State of play | Rohini Acharya  RTA Section, TPRD |
| 12.30-13.00 (Geneva)  13.30-14.00 (Riyadh) | Questions and Replies  Closure |  |

Proposed dates: 22-23 November or 23-24 November or 15-16 November or 16-17 November.