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**REGIONAL WORKSHOP FOR THE ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES (ECOWAS) IN PREPARATION FOR THE 13TH WTO MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE**

 **19-20 DECEMBER 2023**

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**PROGRAMME**

**Used Platform: Zoom (Link to be communicated by ECOWAS)**

**Interpretation : English/French**

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| MONDAY 19 DECEMBER 2023 (GMT) |
| 10h 30 - 10h 45 | **Opening Ceremony :*** *Representative of ECOWAS*
* *Mr. SANTIAGO WILLS, Director, Division on Council and Trade Negotiations Committee, WTO.*
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| 10h 45 - 11h 15 | **SESSION 1: Overview of the current negotiations in preparation for the 13th Ministerial Conference of the WTO (MC13):** * *Mr. SANTIAGO WILLS, Director, Division on Council and Trade Negotiations Committee, WTO.*

* Questions – answers
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| 11h 15 - 12h 15  | **SESSION 2: Overview of the current negotiations on Agriculture including Food Security:*** *Mr. Edwini Kessie, Director of the Agriculture and Commodities Division. WTO.*
* Questions – answers
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| 12h 15 - 13h 00  | **SESSION 3: Overview of the current negotiations on fisheries subsidies:*** *Mrs Sainabou Tall, Counsellor, WTO.*
* Questions – answers
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|   | **wednesday 20 DECEMBER 2023 (GMT)** |
| 10h 00 - 11h 00 | **SESSION 3: Overview of the current negotiations on the MC12 decisions related to the TRIPS Agreement:*** *Mr. Wolf Meir-Ewert, TRIPS counsellor, WTO.*
* Questions – answers
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| 11h 00 - 12h 00  | **SESSION 5: Overview of the current negotiations on the Electronic Commerce:*** *Mr. Yanis Bourgeois, Economist, Division on Council and Trade Negotiations Committee, WTO.*
* Questions – answers
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| 12h 00 - 13h 00  | **SESSION 6: Overview of the current negotiations on Development Issues:*** *Mr. Mohammed Abu Saleh, Legal Expert, Development Division, WTO.*
* Questions – answers
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| 13h 00  | **CLOSING** |

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