**VIRTUAL TRAINING PROGRAMME FOR ISRAEL ON**

**SUBSIDIES AND COUNTERVAILING MEASURES**

22-23 JANUARY 2024

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| **Date/ Time****(Geneva time)** | **Session** |
| **Monday, 22 January 2024** |
| **MODULE 1: SUBSIDY DISCIPLINES AND RECOURSE IN WTO***This module reviews the key elements of the Agreement on Subsidies and Countervailing Measures (ASCM)* |
| 0930-1015(45 mins) | **Session 1a: Overview of the ASCM and its disciplines** * Subsidies and trade: the role of subsidies disciplines in the WTO system
* Multilateral subsidies disciplines vs countervailing measures: Two tracks for relief
* Coverage of the ASCM
* Definition of a subsidy
* Specificity
* A short explanation on subsidies and the GATS (XVI and XV, respectively) and linkages between SCM and the services sector
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| 1015-1100(45 mins) | **Session 1b: Prohibited, Actionable, and Non-Actionable Subsidies****Prohibited Subsidies*** Export subsidies
* Local content subsidies
* *De jure* v. *de facto* conditionality
* Special and Differential Treatment

**Actionable Subsidies*** Actionability and adverse effects
* Types of adverse effects
* Serious prejudice
* Nullification and Impairment
* Special and Differential Treatment

**Non-Actionable Subsides**  |
| 1100-11.15(15 mins) | **SHORT BREAK**  |
| 1115-1215(1 hour) | **Session 1c: The WTO Subsidies Committee and Subsidies Notifications and ongoing discussions on WTO Reform*** Transparency and modality of notifications
* The Committee’s ongoing compliance-facilitation work
* Current situation of Members' compliance with notification obligations
* Review of ongoing Committee discussions on notification timeliness and completeness
* Rationale behind need for notification and examination across the relevant agreements
* Factual presentation of illustrative subsidy reform proposals
* Information on the WTO-IMF-OECD Joint Subsidy Platform launched in May 23
* SCM and notification on services: R&D, telecom, etc.
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| **Tuesday, 23 January 2024**  |
| **MODULE 2: SUBSIDY DISCIPLINES AND RECOURSE IN WTO***This module will review the ASCM provisions that apply to the conduct of countervailing duty (CVD) investigations, including by comparing them with AD Agreement requirements. Q&As and hypothetical scenarios will be reviewed throughout the presentation.* |
| 0930-1000(30 mins) | **Session 2a: Trade Remedies - State of play*** Information and statistics on the use of trade remedies and countries affected by these
* Recent trends in trade remedies by major users
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| 1000-1045(45 mins) | **Session 2b: Countervailing Duty (CVD) Investigation Procedure under the ASCM*** Initiation of the investigation – consultations with the subsidizing state
* Due process rights
* Collection of information – questionnaires to determine the existence and quantity of a subsidy
* Determination of injury
* Standards for complaints particularly for anti-subsidy investigations
* Good practices on how small countries can effectively handle subsidy investigations
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| 1045-1115(30 mins) | **Session 2c: Application of WTO Dispute Settlement Procedures to the ASCM** * Examples from relevant dispute settlement proceedings
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| 1115-1130(15 mins) | **SHORT BREAK**  |
| 1130-1230(1 hour) | **Session 2d: Countervailing Duty (CVD) Investigation – CVD calculations** * Analysis of hypothetical scenarios
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| **MODULE 3: Q&A and OPEN DISCUSSION ON OTHER MATTERS INCLUDING RTAs***This module will review the questions on subsidy-related issues that were covered in the previous sessions. In addition, there will be an open discussion on the subsidy-related provisions of some RTAs* |
| 1330-1430(1 hour) | **Session 3: Examples on subsidy-related provisions in some RTAs** * WTO+ elements in RTA agreements
* From the [*Subsidies, Trade, and International Cooperation*](https://thedocs.worldbank.org/en/doc/0534eca53121c137d3766a02320d0310-0430012022/original/Subsidies-Trade-and-International-Cooperation-April-19-ci.pdf) report: Subsidy-Related Provisions in Bilateral and Regional Trade Agreements (box 4, pg. 18), The International Policy Debate (pg.23).
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