**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 |
| 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. |
| **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 |
| 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 |
| 1045-1115  (30 mins) | **Session 2c: Application of WTO Dispute Settlement Procedures to the ASCM**   * Examples from relevant dispute settlement proceedings |
| 1115-1130  (15 mins) | **SHORT BREAK** |
| 1130-1230  (1 hour) | **Session 2d: Countervailing Duty (CVD) Investigation – CVD calculations**   * Analysis of hypothetical scenarios |
| **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). |