

Preparatory Sessions for the south africa National seminar on the WTO TBT Agreement's transparency framework

Virtual

26-27 January 2021

9-10 March 2021

Draft programme

(20 December 2020)

**Preparatory Course Programme (draft)**

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| **Session 1 – tbt enquiry point officials** | |
| **26 January** |  |
| 9:00–10:00 | **Preparing a notification of a draft measure and consequent action**   * TBT NSS, TBT IMS, TBT website |
| 10:00-11:00 | **ePing: SPS & TBT notification alert system**   * Introduction to ePing Admin functions for SPS and TBT Enquiry Point officials * Interactive exercise on using the ePing platform to share information at the national and international level |
| **27 January** | **SESSION 1 (cont'd)** |
| 9:00-10:00 | **Options for reacting to trading partners' TBT measures**   * exercise based on sample notifications |
| 10:00-11.00 | **Options for reacting to trading partners queries on domestic TBT measures**   * exercise based on sample notifications |
| **Session 2 – for government officials** | |
| **9 March** |  |
| 9:00-10:00 | **Overview of the WTO Transparency Framework**   * Main transparency provisions and procedures * Facts and figures on compliance |
| 10:00-11:00 | **How to comply with and benefit from the TBT Transparency Framework**   * Presentation by the TBT Enquiry Point * TBT eTools |
| **10 March** | **SESSION 2 (Cont'd)** |
| 9:00-10:00 | **ePing: SPS & TBT notification alert system**   * **Presentation of main functions; hands-on exercises** |
| 10:00-10:30 | **Beyond the transparency provisions**   * **Work in the TBT Committee**   + **Specific Trade Concerns**   + **Triennial review follow up and future work** |
| 10:30-11:00 | **Discussion and identification of next steps**  **Evaluation and closure** |