NATIONAL WORKSHOP ON THE WTO AGREEMENT ON AGRICULTURE
AND THE NEGOTIATIONS

PRETORIA, SOUTH AFRICA

25-28 February 2025

**DRAFT PROGRAMME**

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| Tuesday, 25 February 2025 |
| 8:30 – 9:00 | Opening Session |
| 9:00 – 10:30 | Introduction to the WTO Agreement on Agriculture |
| 10:30 – 10:45 | Coffee Break |
| 10:45– 12:00 | Agricultural tariff and subsidy policies in South Africa: presentation by national expert; discussions, Q&A |
| 12:00 – 13:00 | Lunch Break |
| 13:00 – 15.30 | Domestic Support: WTO rules and commitments ('exempt' support) |
| 15.30-15.45 | Coffee Break |
| 15:45 – 16:30 | Domestic Support classification exercise and discussions |

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| Wednesday, 26 February 2025 |
| 8:30 – 10:00 | Domestic Support: WTO rules and commitments (AMS and calculation methodology) |
| 10:00 – 10:15 | Coffee Break |
| 10:15 – 12:00 | Domestic support notification requirements (Tables DS:1, DS:2)  |
| 12:00 – 13:00 | Lunch Break |
| 13.00-15.00 | Domestic Support: practical exercise on AMS calculation in a notification  |
| 15.00 - 15.15 | Coffee Break |
| 15:15 – 16:30 | Domestic Support: Q&A, discussions  |

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| Thursday, 27 February 2025 |
| 08:30 – 10:30 | Export Subsidy rules and framework* Nairobi Decision on Export Competition
* Export subsidy notifications and transparency
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| 10:30 – 10:45 | Coffee Break |
| 10:45 – 12:00 | Market Access: WTO rules and framework |
| 12:00 – 13:00 | Lunch Break |
| 13:00 – 14:30 | TRQ administration and notification requirements* Bali TRQ Decision
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| 14:45 – 15:15 | Special Agricultural safeguard (SSG)* SSG notifications

Issues related to SSM negotiations  |
| 15:15 – 15:30 | Coffee Break |
| 15:30 – 16:30 | Special Agricultural safeguard (SSG) (contd)* SSG notifications
* Issues related to SSM negotiations
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| Friday, 28 February 2025 |
| 8:30 – 10:30 | State of play of the agriculture negotiations:* Negotiations in the domestic support pillar, main challenges
* Issue of public stockholding for food security purposes
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| 10:30 – 10:45 | Coffee Break |
| 10:45 – 12:30 | Food security discussions in the WTO: * Committee on Agriculture Food security work programme: agreed report and recommendations (G/AG/38)
* Issue of public stockholding for food security purposes
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| 12:30 – 13:00 | Closing remarks & feedback |

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