**National Workshop on Trade in Services and Electronic Commerce**

**22-24 November 2023**

**DRAFT PROGRAMME**

**Wednesday 22 November 2023**

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| 8h45 – 9h00 | **Registration** |  |
| 9h00 – 9h15 | **Opening Remarks** | Government  WTO |
| 9h15 – 10h15 | **Key trends in services trade**   * Key trends and evolution of services trade * Contribution of services trade to economic policies and development strategies * Overview of barriers to services trade * Q&A | WTO |
| 10h15 – 10h30 | *Coffee Break* |  |
| 10h30 – 12h45 | **The General Agreement on Trade in Services (GATS): scope, modes of supply, main obligations**   * Scope and modes of supply * Application to digital services * Most-favoured-nation treatment and MFN exemptions * Conditional and unconditional obligations * Q&A | WTO |
| *12h45 – 14h00* | *Lunch* |  |
| 14h00 – 15.30 | **The GATS: schedules of specific commitments**   * Market access and national treatment obligations * Classification system for services trade * Key principles in reading and drafting specific commitments. | WTO |
| 15.30 – 15h45 | *Coffee Break* |  |
| 15h45 – 17h00 | **The GATS: schedules of specific commitments (continuation)**   * Scheduling quiz | WTO |

**Thursday 23 November 2023**

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| 9h00 - 10h30 | **Interactive exercise on the scheduling of specific commitments on trade in services** | WTO |
| 10h30 – 10h45 | *Coffee Break* |  |
| 10h45 – 12h45 | A look at Zambia's GATS commitments and applied regime   * Q&A   **[presentation by the government on commitments negotiated in the context of the AfCFTA - TBC]** | WTO and government |
| 12h45 – 14h00 | *Lunch* |  |
| 14h00 – 14h45 | **E-commerce facts and figures**   * Global and regional trends * E-commerce provisions in regional trade agreements | WTO |
| 14h45 – 15h30 | **Work Programme on Electronic Commerce and the Moratorium on customs duties on electronic transmissions**   * Work Programme * Decisions and ministerial mandates * The moratorium on customs duties * Discussions in the WTO bodies * 12th Ministerial Conference Decision * Current discussions | WTO |
| 15h30 – 15h45 | *Coffee break* |  |
| 15.45 – 17h00 | **Work Programme on Electronic Commerce** **and the Moratorium on customs duties on electronic transmissions -** Continuation | WTO |

**Friday 24 November 2023**

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| 9h00 – 10h15 | **National and regional strategies for electronic commerce**   * National and regional policies and initiatives: * National projects and plans * Domestic legal framework * Regional strategies | Government of Zambia |
| 10h15 – 10h30 | *Coffee break* |  |
| 10h30 – 11h30 | **Electronic commerce in practice in Zambia**   * Experiences of the private sector * Opportunities challenges | Private sector representatives (TBC) |
| 11h30 – 12h30 | **Joint Statement Initiative on Electronic Commerce**   * Overview * Issues under discussion * State of play | WTO |
| 12h30 – 14h00 | *Lunch* |  |
| 14h00 – 15h00 | **Development aspects of E-commerce/Capacity Building Initiatives**   * Digital divide * Technical assistance and capacity building | *WTO/Government/development partners TBC* |
| 15h00 – 16h00 | **Joint Statement on Services Domestic Regulation** | WTO |
| 16h00 – 16h30 | **Preparations for MC13** | WTO |
| 16h30 – 17h00 | **Evaluation and closing** | WTO, Government representative |

WTO Resource Persons:

Mr. Martin Roy, Counsellor, Trade in Services and Investment Division

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