National WORKSHOP

for zambia

Investment Facilitation for Development (IFD) agreement

Lusaka, 3 - 4, June 2025

# draft PROGRAMME

## Objectives:

## Enhance understanding of the Investment Facilitation for Development (IFD) Agreement, including its objectives and main disciplines;

### Enhance understanding of the special and differential treatment (S&D) provisions of the IFD Agreement and the needs assessment process.

## Tuesday, 3 June 2025

| Time | Title of Session | Speakers |
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| 9:00–9:15 | **Opening session**   * Opening remarks by representative of Zambia * Opening remarks by WTO Secretariat | * Representative of Zambia * WTO Secretariat |
| 9:15–10:15 | **Introduction to the IFD Agreement**   * Importance of investment facilitation * Origin and Members parties to the IFD Agreement * Objectives, structure and scope of application of the Agreement * Q&A | * Pamela Apaza Lanyi, WTO Secretariat |
| 10:15–10:30 | **Coffee break** |  |
| 10:30–11:30 | **Transparency of investment measures**   * Introduction – importance of transparency * Key disciplines:   + publication of measures and information;   + information to be made publicly available if an investment authorization is required;   + single information portal;   + publication in advance and opportunity to comment on proposed measures;   + no fees for access to information;   + notification to the WTO; and   + information to be made publicly available on the entry and temporary stay of natural persons for conducting investment activities * Q&A | * Pamela Apaza Lanyi, WTO Secretariat |
| 11:30–12:30 | **Practical exercise on Transparency provisions** |  |
| 12:30–13:30 | **Lunch break** |  |
| 13:30–15:00 | **Streamlining and speeding up investment-related administrative procedures (Section III)**   * Introduction – importance of good governance of investment-related procedures * Key disciplines:   + administration of measures of general application; general principles for authorization procedures;   + disciplines on authorization procedures;   + multiple applications;   + authorization fees;   + use of Information and Communications Technologies/e-government;   + independence of regulatory authorities;   + appeal or review; and   + periodic review | * Pamela Apaza Lanyi, WTO Secretariat |
| 15:00–15:15 | **Coffee break** |  |
| 15:15–16:00 | **Mapping Zambia's investment-related policies: Insights from the WTO-World Bank Services Trade Policy Database (STPD)**   * Q&A |  |
| 16:00–17:00 | **Practical exercise on Streamlining and speeding up investment-related administrative procedures** | * Pamela Apaza Lanyi, WTO Secretariat |

## Wednesday, 4 June 2025

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| Time | Sessions | Speakers |
| 9:00–9:30 | **Recap: Transparency and Streamlining and speeding up investment-related administrative procedures** |  |
| 9:30–10:15 | **Focal points; domestic regulatory coherence and cross-border cooperation  (Section IV)**   * Key disciplines:   + Focal points   + Domestic regulatory coherence   + Domestic supplier databases; supplier-development programmes;   + Cross-border cooperation on investment facilitation * Q&A | * Pamela Apaza Lanyi, WTO Secretariat |
| 10:15–10:30 | **Coffee break** |  |
| 10:30–11:30 | **Special and differential treatment (SD&T) for developing countries and least-developed Members  (Section V)**   * Introduction * Key disciplines:   + general principles;   + categories of provisions (A, B, C);   + notification and implementation of the different categories of provisions; and   + other SD&T provisions * Q&A | Pamela Apaza Lanyi, WTO Secretariat |
| 11:30–12:30 | * Investment facilitation needs assessment and Self-assessment Guide   Q&A | * Pamela Apaza Lanyi, WTO Secretariat |
| 12:30–14:00 | **Lunch break** |  |
| 14:00–15:00 | **Sustainable investment (Section VI)**   * Responsible business conduct * Measures against corruption * Q&A | * Pamela Apaza Lanyi, WTO Secretariat |
| 15:00–15:15 | **Coffee break** |  |
| 15:15–16:15 | **Practical exercise** |  |
| 16:15–16:30 | **Concluding remarks**   * Work priorities and closing remarks | * Pamela Apaza Lanyi, WTO Secretariat * Representative of Zambia |

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