DRAFT PROGRAMME

**WORKSHOP ON THE STATE-OF-PLAY OF WTO WORK**

*04-06 February 2020*

Riyadh, Saudi Arabia

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| **04 February 2020** | |
| 08h30-09h00 | **Arrival of participants and registration** |
| 09h00-09h30 | **Opening Session**   * Welcome Remarks * Overview of the Programme |
| **Coffee Break** | |
| 09h45-11h45 | **Session 1: Introduction to WTO Work and Current State of Play**  In the first session of the workshop, a general overview of the main functions and core principles of the WTO will be provided. This session will also address the main discussions and results of the recent WTO Ministerial Conferences, implementation issues and the current challenges faced by the multilateral trading system.  Speaker: |
| **Lunch Break** | |
| 12h45-13h45 | **Session 2:** **Overview of WTO Negotiations – Part 1**  In this session, participants will be updated on the discussions taking place in the Trade Negotiations Committee and the various negotiating groups, with particular focus on the negotiations on fisheries subsidies and Agriculture.  Speaker: |
| **Coffee Break** | |
| 14h00-15h00 | **Session 3:** **Overview of WTO Negotiations – Part 2**  Discussions on WTO negotiations will continue in this session which will also cover other negotiating areas such as services and special and differential treatment.  Speaker: |
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| 08h30-10h00 | **Session 4:** **Rulemaking and Development**  This session will focus on the discussions related to the proposals put forward by Members on rulemaking and development within the debate on WTO Reform.  Speaker: |
| **Coffee Break** | |
| 10h15-11h45 | **Session 5:** **Informal Process on matters related to the Functioning of the Appellate Body**  This session will address the discussions and the proposals in the informal process on matters related to the Functioning of the Appellate Body, led by a Facilitator under the auspices of the General Council as well as the current state of play.  Speaker: |
| **Lunch Break** | |
| 12h45-13h45 | **Session 6: Deliberative Function**  Still focusing on the debate on WTO Reform, this session will address Members' discussions and proposals on strengthening WTO regular work, with emphasis on improving the deliberative function and reinforcing the way to address specific trade concerns in regular bodies.  Speaker: |
| **Coffee Break** | |
| 14h00-15h00 | **Session 7:** **Transparency**  This session will continue to discuss proposals relating to strengthening WTO regular work with a focus on transparency including the relevant proposals.  Speaker: |

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| 08h30-09h30 | **Session 8:** **Work Programme on Electronic Commerce**  This session will cover discussions under the Work Programme on Electronic Commerce including the moratorium on customs duties on electronic transmissions.  Speaker: |
| 09h30-10h45 | **Session 9:** **Joint Statement Initiatives**  In this session, a general overview will be provided on the discussions related to the Joint Statement Initiatives started by like-minded groups of WTO Members at MC11 in Buenos Aires including on domestic regulation; electronic commerce; investment facilitation; micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) and trade and women's economic empowerment.  Speaker: |
| **Coffee Break** | |
| 11h00-11h45 | **Session 10: Lead up to MC12**  This session will address the preparations for the upcoming Ministerial Conference in June 2020. At the end of the session, some time will also be provided to participants to prepare for the roundtable discussion.    Speaker: |
| **Lunch Break** | |
| 12h45-13h45 | **Roundtable Discussion: MC12 and the Way Forward**  Based on all of the updates provided during the workshop, this session will give participants the opportunity to provide the national and regional perspectives on MC12 and the Way Forward. |
| **Coffee Break** | |
| 14h00-15h00 | **Closing Session**   * Evaluation * Closing Remarks |
| **End of the Workshop** | |