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## **TBT TRANSPARENCY CHAMPIONS A PILOT CAPACITY BUILDING PROGRAMME OF THE WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION**

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### **Introduction**

The TBT Transparency Champions Programme, organized jointly by the Trade and Environment Division and the Institute for Training and Technical Cooperation (ITTC), aims to further the implementation and benefits of the TBT transparency framework. It will take place in two stages:

1. Geneva workshop (10 to 14 October 2022) - followed by ad-hoc virtual support sessions organized by the TBT Section.
2. Regional workshop (2023) - to take stock of results, mainly of action plans, and discuss the next steps

This Pilot programme will be organized for African countries and conducted in English, targeting government officials involved in the implementation of transparency provisions under the TBT Agreement. It will provide them with a comprehensive knowledge and skills base on:

1. **Transparency provisions.** The programme will support beneficiaries in connecting the dots between transparency provisions, TBT Enquiry Point functions and the work of the TBT Committee;
2. **Digital tools.** The programme will put emphasis on the use of digital tools, in particular ePing, for the management of TBT information and communication with domestic stakeholders and international counterparts;
3. **Effective Coordination.** The programme will help participants map the institutional landscape and improve their communication with stakeholders involved in transparency, aiming to enhance coordination domestically and with trading partners. It will also help participants identify synergies at the regional level; and
4. **Network of Transparency Champions:** The programme will aim to identify transparency champions, who will promote good practices at national, regional and international levels, including through contributions to future training events and Committee work.

Participants will be required to complete a baseline survey to identify needs and work towards the development and implementation of an action plan, with the support of mentors. By the end of the programme, they will have strengthened their ability to:

1. apply and benefit from the transparency framework, including managing notification flows and comments and contributing to TBT Committee work;
2. coordinate better with domestic stakeholders and trading partners and explore opportunities for synergies in the region; and
3. promote good practices and share experiences as transparency champions at national, regional and international levels.

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**PART 1. GENEVA WORKSHOP – 10-14 OCTOBER 2022 (Room E)**

	Monday – 10 October	Tuesday – 11 October	Wednesday – 12 October	Thursday – 13 October	Friday – 14 October
<b>Morning</b> 9.00-12.30	<p><b>1. Opening session</b>                      Opening remarks and intro to group (DDG Zhang)                      Course overview and housekeeping rules</p> <p align="center">—————</p> <p><i>Coffee Break (10.15-10.45)</i></p> <p align="center">—————</p> <p><b>2. The relationship between regulations, standards, trade, and transparency</b>                      Recalling the main provisions of the TBT Agreement</p>	<p><b>6. Devising and rolling out an action plan</b>                      Training on how to set effective objectives for change</p> <p align="center">—————</p> <p><i>Break – group photo (10.30-10.45)</i></p> <p align="center">—————</p> <p><b>Session 6 (cont.)</b></p>	<p><b>8. How to apply and benefit from the TBT transparency framework</b>                      Transparency provisions, practices covering the regulatory lifecycle, role of Enquiry Points, ePing</p> <p align="center">—————</p> <p><i>Break (10.45-11.00)</i></p> <p align="center">—————</p> <p><b>Session 8 (cont.)</b></p>	<p><b>11. The regional context</b>                      with ARSO, ISO, ITC, and UNCTAD</p> <p align="center">—————</p> <p><i>Break (11.15-11:30)</i></p> <p align="center">—————</p> <p><b>12. Deep dive on preparing a notification</b></p>	<p><b>15. Action plan prep. session</b>                      In groups                      (09.00-10.00)</p> <p align="center">—————</p> <p><b>16. <a href="#">Symposium on alleviating regulatory bottlenecks in global supply chains</a></b></p>
	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
<b>Afternoon</b> 14.00-17.00	<p><b>3. Overview of TBT disputes</b>                      How do they relate to transparency?</p> <p align="center">—————</p> <p><i>Break (15.00-15.15)</i></p> <p align="center">—————</p> <p><b>4. Setting the scene</b>                      Presentation of survey results                      (15.15 – 15.55)</p> <p align="center">—————</p> <p><b>5. Reflections on survey</b>                      Group discussion facilitated by mentors</p>	<p><b>7. Communicating with stakeholders</b>                      Training on effective communication and leadership skills</p> <p align="center">—————</p> <p><i>Break (15.30-15.45)</i></p> <p align="center">—————</p> <p><b>Session 7 (cont.)</b></p>	<p><b>9. How to engage in Committee work</b>                      Committee procedures, STCs, ongoing work, etc.</p> <p align="center">—————</p> <p><i>Break (15.15-15.30)</i></p> <p align="center">—————</p> <p><b>10. Domestic coordination</b>                      Mapping institutional landscape and identifying good practices</p>	<p><b>Session 12 (cont.)</b>                      (14.00-15.00)</p> <p align="center">—————</p> <p><b>13. Transparency Working Group</b>                      (15.00-16.15)</p> <p align="center">—————</p> <p><b>14. Expand your network: meet the TBT delegates</b></p>	<p><b>17. Presentation of and feedback on action plans</b></p> <p align="center">—————</p> <p><i>Break (15.15-15.30)</i></p> <p align="center">—————</p> <p><b>18. What next for the champions?</b>                      (15.30 – 15.45)</p> <p align="center">—————</p> <p><b>19. Evaluation and closure</b></p>