**accession of ethiopia**

Technical working sessions on the finalisation of the elements of the draft working report and other accession documentation for the 5th working party meeting

*6-13 august 2024, addis ababa*

draft programme

| **Local time** | **Theme** | **Responsible Ministry/Authority** |
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| **Tuesday, 6 August 2024** | | |
| 9.00 – 10.00 | **Overview of the state of play on the preparation for the 5th WP meeting** | Technical Committee on WTO Accession (all ministries and agencies)[[1]](#footnote-1) |
| 10.00 – 13.00 | **Accession questionnaires:**   * Import Licensing questionnaire * State trading questionnaire * Draft subsidy Notification | Authorities involved in the preparation of the responses to the Questionnaires |
| ***13.00 – 14.00*** | ***Lunch*** |  |
| 14.00 – 18.00 | **Technical Working Session on the Elements of the Draft Working Party Report:**  ECONOMIC POLICIES  - Monetary and fiscal policy  - Foreign exchange and payments  - Investment regime  - State ownership and privatization | Ministry of Trade and Regional Integration  National Bank of Ethiopia  Ministry of Finance  Ethiopia Investment Commission  Ethiopia Investment Holding  Public Enterprises Holding and  Administration |
| **Wednesday, 7 August 2024** | | |
| 9.00 – 10.00 | Meeting with H.E. Dr Kasshanun Gofe, Minister of Trade and Regional Integration, Chief Negotiator for WTO Accession | Ministry of Trade and Regional Integration |
| 9.00 – 13.00 | **Technical Working Session on the Elements of the Draft Working Party Report:**  ECONOMIC POLICIES  - Pricing policy  - Competition policy  POLICIES AFFECTING TRADE IN GOODS  - Trading rights  - Trade facilitation | Ministry of Trade and Regional Integration  Customs  National Bank of Ethiopia  Ministry of Transport  Ministry of Finance |
| ***13.00 – 14.00*** | ***Lunch*** |  |
| 14.00 – 18.00 | **Technical Working Session on the Elements of the Draft Working Party Report:**  IMPORT REGULATIONS  - Ordinary customs duties  - Other duties and charges  - Tariff quotas, tariff exemptions  - Fees and charges for services rendered  - Quantitative import restrictions, including prohibitions, quotas and licensing systems  - Import licensing procedures | Ministry of Trade and Regional Integration  National Bank of Ethiopia  Ministry of Transport  Customs  Ministry of Finance |
| **Thursday, 8 August 2024** | | |
| 9.00 – 13.00 | **Technical Working Session on the Elements of the Draft Working Party Report:**  IMPORT REGULATIONS  - Customs valuation  - Rules of origin  - Pre-Shipment inspection  - Other customs formalities  - Application of internal taxes on imports  - Anti-dumping, countervailing duties, safeguard regimes  EXPORT REGULATIONS  - Customs tariffs, fees and charges for services rendered, application of internal taxes to exports  - Quantitative export restrictions, including prohibitions, quotas and licensing systems  - Export subsidies | Customs  Ministry of Revenue  Ministry of Finance  Ministry of Trade and Regional Integration |
| ***13.00 – 14.00*** | ***Lunch*** |  |
| 14.00 – 18.00 | **Technical Working Session on the Elements of the Draft Working Party Report:**  INTERNAL POLICIES AFFECTING FOREIGN TRADE IN GOODS  - Industrial policy, including subsidies  - Technical barriers to trade, standards and certification  - Sanitary and phytosanitary measures  - Trade-related investment measures  - Free zones, special economic zones  - Government procurement  - Transit  - Agricultural policies | Ministry of Industry, Ministry of Finance  Ethiopian Standards Institute  Ministry of Agriculture, The Ethiopian Food and Drug Authority  Finance, Investment, Mining  Ministry of Finance,  Ministry of Industry,  Public Procurement Service  Customs  Ministry of Agriculture |
| **Friday, 9 August 2024** | | |
| 9.00 – 13.00 | **Technical Working Session on the Elements of the Draft Working Party Report:**  TRADE-RELATED INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY REGIME  GENERAL  - Application of national and most favoured nation treatment to foreign nationals  - Fees and taxes  SUBSTANTIVE STANDARDS OF PROTECTION  - Copyright and related rights  - Trademarks, including service marks  - Geographical Indications, including appellations of origin  - Industrial designs  - Patents  - Plant variety protection  - Layout designs of integrated circuits  - Requirements on undisclosed information, including trade secrets and test data  MEASURES TO CONTROL ABUSE OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS  ENFORCEMENT  - Civil judicial procedures and remedies  - Administrative procedures and remedies  - Provisional measures  - Special border measures  - Criminal procedures | Ministry of Trade and Regional Integration  Ministry of Finance  Ethiopian Intellectual Property  Authority  Ministry of Justice  Various institutions depending on  the sub sector |
| ***13.00 – 14.00*** | ***Lunch*** |  |
| 14.00 – 18.00 | **Technical Working Session on the Elements of the Draft Working Party Report:**  POLICIES AFFECTING TRADE IN SERVICES | Ministry of Trade and Regional Integration |
| **Saturday, 10 August 2024** | | |
| 9.00 – 13.00 | **Technical Working Session on the Elements of the Draft Working Party Report:**  TRANSPARENCY  - Publication of information on trade  - Notifications  TRADE AGREEMENTS | Ministry of Trade and Regional Integration |
| ***13.00 – 14.00*** | ***Lunch*** |  |
| 14.00 – 17.00 | **Technical Working Session on the Elements of the Draft Working Party Report:**  **- Overview of LDC Accession *Acquis***  ***- Draft commitments for inclusion in the EDWPR***  Wrap-up session with the Technical Committee and Next steps | Technical Committee on WTO Accession (all ministries and agencies) |
| **Sunday, 11 August 2024** | | |
| 9.00 – 18.00 | Bilateral meetings as requested |  |
| **Monday, 12 August 2024** | | |
| 9.00 – 18.00 | Finalisation of the documents with the technical team at MoTRI | Ministry of Trade and Regional Integration |
| **Tuesday, 13 August 2024** | | |
| 9.00 – 18.00 | Finalisation of the documents with the technical team at MoTRI | Ministry of Trade and Regional Integration |

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1. Presence of the entire Committee is advised to be present in all sessions due to the horizontal nature of the issues to be discussed. Column 3 also indicates authorities whose participation is mandatory in specific sessions. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)