

WTO NATIONAL WORKSHOP ON TRADE NEGOTIATION SKILLS

BELIZE 5-7 MARCH 2025

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General Objective: To familiarise participants with the theory and concepts of trade negotiations and

to practice through exercises and simulation the main negotiation skills and

techniques.

OVERVIEW

The workshop consists of a succession of theoretical and practical sessions during which the participants will be able to familiarize themselves with elements and general concepts of negotiation theory. They will also be able to familiarize themselves with the linkages between negotiation theory and multilateral trade negotiations in the WTO context through interactive sessions and exercises.

Tuesday, 5 March 2025

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Session	Outline	
8:30 - 9:00	Registration	
9:00 - 9:30	Opening Remarks	
9:30 - 10:30	Refresher: Overview and Principles of WTO and Multilateral Trading System	
10:30 - 10:45	Health break	
10:45 - 12:30	Current discussions and Brief Overview of WTO Trade Negotiations	
12:30 - 14:00	Lunch break	
14:00 - 15:00	Introduction to Negotiation Theory	
15:00 - 15:15	Health Break	
15:15 - 16:30	Exercises 1 & 2: Introduction to the basic concepts of negotiation theory	

Wednesday, 6 March 2025

Session	Outline
9:00 - 10:00	Exercise debriefing
10:00 -10:30	Exercise 3: Negotiation theory and debriefing
10:30 - 10:45	Health Break
10:45 - 12:30	Exercise 3: Negotiation theory and debriefing (cont'd)
12:30 - 14:00	Lunch break
14:00 - 15:00	Exercise 3: Negotiation theory and debriefing
15:00 - 15:15	Health Break
15:15 - 16:30	Exercise 4: Negotiation theory and debriefing

Thursday, 7 March 2025

Session	Outline
09:00 - 09:45	Exercise 4: Negotiation theory and debriefing
09:45 - 10:30	Introduction: Negotiation Techniques - Simulation Exercise
10:30 - 10:45	Health Break
10:45 - 12:30	Negotiation Techniques - Simulation Exercise (cont)
12:30 - 14:00	Lunch Break
14:00 - 15:00	De-briefing
15:00 - 15:30	Wrap up and evaluation
15:30 - 16:00	Closing ceremony

Teaching methodology:

Lectures	\checkmark
Exercises	\checkmark
Interactive Discussion	\checkmark