



POLICY DIALOGUE ON POST-WTO ACCESSION IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY/ROAD-MAP

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| DAY 1: 11 July 2016 | |
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| 08.30 – 09.00 | Registration |
| 09.00 – 12.15 | MODULE I: OPENING / INTRODUCTION |
| 09.00 – 09.30 | OPENING REMARKS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WTO • Mr. Hongjoo Hahm, Deputy Executive Secretary for Programmes, ESCAP (TBC) • Ms. Christiane Kraus, EIF • Mr. Tu Xinquan, Dean and Professor, China Institute for WTO Studies, University of International Business and Economics • [Mr. Mozammil Shinwari, Deputy Minister for Commerce and Industries of Afghanistan, Chief negotiator on the accession of Afghanistan to the WTO – TBC/ Mr. Mujiburrahman Khateer, Technical Deputy of Afghanistan National Standards Authority] |
| 09.30 – 09.45 | COFFEE BREAK and group photo |
| 09.45 – 10.45 | "OVERVIEW OF THE ACCESSION PACKAGE AND POST ACCESSION ROADMAP/STRATEGY" <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation by the Government of Afghanistan |
| 10.45 – 12.15 | "POST-ACCESSION: MAXIMISING THE BENEFITS OF THE WTO MEMBERSHIP FROM DAY 1" <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notifications and implementation of commitments • Participation in the work of the WTO as Member • Institutional matters and coordination <p>Presentation by WTO Accessions Division</p> <p>Followed by Open discussion</p> |
| 12.15 – 13.30 | LUNCH |
| 13.30 – 17.00 | MODULE II: POST ACCESSION STRATEGY/BEST PRACTICES |
| 13.30 – 14.30 | POST-ACCESSION STRATEGY AND EXPERIENCE: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation by Mr. Bountheung Douangsavanh, DDG, MOIC, Lao PDR • Presentation by Mr. Tu Xinquan, Dean and Professor, China Institute for WTO Studies, University of International Business and Economics <p>Followed by open discussion</p> |
| 14.30 – 15.00 | COFFEE BREAK |
| 15.30 – 17.00 | "Post Accession Best Practices" <p>Presentation by WTO Accessions Division</p> <p>Followed by open discussion</p> |

| DAY 2: 12 July 2016 | |
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| 9.00 – 12.15 | MODULE III: NOTIFICATIONS. IMPLEMENTATION OF ACCESSION COMMITMENTS. |
| 09.00 – 10.30 | <p>The WTO: Role and Functions. WTO notification requirements and procedures</p> <p>WTO and ESCAP</p> <p>Followed by open discussion</p> <p><i>All sessions of Module III include:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Review of the draft initial notifications prepared by the Government of Afghanistan, if requested;</i> • <i>Overview of specific notification requirements and timelines;</i> • <i>Advice on intra-governmental coordination of work on the preparation of notifications.</i> |
| 10.30 – 10.45 | COFFEE BREAK |
| 10.45 – 12.15 | <p>One-off and Regular Notification Requirements: A Summary. How to use the WTO website to retrieve notification-related information.</p> <p>WTO and ESCAP</p> <p>Followed by open discussion</p> |
| 12.15 – 13.30 | LUNCH |
| 13.30 – 15.00 | <p>Overview of the Agriculture Agreement and the accession commitments of Afghanistan. The Handbook on Agriculture Notification Requirements. Domestic Support – Tables DS:1 and DS:2. Export Subsidies – Table ES:1. Export Restrictions – Table ER:2.</p> <p>WTO and ESCAP</p> <p>Followed by open discussion</p> |
| 15.00 – 15.30 | COFFEE BREAK |
| 15.30 – 17.00 | <p>Overview of WTO SPS and TBT Agreements and the accession commitments of Afghanistan. Notification requirements on TBT and SPS.</p> <p>WTO and ESCAP</p> <p>Followed by open discussion</p> |

| DAY 3: 13 July 2016 | |
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| 9.00 – 17.00 | MODULE III: NOTIFICATIONS. IMPLEMENTATION OF ACCESSION COMMITMENTS (CONT'D) |
| 9.00 – 10.30 | Goods: Customs and trade administration-related agreements, Trade Facilitation Agreement. Overview of the CVA, IL, RO, PSI Agreements and the accession commitments of Afghanistan Notification requirements. WTO and ESCAP Followed by open discussion |
| 10.30 – 10.45 | COFFEE BREAK |
| 10.45 – 12.15 | Goods: Quantitative Restrictions, State Trading Enterprises, and other issues. Overview of WTO provisions and the accession commitments of Afghanistan. Notification requirements. WTO and ESCAP Followed by open discussion |
| 12.15 – 13.30 | LUNCH |
| 13.30 – 15.00 | Goods: Subsidies. Overview of the provisions on subsidies and the accession commitments of Afghanistan. Notification requirements. WTO and ESCAP Followed by open discussion |
| 15.00 – 15.30 | COFFEE BREAK |
| 15.30 – 17.00 | Goods: Anti-Dumping measures, Safeguards and Countervailing Measures. Overview of the ADA, SCM Agreement and the Agreement on Safeguards and the accession commitments of Afghanistan. Notification requirements. WTO and ESCAP Followed by open discussion |

| DAY 4: 14 July 2016 | |
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| 09.00 – 12.15 | MODULE III: NOTIFICATIONS. IMPLEMENTATION OF ACCESSION COMMITMENTS (CONT'D) |
| 09.00 – 10.30 | Services and IP: Overview of the GATS and the TRIPS and the accession commitments of Afghanistan. Notification requirements. WTO and ESCAP Followed by open discussion |
| 10.30 – 10.45 | COFFEE BREAK |
| 10.45 – 12.15 | WTO and RTAs: Experiences of Afghanistan in RTAs. Legal issues and transparency requirements. Presentation by the Government of Afghanistan WTO and ESCAP Followed by open discussion |
| 12.15 – 13.30 | LUNCH |
| 13.30 – 17.00 | MODULE IV: SELECTED ISSUES |
| 13.30 – 15.00 | Dispute settlement system: overview and opportunities. WTO Followed by open discussion |
| 15.00 – 15.30 | COFFEE BREAK |
| 15.30 – 17.00 | DDA and Post-Nairobi agenda. WTO Followed by open discussion |

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| DAY 5: 15 July 2016 | |
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| 09.00 – 12.15 | MODULE IV: SELECTED ISSUES |
| 09.00 – 10.30 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trade Facilitation Agreement • Paperless trade initiative in Asia and the Pacific • Afghanistan: Importance of Transit <p>ESCAP</p> <p>Followed by open discussion</p> |
| 10.30 – 10.45 | COFFEE BREAK |
| 10.45 – 12.15 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trade in services and value chains: case of Afghanistan <p>ESCAP</p> <p>Followed by open discussion</p> |
| 12.15 – 13.30 | LUNCH |
| 13.30 – 16.30 | MODULE V: WRAP UP: POST-ACCESSION SUPPORT |
| 13.30 – 16.30 | <p>Round table discussion and wrap-up session:</p> <p>Presentation by the Government: "Identification of Post-Accession Needs"</p> <p>Presentation by WTO: "Post-Accession Support"</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WTO Secretariat post-accession support • Outreach • Training <p>Presentation by ESCAP</p> <p>Presentation by EIF</p> <p>Followed by open discussion</p> <p>Closing – ESCAP, WTO and Afghanistan</p> |