

REGIONAL WORKSHOP ON TRADE IN SERVICES FOR ASIAN ECONOMIES

25-27 JUNE 2014, BEIJING

PROGRAMME

DAY 1: 25 June 2014	
08:30 - 09:00	Registration
09:00 - 09:15	Opening remarks
09:15 - 10:30	SESSION 1 Trade in services and the multilateral trading system <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Services trade: evolution, trends and challenges• Introduction of multilateral rules: the GATS• Scope and coverage of the agreement• Key concepts and obligations
10:30 - 10:45	<i>Networking break</i>
10:45 - 12:15	SESSION 2 Multilateralism vs. regionalism in services trade <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Article V of the GATS• Global trends in services PTAs• Overview of services PTAs in Asia
12:15 - 13:30	<i>Lunch break</i>
13:30 - 15:00	SESSION 3 Liberalization modalities in the GATS and PTAs <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Structure of agreements• Principles and rules• Scheduling approaches: positive, negative and hybrid• Implications of different scheduling approaches
15:00 - 15:15	<i>Networking break</i>
15:15 - 17:00	SESSION 4 Roundtable discussion on services PTAs <ul style="list-style-type: none">• what are the policy considerations?• What are the negotiating approaches?• what are the pros and cons for the region ?
DAY 2: 26 June 2014	
09:00 - 10:30	SESSION 5 Trade in services and domestic regulation <ul style="list-style-type: none">• GATS perspective• Horizontal vs. sectoral approaches• Possible legal forms of negotiation outcome

10:30 - 10:45	<i>Networking break</i>
10:45 - 12:15	SESSION 6 Trade in services and global supply chains: opportunities, challenges and stakes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Services trade and the domestic economy • Case studies on sectors: manufacturing services; logistics services • National experience in participating in global value chains
12:15 - 13:30	<i>Lunch break</i>
13:30 - 15:00	SESSION 7 Trade in services and e-commerce <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GATS perspective: relevant provisions and related classification issues • Regional perspective • National perspective
15:00 - 15:15	<i>Networking break</i>
15:15 - 17:00	SESSION 8 Environmental and energy services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GATS perspective: relevant provisions and related classification issues • Regional perspective • National perspectives
DAY 3: 27 June 2014	
09:00 - 10:30	SESSION 9 Introduction to services dispute settlement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview • Legal issues arising in jurisprudence • Important rulings by the Appellate body and panels
10:30 - 10:45	<i>Networking break</i>
10:45 - 12:15	SESSION 10 Stimulation of services dispute settlement
12:15 - 13:30	<i>Lunch break</i>
13:30 - 15:00	SESSION 11 Stimulation of services dispute settlement (con't)
15:00 - 15:15	<i>Networking break</i>
15:15 - 16:45	SESSION 12 Services negotiations in the WTO <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State of play • LDC waiver • Post-Bali programme
16:45 - 17:00	Quiz - self-assessment Evaluation