committee on trade facilitation  
dedicated session on technical assistance and capacity building

**Programme**

## Wednesday 23 October 2024 (17:30-19:00) Opening Reception

### *An informal networking dialogue to open the dedicated session involving beneficiary Members, donor Members, and development partners. This event will provide a valuable opportunity for meaningful interactions and exchanges and also welcome interested Members to participate.*

## Thursday 24 October 2024 (10:00-17:00)

| Time | Session |
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| **10:00-11:00 or 11:15**  (60-75 min) | **Outlook for TACB for the Next Two-Year Period**  *Forward-looking update on progress in TACB support, including the top five provisions in category C to be implemented in the next two-year period through 2026:*   * Status report by the Secretariat focusing on upcoming implementation dates for category C provisions over the next two-year period (10 min) * Status report by TFAF with focus on upcoming targeted TACB (10 min) * Update by international development partners on support for TFA implementation over the next two-year period (7 min each; 25-40 min total) * Question and answer session with audience (15 min) |
| Morning Break (11:15-11:30) | |
| **11:30- 13:00**  (90 min) | **Discussion I: Enhancing Coordination on TACB**  *Group discussion among Members to share experiences and to examine the achievements and challenges in domestic, regional, or international coordination in the delivery of technical assistance and capacity building. The discussion will be facilitated by a moderator as follows:*   * Panel discussion with Members, to share experiences and insights on the basis of guiding questions (60 min; 6 Panellists) * Question and answer session with audience (20 min) * Concluding remarks from moderator and panellists (10 min)   Moderator: Mr. Simon HESS, Head of Monitoring and Evaluation, WTO Enhanced Integrated Framework  Panellists:   * Mr. Omar Darar MOUSSA, Director of Foreign Trade and Regional Integration, President of the CNFE, Ministry of Commerce and Tourism, Djibouti * Ms. Iman Refaat Abdelsattr NASR, Undersecretary, Head of Central Department of WTO Affairs, Deputy Chair of the NTFC, Ministry of Investment and Foreign Trade, Egypt * Ms. Raquel MARTINEZ, Director of Trade Policy, Ministry of Economy, El Salvador * Ms. Lattanaphone VONGSOUTHI, Director of NIU, Permanent Secretary Office, MOIC to Lao PDR, Lao PDR * Mr. Gobinda Bahadur KARKEE, Secretary (Commerce and Supplies), Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Supplies, Nepal * Mr. Paul RUHAMYA, USAID Mission, Kigali, Rwanda |
| Lunch Break (13:00-15:00) | |
| **15:00- 16:30**  (90 mins) | **Discussion II: How to Mobilize TACB for Sustained Reform**  *Round-table discussion with donor Members to hear their views on the factors needed to secure the delivery of technical assistance and capacity building support, followed by reflections from the development perspective and experience with regard to the provisions of such support. The discussion will be facilitated by a moderator as follows:*   * Panel discussion on the processes Members should consider when soliciting TACB, as well as experiences on the provision of TACB, with examples of what has worked and what has not in securing TACB support (40 min; 4 Panellists) * Reflections from the development perspective and experience on the provision of TACB (25 min; 3 Commentators) * Question and answer session with audience (15 min) * Concluding remarks from moderator, panellists, and commentators (10 min)   Moderator: H.E. Ambassador Adamu Mohammed ABDULHAMID (Nigeria)  Panellists:   * Mr. Martijn BOELEN, Head of Trade Sector at the Directorate-General for International Partnerships, European Union * Ms. Andrea ULBRICH, Senior Policy Officer, Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development, Germany * Ms. Helena KERR, International Capacity Building Lead, HM Revenue & Customs, United Kingdom * Mr. Paul FEKETE, Senior International Trade Advisor, USAID, United States   Commentators:   * Ms. HUANG Sha, Customs Superintendent, General Administration of China Customs * Mr. Assiènin Felix KOUAKOU, Deputy Director of Support to Negotiations and Promotion of Trade Agreements, Ministry of Trade and Industry of Côte d'Ivoire * Mr. Christian ANCHALUISA, Permanent Mission of Ecuador [TBC] |
| **16.30- 17.00**  (30 min) | **Wrap-Up Session**  *An opportunity for Members to reflect on lessons learned and to discuss the way forward in the delivery of technical assistance and capacity building:*   * Observations by the Chairperson of the Committee (10 min) * Floor opened for observations by participants (20 min) |

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