

REGIONAL TRADE AGREEMENTS (RTAs) AND THE WTO
SEMINAR FOR CEECAC COUNTRIES

14-16 June 2016, Vienna

Programme

Tuesday 14 June

- 9:30-10:30 Opening Of The Seminar
Introduction to the Course and "Tour De Table"
Ms Rohini Acharya, Chief, Regional Trade Agreements Section, Trade Policies Review Division
Ms Maria Donner, RTA Section, TPRD
- 10:45-12:30 RTAs Trends and Characteristics
RTAs in the CEECAC Region
Questions and Replies
Ms Rohini Acharya
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- 12:30-14:00 *Lunch*
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- 14:00-15:30 Characteristics of RTAs on Trade in Goods
WTO Rules on RTAs on Trade in Goods
- Article XXIV of the GATT 1994
 - Enabling Clause
- Ms Maria Donner*
- 15:45-17:00 Characteristics of RTAs on Trade in Services
WTO Rules on RTAs on Trade in Services
- GATS Article V
- Ms Rohini Acharya*

Wednesday 15 June

- 9:00-11:00 Specificities of Customs Unions under WTO Rules
Transparency Mechanism For RTAs
Ms Maria Donner
- 11:15-12:30 RTA-related WTO Databases:
- RTA-IS
 - RTAs Commitments In I-TIP
- Ms Rohini Acharya*
- Fact-finding: Your country with regards to the Transparency Mechanism
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- 12:30-14:00 *Lunch*
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- 14:00-15:45 Exercise 1 - Rules
Exercise 2 - Notification
- 16:00-17:00 Dispute Settlement Cases involving RTAs
Ms Maria Donner

Thursday 16 June

- 9:00-12:30 Post-Nairobi Follow-up
The Transparency Mechanism in Practice: Analysing a Factual Presentation
Ms Maria Donner
General Discussion
Evaluation and Closing
Ms Rohini Acharya
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