



WTO Regional Workshop

The Trade Facilitation Agreement: Next Steps Towards Implementation

Vienna, Austria
22 to 25 November 2016

Day 1

Overview of the TFA Current State of Play of the TFA and of Members Sequencing

Time	Session	Outline
08:30 – 09:00		<i>Registration</i>
09:00 – 09:30 09:30 – 09:45		<i>Welcome remarks</i> <i>Overview of Workshop Program and participant introductions</i>
09:45 – 10:30	Session 1	Overview of the TFA <i>Speaker: Xiaobing Tang – WTO</i>
10:30 – 10:45		<i>Coffee break</i>
10:45 – 12:30	Session 2	Overview of the TFA - continued <i>Speaker: Xiaobing Tang – WTO</i> TFA Current State of Play <i>Speaker: Sheri Rosenow - WTO</i>
12:30 – 14:00		<i>Lunch</i>
14:00 – 15:30	Session 3	Sharing of Current National State of Play - TFA Ratification - ABC Notifications <i>Speakers: Participants - each country will make a presentation</i> Preparing to Deposit the Instrument of Acceptance of the Protocol Exercise Preparation of ABC Notifications Exercise <i>Speaker: Sheri Rosenow - WTO</i>
15:30 – 15:45		<i>Coffee break</i>
15:45 – 17:30	Session 4	Sequencing of Reforms <i>Speaker: Bill Gain - World Bank Group</i>

Day 2
TF Measures
Monitoring
Implementation Priorities for the Region

Time	Session	Outline
09:00 – 10:30	Session 5	TFA Trade Facilitation Measures - Exercise Participants, working in small groups, will be assigned topics in the TFA that they will teach <i>Speakers: Participants</i>
10:30 – 10:45		<i>Coffee break</i>
10:45 – 12:30	Session 6	Monitoring Results of Reforms under TFA <i>Speaker: Bill Gain- World Bank Group</i>
12:30 – 14:00		<i>Lunch</i>
14:00 – 15:30	Session 7	TFA & Cross Border and Transit Movement of Goods by Land and Air <i>Speakers: Poul Hansen - UNCTAD</i> <i>Dalida Matic – IRU</i> <i>Tarcisio Hardman – IATA</i>
15:30 – 15:45		<i>Coffee break</i>
15:45 – 17:30	Session 8	TFA Implementation Challenges in the Region <i>Speakers: Gordana Toseva – USAID REG Project</i> <i>Poul Hansen - UNCTAD</i> <i>Bill Gain - World Bank Group</i> Debate questions – 1. What are the 3 biggest challenges in implementation of the TFA in your country? 2. How can these challenges be addressed or overcome? Report to plenary

Day 3

Establishment and Functioning of National Trade Facilitation Committees Experiences and Best Practice

Time	Session	Outline
09:00 – 10:30	Session 9	<p>Establishment and/or Management of National Trade Facilitation Committees in Line with Article 23:2 of the TFA</p> <p>Each country will present the state of play of their committee. The factors below could be considered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Purpose of the Committee – (just TFA implementation or other) - Institutional Framework - Private sector involvement - Setting of goals and priorities - Challenges and lessons learned - Maintenance and follow-up - Assistance for establishing a National Committee
10:30 – 10:45		<i>Coffee break</i>
10:45 – 12:30	Session 10	<p>Best Practices in the Establishment and Management of National Trade Facilitation Committees</p> <p><i>Speakers: Xiaobing Tang - WTO (presentation of WTO Survey)</i> <i>Poul Hansen - UNCTAD</i> <i>Bill Gain - World Bank Group</i> <i>Tarcisio Hardman - IATA</i></p>
12:30 – 14:00		<i>Lunch</i>
14:00 – 15:30	Session 11	<p>National Committees - debate topics</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The three major challenges and explain these in detail 2. Suggestions to overcome these challenges 3. What can donors/development agencies do to assist? <p>Report to plenary on debates</p>
15:30 – 15:45		<i>Coffee break</i>
15:45 – 17:30	Session 12	<p>NTFCs and Experience in the Region</p> <p><i>Speakers: Gordana Toseva – USAID REG Project</i></p> <p>Regional Implementation - debate questions</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What measures should be implemented at the regional level? 2. What should be the role of the regional organizations?

Day 4

Time	Session	Outline
09:00 – 10:30	Session 13	Technical Assistance and Capacity Building Support for Implementation <i>Speakers: Sheri Rosenow – WTO TFAF Poul Hansen - UNCTAD Bill Gain - World Bank Group Dalida Matic – IRU Gordana Toseva – USAID REG Project Tarcisio Hardman – IATA</i>
<i>10:30 – 10:45</i>		<i>Coffee break</i>
10:45 – 12:30	Session 14	Finding Donor Support for Implementation of the TFA - debate topics 1. Matchmaking – best practices and new ideas. How to encourage cooperation and avoid duplication Report to plenary 2. Challenges in implementation with donor assistance Report to plenary
<i>12:30 – 14:00</i>		<i>Lunch</i>
14:00 – 15:30	Session 15	Feedback and Evaluation Concluding Remarks