

Regional Trade Workshop for Parliamentarians from Central Eastern Europe, Central Asia and the Caucasus (CEEAC)

Vienna, Austria
21 - 23 February, 2017

Day 1, 21 February 2017

8:30–9:00	Registration
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9:00–10:00	Welcome Remarks
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*Thomas Richardson, Joint Vienna Institute (JVI) Director
Said El Hachimi, WTO Counsellor*

10:00–10:30	Coffee Break
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10:30–12:00	Session I: Introduction to the WTO followed by Q&A
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Jessica Hermosa, WTO Information Officer

12:00–14:00	Lunch
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14:00–15:30	Session II: The forthcoming 11th WTO Ministerial Conference (December 2017, Buenos Aires): What to expect?
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Said El Hachimi, WTO Counsellor

15:30–16:00	Coffee Break
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16:00–17:00	Session III: What possible new issues for the WTO agenda? Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (SMEs), Electronic Commerce
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Jessica Hermosa, WTO Information Officer

Day 2, 22 February 2017

9:00–10:30	Session IV: The Trade Facilitation Agreement: State of play, impact on CEEAC, and ways forward
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Jessica Hermosa, WTO Information Officer

10:30–11:00	Coffee Break
11:00–12:00	Session V: A roundtable on the CEECAC region and the multilateral trading system <i>JVI Director Thomas Richardson</i> <i>Facilitator: Said El Hachimi, WTO Counsellor</i>
12:00–14:00	Lunch
14:00–15:15	Session VI: Accessions to the WTO and Technical Assistance for New Members <i>Said El Hachimi, WTO Counsellor</i>
15:15–15:45	Coffee Break
15:45–17:00	Session VII: Managing Disputes Over Trade <i>Jessica Hermosa, WTO Information Officer</i>

Day 3, 23 February 2017

9:00–10:00	Session VIII: Business Outreach at the WTO <i>Jessica Hermosa, WTO Information Officer</i>
10:00–10:30	Coffee Break
10:30–12:30	Roundtable discussion: What's next? How to further engage MPs on international trade and the WTO <i>Said El Hachimi, WTO Counsellor</i>
12:30–14:00	Lunch

Please note that all sessions will be conducted in English and no translations will be provided. The agenda and speakers are subject to changes.