

Trade Policy Workshop for Members of Parliament from Central Eastern Europe, Central Asia and the Caucasus (CEEACAC)

Vienna, Austria
13-15 February, 2018

PROGRAM

Day 1, 13 February 2018

8:30–9:00 **Registration**

9:00–9:45 **Welcome Remarks**

*Thomas Richardson, JVI Director
Said El Hachimi, WTO Counsellor*

9:45–10:45 **Session I: Introduction to the WTO**

Samer Seif El Yazal, Head of the Arab and CEEACAC Regional Desk, ITTC, WTO

10:45–11:00 Coffee Break

11:00–12:00 **Continuation of Session I: Introduction to the WTO - the trade and jobs
debate and SDGs**

Jessica Hermosa, WTO Information Officer

12:00–14:00 Lunch

14:00–15:15 **Session II: WTO 11th Ministerial Conference (MC11) in Buenos Aires and
the way forward?**

Said El Hachimi, WTO Counsellor

15:15–15:30 Coffee Break

15:30–17:00 **Session III: Other issues discussed in Buenos Aires : Small and Medium
Sized Enterprises, Electronic Commerce, Investment Facilitation for
Development**

*Said El Hachimi, WTO Counsellor
Jessica Hermosa, WTO Information Officer*

Day 2, 14 February 2018

09:00 – 10:00 **Session IV: Implementation of outcomes from WTO Ministerial
Conferences in Bali (2013) and Nairobi (2015): The Trade Facilitation**

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Agreement, Agriculture Export Subsidies and other issues

*Said El Hachimi, WTO Counsellor
Jessica Hermosa, WTO Information Officer*

10:00 – 10:15 Coffee Break

10:15-12:00 Roundtable discussion: Challenges and opportunities for the CEECAC region vis-à-vis the Multilateral Trading System (Session V)

*Thomas Richardson, JVI Director
Samer Seif El Yazal, Head of the Arab and CEECAC Regional Desk, ITTC, WTO*

12:00-14:00 Lunch

14:00-15:00 Roundtable discussion: Regional Trade Agreements and Multilateralism (Session VI)

Jessica Hermosa, WTO Information Officer

15:00-15:45 Roundtable discussion: Accessions to the WTO (Session VII)

Samer Seif El Yazal, Head of the Arab and CEECAC Regional Desk, ITTC, WTO

15:45-16:00 Coffee Break

16:00 – 17:00 Session VIII: Managing Disputes Over Trade

Said El Hachimi, WTO Counsellor

Day 3, 15 February 2018

09:00 – 10:00 Roundtable discussion: Engaging with Business in the Region – Views of MPs (Session IX)

10:00 – 10:15 Coffee Break

10:15-12:00 Roundtable discussion: What's next? How to further engage MPs on international trade and the WTO (Session X)

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