



WORLD TRADE  
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**WTO Regional Workshop**

**The Trade Facilitation Agreement:  
For Central Eastern Europe, Central Asia and the Caucasus**

**Vienna, Austria  
July 24 to 26, 2018**

**Day 1**

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

<b>Time</b>	<b>Session</b>	<b>Outline</b>
08:10		<i>Meet Mykhaylo Palahitskyy in the lobby Hotel InterCity to walk to the JVI</i>
08:30 – 09:30		<i>Administrative introduction - Mykhaylo Palahitskyy - JVI Program Officer Welcome remarks Mr. Thomas Richardson, JVI Director Overview of Workshop Program and participant introductions - WTO</i>
09:30 – 10:30	Session 1	Interactive overview of the TFA <i>Speaker: Sheri Rosenow – WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement Facility</i>
<i>10:30 – 10:45</i>	<i>Coffee break</i>	
10:45 – 12:30	Session 2	TFA State of Play, Notification Requirements & the WTO TF Committee (TFC)  - Update on ratification & notifications, notification requirements, the TFC <i>Speaker: Sheri Rosenow – WTO TFAF</i>
<i>12:30 – 14:00</i>	<i>Lunch</i>	
14:00 – 15:30	Session 3	Participants provide update on national TFA state of play: -Ratification, notifications, implementation plans, implementation priority measures, monitoring methods and implementation status. Identification of any challenges. <i>Speakers: One person from each delegation will make a presentation on the state of play of TF in their country</i>
<i>15:30 – 15:45</i>	<i>Coffee break</i>	
15:45 – 17:30	Session 4	Sequencing Implementation and Monitoring Results of Reforms <i>Speaker: Bill Gain - World Bank Group</i>

## Day 2

### National Trade Facilitation Committees TF from the Private Sector Perspective

<b>Time</b>	<b>Session</b>	<b>Outline</b>
09:00 – 10:30	Session 5	Debate on National TF Committees (NTFC) Debate topics - 1. What are the main roles of the NTFCs? 2. What are the biggest challenges faced by NTFCs and how can they be overcome? Report to plenary on debate outcomes <i>Speakers/facilitators can respond to reported outcomes</i>
<i>10:30 – 10:45</i>		<i>Coffee break</i>
10:45 – 12:30	Session 6	NTFC - The Montenegro Experience <i>Speakers: Ratka Stijepovic - ECA Trade Facilitation Consultant</i>
<i>12:30 – 14:00</i>		<i>Lunch</i>
14:00 – 15:30	Session 7	TFA Implementation Benefits, Priorities and Monitoring -The private sector perspective <i>Speaker: Carlos Grau Tanner - Global Express Association</i>
<i>15:30 – 15:45</i>		<i>Coffee break</i>
15:45 – 17:30	Session 8	Debate on Cooperation with private sector Debate topics - 1. Challenges faced in getting private sector involved in NTFC and TFA implementation 2. How to implement the TFA provisions to benefit MSMEs (micro, small & medium enterprises) 3. Sharing of lessons learned and recommendations Report to plenary on debate outcomes

**Day 3**  
**Transit**  
**Digital Technology & the TFA**  
**Implementation Support & the Way Forward**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Session</b>	<b>Outline</b>
09:00 – 10:45	Session 9	Freedom of Transit  -Transit in the EU-CTC system  -New Transit Initiatives in Georgia  <i>Speakers: Peter Frühwirt - Ministry of Finance, Austria Maka Khvedelidze - Ministry of Finance, Georgia</i>
10:45 – 11:00-		<i>Coffee break</i>
11:00 – 12:30	Session 10	Digital Technology and the TFA  <i>Speaker: Xiaobing Tang- WTO Market Access Division</i>
12:30 – 14:00		<i>Lunch</i>
14:00 – 15:30	Session 11	Debate on Support for implementation of the TFA  Debate topics -  1. What challenges are you experiencing in finding and/or managing donor support  2. What is the best approach? How will you identify and fill in the gaps?  Report to plenary on debate outcomes
15:30 – 15:45		<i>Coffee break</i>
15:45 – 17:00	Session 12	Implementation Support and the Way Forward for the Region  Speakers will provide an overview of their TF implementation support programs. Participants will then be asked to discuss what is needed to assist them in the way forward towards implementation of the TFA.  <i>Speakers: Sheri Rosenow – WTO TFAF Damira Osmonova – GIZ Jonas Graetz – OSCE Lee Williams – USAID</i>
17:00-17:30		Completion of course evaluation forms