**NATIONAL INTENSIVE TRADE NEGOTIATIONS SIMULATION SKILLS COURSE FOR RWANDA**

**16 - 20 September 2019, KIGALI (RWANDA)**

***PROGRAMME***

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| **Date** | **Time** | **Activity** | **Speakers/presenters** |
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| Sunday15 Sept 2019 | 16:00-17:30 | ●Preparatory meeting with local TNS facilitators; ●Help set-up the meeting rooms (organization of paper material sent by DHL, equipment test, etc.) | ● WTO team; ● Local TNS Facilitators● Hotel technical team |
| Monday16 Sept 2019 | 08:30-08:50 | ●Introductory and Opening remarks●Course objectives | ● Minister for Trade, Industry and EAC Affairs●Prof. Dickson Yeboah, Counsellor and Head, Course on Intensive Trade Negotiations Skills |
| 08:50-09:20 | Participants introduction and expectations | ● Ms. Tanvi Sinha, Trade Policy Analyst, Agriculture and Commodities Division; ●Prof. Paul Kuruk, regional TNS Facilitator ●Participants |
| 09:20-10:30 | Approaches and strategies of trade negotiations [brief overview of the key principles and techniques of negotiations] | Dickson Yeboah |
| 10:30-10:45 | Coffee break | all participants |
| 10:45-12:30 | ●Trade rounds [From GATT to Today]●Trade in Services [From the Uruguay Round to Today, 21st century negotiations and scheduling of trade in services] | Dickson Yeboah |
| 12:30-12:45 | Discussions and Q & A | Participants |
| 12:45-14:00 | Lunch break | all participants |
| 14:00-15:30 | ●Fisheries subsidies●Explanation of the main technical concepts (formulas, modalities) that would be subject to negotiations under each sector – refer to negotiating Handbook | Dickson Yeboah |
| 15:30-15:45 | Coffee break | all participants |
| 15:45-17:30 | ●Explanations continued | ●Dickson Yeboah ●Participants |
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| Tuesday17 Sept 2019 | 08:30-10:30 | Preparation for Negotiations on Modalities:  | ●Participants ●WTO team●regional TNS Facilitator |
| ●Preparation of opening positions●Problem identification●Interest identification ●Inter-departmental and Political consultations;●Formulation of negotiating positions and strategies |
| 10:30-10:45 | Coffee break | all participants |
| 10:45-12:45 |  Preparation for Negotiations on Modalities —Cont. | ●Participants ●WTO team ●regional TNS Facilitator |
| 12:45-14:00 | Lunch break | all participants |
| 14:00-15:30 | Preparations for Negotiations on Modalities — Cont. | ●Participants; ●WTO team ●regional TNS Facilitator |
| 15:30-15:45 | Coffee break | all participants |
| 15:45-17:30 | Preparations for Negotiations on Modalities — terminate | ●Participants ●WTO team ●regional TNS Facilitator |
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|  | after dinner | Group work/discussions, if required | ●Participants ●WTO team ●regional TNS Facilitator |

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| Wednesday03 July 2019 | 08:30-10:30 | ● Multilateral negotiations on modalities begin: Agriculture (plenary session) | ●Participants ●WTO team ●regional TNS Facilitator |
| 10:30-10-45 | Coffee break | all participants |
| 10:45-12:45 | ● Multilateral negotiations on modalities: NAMA (plenary session) | ●Participants ●WTO team ●regional TNS Facilitator |
| 12:45-14:00 | Lunch break | all participants |
| 14:00-15:30 |  ● Multilateral negotiations on modalities: NAMA, Services (plenary session) | ●Participants ●WTO team ●regional TNS Facilitator |
| 15:30-15:45 | Coffee break | all participants |
| 15:45-17:30 | ● Multilateral negotiations on modalities – terminate. Presentation of Fisheries proposals (plenary session) | ●Participants ●WTO team ●regional TNS Facilitator |
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|  | after dinner | Group work/discussions, if required | ●Participants ●WTO team ●regional TNS Facilitator |
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| Thursday04 July 2019 | 08:30-10:30 | Bilateral Negotiation session in all areas(bilateral negotiations begin, tabling of opening positions, proposals, counter-proposals, offers) | ●Participants ●WTO team ●regional TNS Facilitator |
| 10:30-10:45 | Coffee break | all participants |
| 10:45-11:45 | ●Bilateral Negotiation session – cont.(tabling of positions, counter-proposals, offers) | ●Participants ●WTO team ●regional TNS Facilitator |
| 11:45-12:45 | ● Bilateral Negotiation session – cont.(tabling of positions, counter-proposals, offers) | ●Participants ●WTO team ●regional TNS Facilitator |
| 12:45-14:00 | Lunch break | all participants |
| 14:00-15:30 | Bilateral Negotiation session – cont.(tabling of positions, counter-proposals, offers) | ●Participants ●WTO team ●regional TNS Facilitator |
| 15:30-15:45 | Coffee break | all participants |
| 15:45-17:30 | Bilateral Negotiation session – cont.(tabling of positions, counter-proposals, offers) | ●Participants ●WTO team ●regional TNS Facilitator |
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|  | after dinner | Group work/discussions, if required | ●Participants ●WTO team ●regional TNS Facilitator  |
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| Friday05 July 2019 | 08:30-10:30 | Multilateral negotiations on SSM (plenary session) | ●Participants ●WTO team ●regional TNS Facilitator |
| 10:30-10:45 | Coffee break | all participants |
| 10:45-12:45 | Evaluation of overall results(plenary session) | ●Participants ●WTO team ●regional TNS Facilitator |
| 12:45-14:00 | Lunch | all participants |
| 14:00-15:00 | ● Debriefing of the exercise(Plenary session)● Closing remarks | ●Participants ●Dickson Yeboah●Paul Kuruk●Tanvi Sinha●Host country representative |

27 August 2019

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