

Draft programme

**WTO Workshop for ECOWAS Members on the Agreement on Agriculture and the negotiations**

**16 - 17 September 2021**

**Objectives:**

**Objective 1:** Strengthen participants' knowledge of the Agreement on Agriculture

**Objective 2:** Enhance participants' knowledge of the negotiations process

**Thursday, 16 September**

| **Session** | **Outline** | **Delivered by** |
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| 10:00 - 10:30  (CET) | Introduction to the Agreement on Agriculture and the negotiations process (10 min for Q&A) | Irina Chicu  Economic Affairs Officer, AGCD |
| 10:30 – 11:10  (CET) | Market Access – current provisions and negotiating issues (including the Special Safeguard Mechanism (10 min for Q&A) | Irina Chicu |
| 11:10 – 12:00  (CET) | Domestic Support – current provisions (10 min for Q&A) | Irina Chicu |

**Friday, 17 September**

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| 10:00 – 10:30  (CET) | Domestic Support (continuation of current provisions as necessary and negotiating issues including Public Stockholding for food security purposes) (10 min for Q&A) | Irina Chicu |
| 10:30- 11:30  (CET) | Export Competition, Export Restrictions – current provisions and negotiating issues (10 min for Q&A) | Irina Chicu |
| 11:30 – 12:00  (CET) | The Regular Committee on Agriculture, the notification requirements and the Ag-IMS database (10 min for Q&A) | Irina Chicu |
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**Recommended reading:**

Agreement series: Agreement on Agriculture (https://www.wto.org/english/res\_e/booksp\_e/agric\_agreement\_series\_2.pdf)

Notification requirements and formats — Documents [G/AG/2](http://docsonline.wto.org/imrd/directdoc.asp?DDFDocuments/t/G/AG/2.WPF) and [G/AG/2/Add.1](http://docsonline.wto.org/imrd/directdoc.asp?DDFDocuments/t/G/AG/2A1.WPF)

Bali Ministerial Decisions on agriculture:

* General Services - WT/MIN(13)/37
* Public Stockholding for Food Security Purposes - WT/MIN(13)/38
* Tariff Rate Quota Administration - WT/MIN(13)/39
* Export Competition - WT/MIN(13)/40
* Cotton - WT/MIN(13)/41

Nairobi Ministerial Decisions on agriculture:

* Special Safeguard Mechanism - Ministerial Decision WT/MIN(15)/43 or WT/L/978
* Public Stockholding for Food Security Purposes — Ministerial Decision — WT/MIN(15)/44 or WT/L/979, to be read in conjunction with December 2013 Bali Ministerial Decision — WT/MIN(13)/38 or WT/L/913 and November 2014 General Council Decision — WT/L/939
* Export Competition — Ministerial Decision — WT/MIN(15)/45 or WT/L/980