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**WTO Workshop on Information Technology Agreement (ITA)**

19-21 October 2022

Lao PDR

Tentative Draft Program

Wednesday, 19 October 2022

08:30 – 09:00 **Registration**

09:00 - 09:30 **Opening Session**

Remarks by the host authority and WTO Secretariat

09:30 - 10:30 **Session 1**: **Introduction to the WTO**

by WTO Secretariat

10:30 - 10:45 Coffee break

10:45 - 11:30 **Session 2**: **WTO Basic Principles 1**

by WTO Secretariat

11:30 – 12:00 **Q&A**

12:00 – 13:30 ***Lunch break***

13:30 – 15:00 **Session 3**: **WTO Basic Principles 2**

by WTO Secretariat

15:00 – 15:15 Coffee break

15:15 – 16:00 **Session 4**: **Overview of WTO disciplines on tariffs and tariff negotiations (including introducing Schedules, HS System etc.)**

by WTO Secretariat

Thursday, 20 October 2022

09:00 - 10:15 **Session 5**: **Introduction of WTO Information Technology Agreement (ITA and ITA Expansion)**

by WTO Secretariat

10:15 - 10:30 Coffee break

10:30 - 11:30 **Session 6**: **Information technology development and its implications for Lao PDR**

by WTO Secretariat

11:30 – 12:00 **Q&A**

12:00 – 13:30 ***Lunch break***

14:00 – 15:00 **Session 7**: **How to benefit from ITA Participation (Group discussion).**

15:00 – 15:15 Coffee break

15:15 – 16:00 **Session 8**: **Lao PDR's participation to the ITA: Rationale, Experience and Expectations, by DDG Vilayphone (TBC)**

Friday, 21 October 2022

09:00 – 10:30 **Session 9: Consultative meeting with ITC sector on the potential growth of ICT sector in Laos**

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10:30 – 10:45 Coffee break

10:45 – 11:30 **Session 10**: **Consultative meeting with ITC sector on the potential growth of ICT sector in Laos (CONTINUED)**

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11:30 – 12:00 **Evaluation**

***Lunch break***

13:30 – 16:00 **Session 7**: **Visit IT-related manufacturing facilities in Industrial Zone (tbc)**

WTO Secretariat and DFTP

16:00 – 16:30 **Session 8:** **Closing remarks**