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**National Seminar on the WTO and MC12 Outcomes**

**Nukuʿalofa, Tonga**

**22-24 August 2022**

**Draft Programme**

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**MONDAY 22 AUGUST**

**09:00 – 09:30** **Official opening ceremony**

* Opening Prayer (MTED)
* Opening Remarks (MTED)
* Statement of Edwini Kessie, Director of the Agriculture and Commodities Division and Head of the Delivery Unit, WTO

**09:30 – 11:00** **General overview of the WTO, institutional framework and functioning** (1/2)

**11:00 – 11:15** *Coffee break*

**11:15 – 12:00** **General overview of the WTO, institutional framework and functioning** (2/2)

**12:00 – 14:00** *Lunch break*

**14:00 – 15:00** **Basic Principles of the WTO** (1/2)

**15:00 – 15:15** *Coffee break*

**15:15 – 17:00** **Basic Principles of the WTO** (2/2)

**TUESDAY 23 AUGUST**

**09:00 – 11:00 Introduction to the Agreement on Agriculture**

**11:00 – 11:15** *Coffee break*

**11:15 – 12:00 Introduction to the negotiations on Agriculture**

**12:00 – 14:00** *Lunch break*

**14:00 – 15:00 Ministerial Outcomes in Agriculture: from Bali to Geneva**

**15:00 – 15:15** *Coffee break*

**15:15 – 16:00 Decision on Food Security**

**16:00 – 17:00 Decision on small economies and its implications**

**WEDNESDAY 24 AUGUST**

**09:00 – 10:30 Fisheries subsidies negotiations and MC12 outcome**

**10:30 – 10:45** *Coffee break*

**10:45 – 12:00 WTO response to the pandemic: The TRIPS waiver**

**Trade capacity building activities (WTO Technical Assistance, EIF, STDF)**

**12:00 – 14:00** *Lunch break*

**14:00 – 15:00 Transparency at the WTO**

**15:00 – 15:15** *Coffee break*

**15:15 – 16:00 WTO Reform**

**16:00 – 16:45 Trade capacity building activities (WTO Technical Assistance, EIF, STDF) and Way Forward.**

**16:45 Evaluation and Closing Remarks (MTED)**