



## ECOWAS –WTO TRADE POLICY COURSE

### WORKSHOP ON REGIONAL TRADE AGREEMENTS AND THE OUTCOMES OF THE BALI MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE

Lagos, Nigeria. 23-25 July 2014

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## **PROGRAMME**

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### Wednesday 23 July 2014

#### MORNING

- 08:30 – 09:00 Registration
- 09:00 – 09:15 Opening Session - Welcome and Introductory Remarks
- 09:15 – 10:30 **SESSION 1: OVERVIEW OF KEY PRINCIPLES OF THE WTO**
- This session will provide an overview of the institutional aspects of the WTO and its fundamental principles and corresponding exceptions.
- Presenter: Roberto Fiorentino, WTO
- 10:30 - 11:00 **Coffee Break**
- 11:00 – 12:30 **SESSION 1: OVERVIEW OF KEY PRINCIPLES OF THE WTO (Cont'd)**
- This session will provide an overview of the institutional aspects of the WTO and its fundamental principles and corresponding exceptions.
- Presenter: Roberto Fiorentino, WTO
- 12:30 – 14:00 **Lunch Break**

#### AFTERNOON

- 14:00 – 15:30 **SESSION 2: OUTCOMES OF THE BALI MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE**

This session will provide an overview of the results that were achieved at the Bali Ministerial Conference.

Presenters: Aime Murigande, WTO; Kola Sofola, ECOWAS

15:30 - 15:45 **Coffee Break**

15:45 – 17:00 **SESSION 3: POST BALI WORK PROGRAMME**

This session will provide an overview of the discussions at the WTO on the post Bali work programme.

Presenter: Aime Murigande, WTO; Kola Sofola, ECOWAS

### **Thursday 24 July 2014**

#### **MORNING**

09:00 – 10:30 **SESSION 4: WTO TRADE FACILITATION AGREEMENT**

This session will provide an overview of the WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement.

Presenter: Aime Murigande, WTO; Kola Sofola, ECOWAS

10:30 - 11:00 **Coffee Break**

11:00 – 12:30 **SESSION 4: WTO TRADE FACILITATION AGREEMENT (Cont'd)**

This session will provide an overview of the on-going work in the Trade Facilitation Preparatory Committee.

Presenter: Aime Murigande, WTO

12:30 – 14:00 **Lunch Break**

#### **AFTERNOON**

14:00 - 15:30 **SESSION 5: REGIONAL TRADE AGREEMENTS AND THE WTO**

This session will provide an introduction to Regional Trade Agreements and their relation with the multilateral trading system.

Presenter: Roberto Fiorentino, WTO

15:30 - 15:45 **Coffee Break**

15:45 - 17:00 **SESSION 5: REGIONAL TRADE AGREEMENTS AND THE WTO (cont'd)**

This session will provide an overview of WTO provisions that apply to Regional Trade Agreements in trade in goods.

Presenter: Roberto Fiorentino, WTO

**Friday 25 July 2014**

**MORNING**

**09:00 - 10:30      SESSION 6:      GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TRADE IN SERVICES**

This session will provide an introduction to the General Agreement on Trade in Services.

**10:30 - 11:00      Coffee Break**

**11:00 - 12:30      SESSION 7:      RULES ON REGIONAL TRADE AGREEMENTS IN TRADE IN SERVICES**

This session will provide an overview of the WTO provisions that apply to Economic Integration Agreements.

**12:30 – 14:00      Lunch Break**

**AFTERNOON**

**14:00 - 15:30      SESSION 8:      CHALLENGES AND PROSPECTS OF REGIONAL INTEGRATION IN ECOWAS**

This session will provide an overview of selected regional integration initiatives.

**15:30 - 15:45      Coffee Break**

**15:45 - 17:00      EVALUATION OF THE WORKSHOP AND CLOSING SESSION**