



REGIONAL DIALOGUE ON WTO ACCESSIONS FOR THE GREATER HORN OF AFRICA

Programme

INTERCONTINENTAL HOTEL, NAIROBI, KENYA

28-30 AUGUST 2017*

"Prosperity is interdependent. No economy can exist in isolation. We must avoid fragmentation. This the value of the WTO: established on the foundation of non-discrimination, a rules-based global market economy, trade openness, transparency, and the rule of law and, a central pillar of global economic governance."

His Excellency Uhuru Kenyatta, President of the Republic of Kenya
at the Fourth China Round Table in Nairobi, Kenya, December 2015



1 Background

Africa has emerged as an increasingly important player of the multilateral trading system. Africa's active participation has been most evident in the Tenth WTO Ministerial Conference (MC10) held in Nairobi, Kenya in December 2015. Today, one quarter of the WTO's 164-membership is African. These include Cabo Verde, Seychelles and Liberia, which acceded to the Organization pursuant to Article XII of the Marrakesh Agreement. While this is significant, several are still outside the WTO. Currently, 8 of the 21 countries in the queue for WTO membership are from the African continent¹, and several lie within the Greater Horn of Africa: Ethiopia, Somalia and Sudan. This region is also host to two countries which are yet to seek WTO membership – Eritrea and South Sudan, in addition to the two original WTO members (Djibouti and Kenya). Comoros, another country in the process of accession, is located south to the region.

The Tenth WTO Ministerial Conference (MC10), held in Nairobi, Kenya in December 2015, laid the foundation for a stronger multilateral trading system for all the Members. More specifically, MC10, which was the first WTO Ministerial Conference held in the African continent, has stimulated a dynamic shift in African accessions, in addition to the successful conclusion of the accessions of Liberia and Afghanistan, both post-conflicts LDCs. On the margins of the MC10, the Fourth China Round Table was held to reflect and exchange views on the role of Africa in the future of the multilateral trading system, as well as the support for WTO accessions, especially for LDCs. Since the Ministerial Conference, several African countries have reaffirmed their commitment to accede to the WTO. In particular, since the second half of 2016, Comoros and Sudan have been proactively engaged in their respective accession processes by adopting an ambitious roadmap towards early conclusion. More recently, Ethiopia has expressed its readiness to resume its accession process, following several years of inactivity. Somalia, which formally started its accession process with the establishment of the Working Party in December 2016, has recently appointed a chief negotiator and a technical team and expressed its readiness to start the technical work. Moreover, South Sudan has conveyed its intention to submit an application for WTO accession shortly. It is in this context that a Regional Dialogue on WTO accessions is being held for the Greater Horn of Africa.

2 Regional Dialogue on WTO Accessions for the Greater Horn of Africa, 28-30 August

The WTO Secretariat, in partnership with the Government of Kenya, and the School of Economics of the University of Nairobi will hold its first Regional Dialogue on WTO accessions from 28 to 30 August 2017 in Nairobi, Kenya. The target countries for the Regional Dialogue are: four WTO observers – Comoros, Ethiopia, Somalia and Sudan – and South Sudan².

This Regional Dialogue will offer a platform to: (i) exchange experiences and lessons learned from the accession processes in the region; (ii) reflect on ways in which WTO membership can foster regional integration and cooperation; and (iii) mobilize support for facilitating and accelerating African accessions.

The programme of the Regional Dialogue is structured into 3 main sessions:

- **Session 1:** WTO Membership: Structural Reforms and Regional Integration
- **Session 2:** Accession to the World Trade Organization
- **Session 3:** Mobilizing Support for WTO Accession

Participants are advised to respect the following time limits: **10-15 mins** for session speakers and **5 mins** for commentators during open discussions.

3 Specialized Training on WTO Accessions for Government officials of Somalia and South Sudan, 31 August – 1 September

The WTO will organize a two-day practical training on WTO Accessions for the government officials from Somalia and South Sudan. Its principal objective is to provide an overview on the WTO accession process and the substance of accession negotiations. Through presentations and technical working sessions, the training will: (i) provide a detailed overview of the basic sections set out in the Memorandum on the Foreign Trade Regime (MFTR) – a document required to kick-start the fact-finding phase of the accession process; (ii) review the Legislative Action Plan (LAP) – a document which outlines the legislative work programme underway to achieve full conformity with all WTO rules; and (iii) reflect on next-steps in the accessions of Somalia and South Sudan

¹ Algeria, Comoros, Equatorial Guinea, Ethiopia, Libya, Sao Tomé and Principe, Somalia and Sudan

² The participation of South Sudan, which is not a WTO observer, is funded by the Enhanced Integrated Framework (EIF).

DAY 1: MONDAY, 28 AUGUST 2017**Le Château Room****OPENING SESSION**

Moderator: Ambassador Nelson Ndirangu, Director of Economic Affairs and Commercial Diplomacy, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Republic of Kenya

08:30 – 09:00	Registration
09:00 – 09:45	<p>Opening Ceremony (Mara South)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Remarks by Ms. Maika Oshikawa, Officer in Charge, Accessions Division, WTO - Remarks by Professor Peter Mbithi, Vice Chancellor, University of Nairobi - Remarks by H.E. Ambassador (Dr.) Amina Mohamed, Cabinet Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Republic of Kenya
09:45 – 10:00	Group Photograph
10:00 – 10:30	Coffee Break
<p>SESSION 1</p> <p>WTO Membership: Structural Reforms and Regional Integration</p> <p>Moderator: Ambassador Zhang Xiangchen, Permanent Representative of the People's Republic of China to the WTO</p> <p>Structural reforms, including through deeper economic integration, is an important component of development strategies. For Africa, regional integration offers huge potential to drive a sustainable economic growth, job creation, and peace and stability. Today, out of the 21 ongoing WTO accessions, 8 are African; and together with potential candidates for WTO accession, the majority of them are from the Greater Horn of Africa. This session will explore ways in which the WTO and the path for its membership can complement and foster various regional integration initiatives in the African continent. Experts from multilateral institutions and development partners will provide their perspectives on regional integration in Africa.</p>	
10:30 – 11:00	<p>Africa and the Multilateral Trading System</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ambassador Dr. Stephen Ndung'u Karau, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Kenya to the WTO <p>WTO Accession Reforms and Regional Integration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ms. Maika Oshikawa, Officer in Charge, Accessions Division, WTO
11:00 – 12:30	<p>Fostering Synergies and Coherence between Structural Reforms, the WTO and Regional Integration in Africa – "Davos-style" Panel Discussion</p> <p><i>The Moderator invites each speaker to make a 5 minute intervention, which is followed by questions from the audience and discussions in the panel.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr. Paul Brenton, Lead Economist, Trade and Competitiveness Global Practice, World Bank Group - Ambassador Mahboub Maalim, Executive Secretary, Intergovernmental Authority for Development (IGAD) - Mr. Gabriel Negatu, Director-General, East Africa Regional Development and Business Delivery Office, African Development Bank (AfDB) - Ms. Mina Mashayekhi, Head, Trade Negotiations and Commercial Diplomacy Branch, DITC, (UNCTAD) <p>Followed by Open Discussion</p>
12:30 – 14:00	Lunch Break

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SESSION 1

WTO Membership: Structural Reforms and Regional Integration – continuation

Moderator: Ms. Hilda Al-Hinai, Deputy Permanent Representative of Oman to the WTO

14:00 – 15:45	<p>WTO Membership and Regional Integration – What does the literature say?</p> <p>- Dr. Mary Mbithi and Dr. Kennedy Osoro, School of Economics, University of Nairobi</p> <p>WTO Membership: Experience of China – 15 years of WTO Membership</p> <p>- Ambassador Zhang Xiangchen, Permanent Representative of the People's Republic of China to the WTO</p> <p>WTO Membership: Experience of Kenya – Original Member</p> <p>- Ambassador Nelson Ndirangu, Director of Economic Affairs and Commercial Diplomacy, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Republic of Kenya</p> <p>Followed by Open Discussion</p>
15:45 – 16:00	<p>Coffee Break</p>
16:00 – 17:00	<p>Fostering Regional Integration – Role of WTO accession</p> <p>Hot Seat Discussion with Ms. Cillia Mangroo, Principal Secretary, Ministry of Finance, Trade and Economic Planning, Seychelles</p>
17:00	<p>End of day 1</p>
18:00 –	<p>Reception hosted by the University of Nairobi Venue: Mara North</p>



H.E. Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, President of the Republic of Liberia and Roberto Azevêdo, WTO Director-General at the Signing Ceremony of the Accession Protocol of Liberia, 10th WTO Ministerial Conference in Nairobi, Kenya, 15-18 December 2015



Accession of the Republic of Seychelles Signing Ceremony of the Accession Protocol of Seychelles, 10 December 2014

DAY 2: TUESDAY, 29 AUGUST 2017

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SESSION 2

Accession to the World Trade Organization

Moderator: H.E. Mr. Axel M. Addy, Minister of Commerce and Industry, Republic of Liberia

WTO accession is essentially a process of domestic reforms, which involves changes to the legal and policy frameworks governing trade and the economy as a whole, in line with the WTO rules and principles. As in any domestic reform process, a successful accession requires *inter alia* a high-level political commitment, a technical negotiating team, inter-ministerial coordination, and domestic stakeholder consultations. Moreover, WTO accession serves as an essential instrument for countries to enhance economic relations with their neighboring trade partners and the international community. Assistance and support of various kinds, whether from WTO members, Working Party Chairpersons or development partners, play an important role in facilitating the accession process. This session will focus on the WTO accession process and the substance and results of the recently concluded accessions, especially those of LDCs. In particular, this session provides a platform to exchange experiences and lessons learned from current and past accessions.

09:00 – 11:00	<p>African Accessions – What has been done? What remains to be done?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Mr. Abdou Nassur Madi, Director General of Economy and Foreign Trade, Comoros- H.E. Dr. Bekele Bulado Bukana, Minister of Trade, Ethiopia- H.E. Ms. Khadra Ahmed Dualeh, Minister of Commerce & Industry, Somalia- H.E. Mr. Elsadig Mohamed Ali, State Minister of Trade, Sudan- H.E. Mr. Moses Hassan Ayet, Minister of Trade, Industry & Investment, South Sudan <p>Followed by Open Discussion</p>
11:00 – 11:15	<p>Coffee Break</p>
11:15 – 12:30	<p>Accession to the World Trade Organization – the <i>acquis</i> and the emerging best-practices in LDCs accession</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Mr. Stefan A. Sandstad and Ms. Mariam Soumaré, Accessions Division, WTO <p>WTO Accession Process – LDC perspectives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Mr. Nagib A. Hamim, Former Negotiator for the WTO Accession of Yemen, Economic Attaché, Permanent Mission of Yemen <p>Followed by Open Discussion</p>
12:30 – 14:00	<p>Lunch Break</p>



H.E. Mr. Djaffar Ahmed Said Hassani, Vice President
2nd Working Party meeting on the Accession of the
Union of the Comoros, 1 June 2017



H.E. Mr. Hatim Elsir Ali Sikaingo, Minister of Trade
4th Working Party meeting on the Accession of Sudan,
14 July 2017

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SESSION 2

Accession to the World Trade Organization – continuation

Moderator: Ms. Cillia Mangroo, Principal Secretary, Ministry of Finance, Trade and Economic Planning, Seychelles

14:00 – 15:45	<p>WTO Accession Process – A Chairperson's perspective</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Ms. Hilda Al-Hinai, Deputy Permanent Representative of Oman to the WTO and Former Working Party Chairperson on the Accession of Seychelles <p>WTO Accession Process – An Original Member's perspective</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Ambassador Nelson Ndirangu, Director of Economic Affairs and International Trade, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Republic of Kenya <p>WTO Accession Process – A Development Partner's perspective</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Mr. Simon Hess, Coordinator, Executive Secretariat of the Enhanced Integrated Framework (EIF) <p>Followed by Open Discussion</p>
15:45 – 16:00	<p>Coffee Break</p>
16:00 – 17:00	<p>The Accession of Liberia</p> <p>Hot Seat Discussion with H.E. Mr. Axel M. Addy, Minister of Trade and Industry and former Chief Negotiator for WTO Accession, Liberia</p>
17:00	<p>End of day 2</p>



Delegation of Ethiopia at the Fifth China Round Table in Siem Reap, Cambodia, March 2017
H.E. Mr. Ayana Zewdie Workneh, State Minister of Trade, and Mr. Mussie Mindaye Hailesilassie, Multilateral Trade Relation and Negotiation Director, Ministry of Trade, Ethiopia



Ambassador Faduma Abdullahi
Establishment of the Working Party on the Accession of Somalia
at the WTO General Council in December 2016

DAY 3: WEDNESDAY, 30 AUGUST 2017**Le Chateau Room****SESSION 3****Mobilizing Support for WTO Accession****Moderator:** Prof. Tabitha Kiriti-Nganga, School of Economics, University of Nairobi

Technical assistance and capacity building is an essential pillar in the WTO accession process, especially for LDCs. Timely response to the specific and evolving needs of acceding governments is critical not only in facilitating the accession process but also maximizing the benefits they can derive from accession-related reforms. Various support and assistance programmes are available from multilateral institutions and other development partners. For acceding governments to effectively benefit from the available support, communication and coordination among support providers is important. This session provides a platform for exchange on the accession specific needs that emerged from the previous sessions of the Dialogue.

09:00 – 10:00	<p>Presentation on WTO Accession-specific Technical Assistance and Capacity Building Needs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Representative of Comoros - Representative of Ethiopia - Representative of Somalia - Representative of Sudan - Representative of South Sudan
10:00 – 11:00	<p>World Bank Support for Acceding Governments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr. Paul Brenton, Lead Economist, Trade and Competitiveness Global Practice, World Bank Group <p>Strengthening Trade Negotiations Skills – TAF2+ Support for WTO Accession</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr. Pete Vowles, Country Director, Kenya Office, UK Department for International Development (DFID) <p>China Programme – Supporting LDC Accessions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ambassador Zhang Xiangchen, Permanent Representative of the People's Republic of China to the WTO <p>IGAD Support and Technical Assistance Projects</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ambassador Mahboub Maalim, Executive Secretary, Intergovernmental Authority for Development (IGAD) <p>Enhancing Trade Knowledge for WTO Accession – AfDB Support for Acceding Governments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr. Gabriel Negatu, Director-General, East Africa Regional Development and Business Delivery Office, African Development Bank (AfDB) <p>UNCTAD Support for Acceding Governments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ms. Mina Mashayekhi, Head, Trade Negotiations and Commercial Diplomacy Branch, DITC (UNCTAD) <p>Islamic Development Bank Support for Acceding Governments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ambassador Ali Ibn Abi Talib Abdelrahman Mahmoud Elgindi, Senior Cooperation Specialist (IDB) <p>Interventions by other partners</p>
11:00 – 11:15	Coffee Break
<p>CLOSING SESSION</p> <p>Moderators: Ambassador Dr. Stephen Ndung'u Karau, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Kenya to the WTO</p> <p>Ms. Maika Oshikawa, Officer in Charge, Accessions Division, WTO</p>	
11:15 – 12:45	<p>Discussion on Lessons Learned and Adoption of the Outcome Document</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - All participants

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12:45 – 13:00	Closing Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Ms. Maika Oshikawa, Officer in Charge, Accessions Division, WTO- Prof. Madara Ogot, Director Research, University of Nairobi- Representative of the Government of Kenya
13:00	End of day 3
13:00 – 14:30	Lunch Break
14:30 –	Excursions organized by the Government of Kenya and the University of Nairobi <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Group 1: Animal Orphanage and the Hub Karen https://www.thehubkaren.com/- Group 2: The Two Rivers Mall

Nairobi Animal Orphanage



The Two Rivers Mall



DAY 4: THURSDAY, 31 AUGUST 2017

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For Government officials of Somalia and South Sudan

09:00 – 09:30	Welcome and Opening remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Ms. Maika Oshikawa, Officer in Charge, Accessions Division, WTO- H.E. Ms. Khadra Ahmed Dualeh, Minister of Commerce & Industry, Somalia- H.E. Mr. Moses Hassan Ayet, Minister of Trade, Industry & Investment, South Sudan
09:30 – 10:45	Introduction to the World Trade Organization <p><i>This session will provide an overview of the WTO, including its historical background, objectives, mandates, principles and functions of the organization. This will also include the evolution of WTO membership, the work of various bodies and committees and the role of the Secretariat, as well as information regarding the upcoming WTO 11th Ministerial Conference (MC11) in Buenos Aires, Argentina.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Ms. Maika Oshikawa, Officer in Charge, Accessions Division, WTO <p>Followed by Q&R</p>
10:45 – 11:00	Coffee Break
11:00 – 12:30	WTO Accession Fundamentals <p><i>This session will provide an overview of the WTO accession process. It will elaborate on: (i) the basic provisions governing accession; (ii) the main tracks of accession negotiations as well as documents to be submitted during accession negotiations; and (iii) the terms on which a government may accede to the WTO.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Mr. Stefan A. Sandstad and Ms. Mariam Soumaré, Accessions Division, WTO <p>Followed by Q&R</p>
12:30 – 14:00	Lunch Break

DAY 4: THURSDAY, 31 AUGUST 2017

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For Government officials of Somalia and South Sudan – continuation

14:00 – 15:30	<p>The Foreign Trade Regime of Somalia and South Sudan</p> <p><i>Following the establishment of an accession Working Party, the next stage is for the applicant to present factual information on their trade regime by submitting an official document called the Memorandum on the Foreign Trade Regime (MFTR). The presentation of a comprehensive and accurate MFTR greatly facilitates the subsequent stages of the accession process. This session will provide an overview of the subjects covered under four main chapters of the MFTR. Under each chapter, representatives of Somalia and South Sudan will deliver a presentation on their respective domestic regimes.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Economy, economic policies and foreign trade• Framework for making and enforcing policies affecting foreign trade• Policies affecting trade in goods <p>- Representatives of Somalia - Representatives of South Sudan</p> <p>Followed by Q&R</p>
15:30 – 15:45	<p style="text-align: center;">Coffee Break</p>
15:45 – 17:00	<p>Technical Working Session on the Memorandum of Foreign Trade Regime (MFTR)</p> <p><i>The main objective of this working session is to gather the essential information required to prepare the Memorandum on the Foreign Trade Regime (MFTR). Based on discussions and presentations made by Somalia and South Sudan, this working session will establish the framework on which the Somali and South Sudanese officials could draft their respective MFTRs.</i></p> <p>- Accessions Division, WTO</p>
17:00	<p>End of day 4</p>

DAY 5: FRIDAY, 1 SEPTEMBER 2017

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For Government officials of Somalia and South Sudan

09:00 – 09:15	Recap of Day 4 - Accessions Division, WTO
09:15 – 10:30	The Foreign Trade Regime of Somalia/South Sudan (continued...) <i>Following the establishment of an accession Working Party, the next stage is for the applicant to present factual information on their trade regime by submitting an official document called the Memorandum on the Foreign Trade Regime (MFTR). The presentation of a comprehensive and accurate MFTR greatly facilitates the subsequent stages of the accession process. This session will provide an overview of the subjects covered under three main chapters of the MFTR. Under each chapter, representatives of Somalia and South Sudan will deliver a presentation on their respective domestic regimes.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Trade-related intellectual property regime• Trade-related services regime• Transparency framework• Trade agreements - Representatives of Somalia - Representatives of South Sudan Followed by Q&R
10:30 – 10:45	Coffee Break
10:45 – 11:45	Technical Working Session on the Memorandum of Foreign Trade Regime (MFTR) (continued...) <i>The main objective of this working session is to gather the essential information required to prepare the Memorandum on the Foreign Trade Regime (MFTR). Based on discussions and presentations made by Somalia and South Sudan, this working session will establish the framework on which the Somali and South Sudanese officials could draft their respective MFTRs.</i> - Accessions Division, WTO
11:45 – 12:30	Technical Working Session on the Legislative Action Plan (LAP) <i>The Legislative Action Plan (LAP) provides the roadmap for WTO-related domestic legislative work and contains a full inventory of all trade-related legislation recently adopted and in preparation for enactment. This working session will provide an overview on what is expected in the LAP with a view to producing a framework on which the Somali and South Sudanese technical teams could develop their respective LAPs.</i> - Accessions Division, WTO
12:30 – 14:00	Lunch Break

DAY 5: FRIDAY, 1 SEPTEMBER 2017

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SPECIALIZED TRAINING ON WTO ACCESSIONS

For Government officials of Somalia and South Sudan – continuation

14:00 – 15:30	Roundtable Discussion on Technical Assistance and Next-steps, including the Accession Roadmap - Accessions Division, WTO
15:30 – 16:00	Coffee Break
16:00 – 16:30	Closing Remarks - H.E. Ms. Khadra Ahmed Dualeh, Minister of Commerce & Industry, Somalia - H.E. Mr. Moses Hassan Ayet, Minister of Trade, Industry & Investment, South Sudan - Ms. Maika Oshikawa, Officer in Charge, Accessions Division, WTO
16:30	End of day 5

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